

15 June 2026

Dear Councillor / Parish Council,

Re: Upcoming highway and utility works associated with the Hopkins Homes development at Halstead

We are writing to provide an update regarding a series of off-site infrastructure and utility works associated with the Hopkins Homes development in Halstead, some of which have now commenced.

These works are required to support the delivery of the approved development and will include:

- High voltage (HV) electrical connection works.
- Section 278 highway improvement works along the A131 / Bournebridge Hill Road corridor adjacent to the development site.

High Voltage Electrical Connection Works

The high voltage (HV) electrical connection works, being undertaken by Triconnex, are currently programmed to take place between 15 June 2026 and 24 July 2026.

The works will involve the installation of a high voltage cable connection running from Oak Road towards the north-western boundary of the development site and will be undertaken in phases across the following locations:

- Braintree Road (A131), Halstead – 15 June 2026 to 17 July 2026
- Hurrell Close, Halstead – 1 July 2026 to 3 July 2026
- Oak Road, Halstead – 17 July 2026 to 24 July 2026

Traffic management associated with the HV works is expected to include lane closures alongside temporary two and three-way smart traffic management arrangements.

Separate utility works associated with the BT Openreach network have also been undertaken within the area of the Triconnex high voltage works. These works have included the installation of a new Openreach pole and chamber infrastructure to support future network requirements. No additional traffic management is currently anticipated beyond that already associated with the Triconnex programme.

Section 278 Highway Improvement Works

The Section 278 highway improvement works, which are being undertaken by Centaur, are currently scheduled to commence on 27 July 2026 as part of a 19-week programme, subject to final programme confirmation.

These works will take place along the A131 / Bournebridge Hill Road corridor adjacent to the development site and are expected to utilise a combination of temporary two and three-way smart traffic management arrangements.

In addition, two overnight road closures are currently anticipated as part of the Section 278 works programme, with one expected in mid-October and a second anticipated between late November and early December 2026.

The overnight road closures will take place between 8pm and 5am and a signed diversion will be implemented via Braintree Road (A1017) and Halstead Road (A1124), in accordance with the approved temporary traffic management arrangements.





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Map showing section of road to be closed.

Staying in Touch

We are continuing to liaise with contractors, Essex Highways and the relevant authorities to finalise the detailed delivery programme and associated traffic management measures.

As further details are confirmed, including specific dates, traffic management arrangements, road closure notices and contractor information, these will be communicated to the community and published on the Community Liaison Service website at: <https://hh-community.co.uk/bournewood-park-halstead/>

We appreciate that infrastructure works can cause temporary inconvenience and would like to thank residents and the Town Council in advance for their patience and understanding while these necessary works are undertaken.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the Hopkins Homes Community Liaison Service, managed on behalf of Hopkins Homes by Athene Communications:

Email: halstead@hh-community.co.uk

Telephone: 0800 035 2874.

Yours sincerely,

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Bournewood Park, Halstead

Bournewood Park will bring lasting benefits to the Halstead community, delivering 197 high-quality new homes on a 13-hectare site, including a wide choice of 1 to 4-bedroom properties. With 30% of the homes designated for affordable housing and shared ownership, the development will help local people and families access the homes they need while supporting a balanced, sustainable neighbourhood.

The development has been designed with environmental responsibility at its heart. New timber-frame house types will offer excellent thermal performance, helping residents enjoy warmer, more comfortable homes while reducing energy use and household bills. All homes will be net zero ready, with air source heat pumps and electric vehicle charging included as standard, while selected properties will also benefit from PV panels to further support lower energy costs.

Bournewood Park will also make a meaningful contribution to local nature and biodiversity. The development will deliver a 17% habitat unit gain and an 11% hedgerow unit gain, significantly exceeding standard biodiversity requirements. Around 550 native trees will be planted across areas of public open space, creating attractive green spaces for residents and the wider community to enjoy.

As signatories to the Homes for Nature initiative, Hopkins Homes will incorporate bird-nesting bricks and hedgehog highways throughout the development, helping wildlife thrive alongside the new community. In addition, more than £1.88 million in Section 106 contributions will be paid to support local infrastructure and services, ensuring Bournewood Park delivers wider benefits for Halstead as it grows.

Show homes now open for viewing.