

Working on behalf of



Forkers Ltd

Customer Contact Centre: 0300 123 5000
www.highways.gov.uk

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORKS:

A5 Towcester

Update Bulletin 5 – 4.10.2018

Since starting our essential maintenance scheme on 23rd July 2018 we have completed works in Phases 1, 2a and 2b (part) and substantially completed works in Phases 2b (part), 2c and 4.

Since starting work to Phases 2b (part) and 2c we have milled the carriageway surface, removed the reinforced concrete road slab above the existing gas main, prepared for and constructed a new 310mm thick reinforced concrete slab, all as I described in Update Bulletin 4.

We have also replaced a number of access chamber covers and frames and gully grates and frames.

As well as the above, one new gully has been installed in the northbound carriageway of Phase 3 in the area of Silverstone Brook under temporary traffic lights, these works were subject to a watching brief by an archaeologist and involved a substantial amount of digging by hand. During these excavations we encountered a number of services encased in concrete which caused substantial difficulties trying to connect to the existing storm network. Due to the location of these services the decision was made to connect the gully onto a different storm pipe which enabled a safer route.

Anglian Water returned to site in Northampton Road on Wednesday, 3rd October 2018 to connect the recently installed water main to the existing. Anglian Water expect this work to take approximately three days to complete. They have provided us with the following statement regarding these works:

‘Anglian Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by the planned works in Northampton Road. Working alongside the existing Highways England scheme to minimise disruption, this will mark the final phase of a programme to divert the water main around the new development in Moat Lane. These improvements are essential to the further growth and regeneration of Towcester town centre.’

Urgent repairs to Chantry House have been completed. This has been achieved by working in collaboration with both clients and contractors and giving them the opportunity afforded by the road closure.

Works yet to be carried out in Phase 2b (part) and 2c include saw cutting contraction and crack inducer joints in new reinforced concrete slab, applying tack coat to the milled surface and then

Working on behalf of



Forkers Ltd

Customer Contact Centre: 0300 123 5000
www.highways.gov.uk

machine laying asphalt surface course material to a compacted thickness of 40mm, laying High Friction Surfacing (HFS) to areas of the newly resurfaced carriageway, and applying road markings to replace those removed during the surfacing works.

From Monday 8th October 2018 access will be available to all of Phases 2a, b and c from either the Brackley Road / Northampton Road junction or Richmond Road itself.

The A5 will be closed between Richmond Road and Silverstone Bridge on that date so that works can start on highway drainage and repair of the gas main trench.

Drainage works will also start between Silverstone Bridge and Vernon Road using temporary two way traffic signals.

An Off Street Parking Permit system will operate in Phase 3 as parking along the A5 in this area will not be possible during these works.

We are continuing to monitor noise and the effects of vibration to certain properties.

I have been advised that Trijo (Cadent), working on behalf of Kier WSP, are proposing to lay the new gas main in Vernon Road from Wednesday 10th October 2018

NB: Please note that all our planned road works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

Towcester is open for business as usual during these essential works and all of the public car parks are accessible so please use your local shops, bars and restaurants and ask others to do the same. I'm sure that your local business community would appreciate it.

I apologise for any disruption our works may cause. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey.

For further information, please contact:

Mike Healy

Public Liaison Officer – Working on behalf of Highways England

Forkers Ltd

Mobile: 07964 114 623

Email: infoA5towcesterhighstreet@forkers.com