

## ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORKS:

### A5 JACK'S HILL Multi-Disciplinary Project

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Since my last update on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, we have substantially completed vegetation clearance and tree removal in **Phases 1 and 2, from Tove Roundabout (A43) to Northampton Road (Litchborough)**.

During the last few days, we have also managed to deal with windblown treefall and debris resulting from Storm Ciara,

As part of our commitment to protecting and enhancing the environment whenever possible, we have used dead wood to form eco-piles. These eco piles provide habitats for various mammals, invertebrates, amphibians and insects.

Works currently being carried out in **Phase 1, which runs northwards from Tove roundabout (A43) to the Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads in Foster's Booth** include clearing vegetation from footpaths, CCTV surveys of existing drainage pipelines, repairs to pipelines using both trenchless technology and excavating trenches, trial holes to locate mains and services, installation of new pipelines and headwalls to those pipelines where they enter ditches, re-forming roadside ditches and breaking out existing kerb lines to replace them with an integral kerbing and drainage system.

These works will continue in Phase 1 for the next few weeks, with the exception of CCTV surveys of existing drainage pipelines and repairs to pipelines using trenchless technology as they will be completed this week.

Works currently being carried out in **Phase 2, which runs northwards from Banbury Lane / Butchers's Lane crossroads in Foster's Booth to Northampton Road (Litchborough)**, include CCTV surveys of existing drainage pipelines and repairs to pipelines using trenchless technology. These works in Phase 2 will continue for the next few weeks.

Please note that **Phases 1 and 2** will run concurrently for the next few weeks but, **access across the A5 at the Banbury Lane / Butchers's Lane crossroads in Foster's Booth will be maintained.** Please take care when using the crossroads and follow any instructions given by the Traffic Marshals

Please also note that when we are carrying out kerbing and drainage works at these crossroads, traffic will be controlled with temporary 4-way traffic signals. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, there may be occasions when your journey across the A5 at these crossroads is delayed. I would ask for your patience and understanding whenever that happens.

These particular works will be carried out **overnight between 8pm and 6am Mondays to Fridays inclusive.**

In my previous update, I advised you that we were planning to carry out a **road crossing of the A5 in Phase 1, approximately 250 metres south of the Banbury Lane / Butchers's Lane crossroads in Foster's Booth,** to install a new surface water drain **between 8pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and 6am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

However, as local businesses have stressed the importance to them of St. Valentine's weekend, it has been decided to postpone these works so that local businesses can benefit from the road remaining open to traffic over that weekend.

Works will still be carried out overnight on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 but the road will not be closed to through traffic until 9pm and will be re-opened again by 6am Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Please note that our decision to postpone these works is a singular one, as our programme for this essential maintenance scheme cannot sustain too many unplanned delays.

We are now planning to carry out this **road crossing of the A5 in Phase 1 between 8pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February and 6am Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

To maintain a safe environment for our workforce and road users, the A5 will be closed to through traffic between the Towcester Roundabout (A43) and Weedon crossroads during our working hours.

All carriageways will remain open, as usual, when we are not working and winter maintenance work, i.e. gritting of the road, will be carried out as normal.

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

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Local businesses will be open as usual during these essential works so please continue to use these 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.

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