

WISES LANE HIGHWAY WORKS AND ASSOCIATED ROAD CLOSURES

Works in Wises Lane on the highway are about to start. This is a scheme that the Parish Council has never supported. However, it was agreed as a result of the appeal, concerning the development at Wises Lane being successful, that this scheme would proceed.

Nevertheless, the Parish thought it essential that local residents were informed of construction details and what follows is a summary of the highway works being carried out by Coinford Construction Ltd in Wises Lane for the provision of drainage and a new highway alignment for the Wises Lane development.

Part of Wises Lane is to be closed for 8 weeks from 31st January 2023. Access for residents in the area will be maintained by breaking the closure down into 2 stages. Please see map below. Those living along Grove Park Avenue and Cherry Fields should always have access from the A2. However, those living in Brier Road, Dental Close and Maylam Gardens will not always have access from the A2.

Brier Road has 2 entrances from Wises Lane and during stage 1, residents will need to use the most southern point for access. In stage 2 residents along Brier Road will be able to gain access again from the A2.

Those living along Dental Close will be able to access from the southern approach along lower Wises Lane during stage 1 and then via the A2 during stage 2.

The contractors Coinford plan to install a new foul pipe along Wises Lane as part of the works to supply the Wises Lane development. This is essentially what the 8 weeks closure is for, they will also complete other additional works where possible such as new kerbing in areas where they need to excavate on top of the footway to install the new pipe.

The pipe being installed runs mainly in the middle of the Wises Lane carriageway and with this being a deep excavation (over 1.5m) the hole required will take over half the dimensions of the existing carriageway which is only measuring around 5.5m kerb to kerb. To have a safe enough working area according to KCC's "The safety at Street Works and Road Works red book" they need to maintain a minimum of 3m running lane for traffic to keep the road open, which is not possible.

The closure for stage 1 extends past Brier Road towards the A2. As part of this closure Coinford's are working in conjunction with GTC Infrastructure Ltd who need to relocate their gas main. This is off the back of a separate issue which relates to a gas main that's been installed too close to Southern Water's water main, who have requested GTC go back and move it to another location. Coinford's have agreed to share road space with GTC so the residents do not suffer from 2 separate closures and instead complete their works under Coinford's programme.

For the rest of the works, scheduled for 10 weeks, the contractors will be using a mixture of two-way and three-way lights depending on where they are in the road. This part of the works will start at Brier Road, past Dental Close and down to the roundabout at Maylam Gardens. This will aid the completion of the additional S278 works outstanding for the Wises

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Lane development, these are specifically the works that change the layout of the highway to accommodate the new development.

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