

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORKS:

A5 JACK'S HILL Multi-Disciplinary Project

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We are currently excavating trial pits, regrading roadside verges, jetting to accommodate CCTV surveys of existing surface water drainage pipelines, repairing pipelines using trenchless technology and also excavating to replace pipelines damaged by others in both **Phase 5, which runs northwards from Main Street, Church Stowe to Heyford Lane, Stowe Hill** and **Phase 6, which runs northwards from Heyford Lane, Stowe Hill to Weedon Bec**. Works in these phases are running concurrently.

The substantial number of additional repairs to the existing drainage system together with the effect on progress as a result of the recent wet and windy weather means that all works described above will now be **completed by Friday 11th September 2020**.

NB: This is also the completion date for the whole of the Jack's Hill MDP scheme.

At 8pm Tuesday 1st September 2020, we started carrying out **minor snagging and finishing works under temporary 2-way traffic signal control**. These works will be carried out wherever necessary in **Phases 1 – 4 inclusive** and **completed during the period between now and Friday 11th September 2020**.

All the works described above are being carried out overnight **between 8pm and 6am Mondays to Fridays inclusive**

Following completion of the planned resurfacing of the carriageway in Phases 1, 2, 3 & 4, the wet skidding resistance of the whole road surface between Tove roundabout (A43) and Weedon Bec was measured using a Sideway-force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine (SCRIM).

This SCRIM test showed that, since the original resurfacing schedule had been drawn up, there had been an increase in deformation of the road surface in certain areas outside of those already treated. The deformation in these areas is such that they would benefit from shallow milling and resurfacing to a depth of 50mm.

Funds for these additional works have now been made available and, in order for these and all other works to be completed by 11th September 2020, it is necessary to carry out the additional resurfacing **between 8am Saturday 5th and 6am Monday 7th September 2020**.

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I apologise for any inconvenience another weekend closure will cause, particularly as I'd advised in my previous update that there wouldn't be any further weekend closures after 3rd August 2020. However, I hope that you can understand the necessity, from a road user safety perspective, for this additional resurfacing to be carried out sooner rather than later.

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During the period between 8am Saturday 5th September and 6am Sunday 6th September 2020, shallow milling, resurfacing, installation of road markings and road studs to resurfaced areas will be carried out, firstly in both **Phase 3, which runs northwards from Northampton Road (Litchborough) to Main Street, Upper Stowe** and **Phase 4, which runs northwards from Main Street, Upper Stowe to Main Street, Church Stowe** and then followed in both **Phase 2, which runs northwards from Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads, Foster's Booth to Northampton Road (Litchborough)** and **Phase 3, which runs northwards from Northampton Road (Litchborough) to Main Street, Upper Stowe.**

The works in **Phases 3 and 4**, consist of approximately 120 metres of the southbound carriageway, heading northwards from Main Street, Upper Stowe, across the Furnace Lane junction towards Main Street, Church Stowe.

The works in **Phases 2 and 3**, consist of approximately 270 metres of both carriageways, heading northwards from just north of Northampton Road, heading northwards across the junction towards Main Street, Upper Stowe.

During the period between 8am Sunday 6th September and 6am Monday 7th September 2020, shallow milling, resurfacing, installation of road markings and road studs to resurfaced areas will be carried out in both **Phase 1, which runs northwards from Tove roundabout (A43) to Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads, Foster's Booth** and **Phase 2, which runs northwards from Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads, Foster's Booth to Northampton Road (Litchborough).**

These works, to approximately 900 metres of the southbound carriageway in **Phase 1**, heading northwards from just north of the Astcote turn to approximately 400 metres south of the Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads in Foster's Booth and approximately 420 metres of the northbound carriageway in **Phase 2**, heading northwards from just north of the Cornhill turn towards Northampton Road (Litchborough) will run concurrently.

NB: During the works in Phase 1, only permitted escorted access will be available northwards from the hard closure point north of Bairstow's Lodge beyond Jack's Hill Café and southwards from the Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads in Foster's Booth.

During the works in Phase 2, there will be no local southbound access from the hard closure point at Northampton Road (Litchborough) to Foster's Booth. Local northbound access from Foster's Booth will only be available as far as the Cornhill turn.

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However, access across the Banbury Lane / Butcher's Lane crossroads will be available at all times over the weekend, with the hard closure point in Phase 2 for northbound local traffic being located on the northern outskirts of Foster's Booth.

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.

Please also note that all our planned road works may be subject to change due to weather conditions, unforeseen circumstances or restrictions placed on us as a result of the Coronavirus emergency.

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

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