

MAJOR WORKS BRIEF

'STAFFORD GROWTH' – SEVERN TRENT WATER

New Water Mains Investment

PHASE 4A – A34 Lichfield Road & Riverway, Stafford

Overview

This brief relates to major roadworks for Severn Trent Water being undertaken solely on the A34 Lichfield Road, Stafford. Other works to be carried out as part of this project will be covered in other briefs to be confirmed.

Who

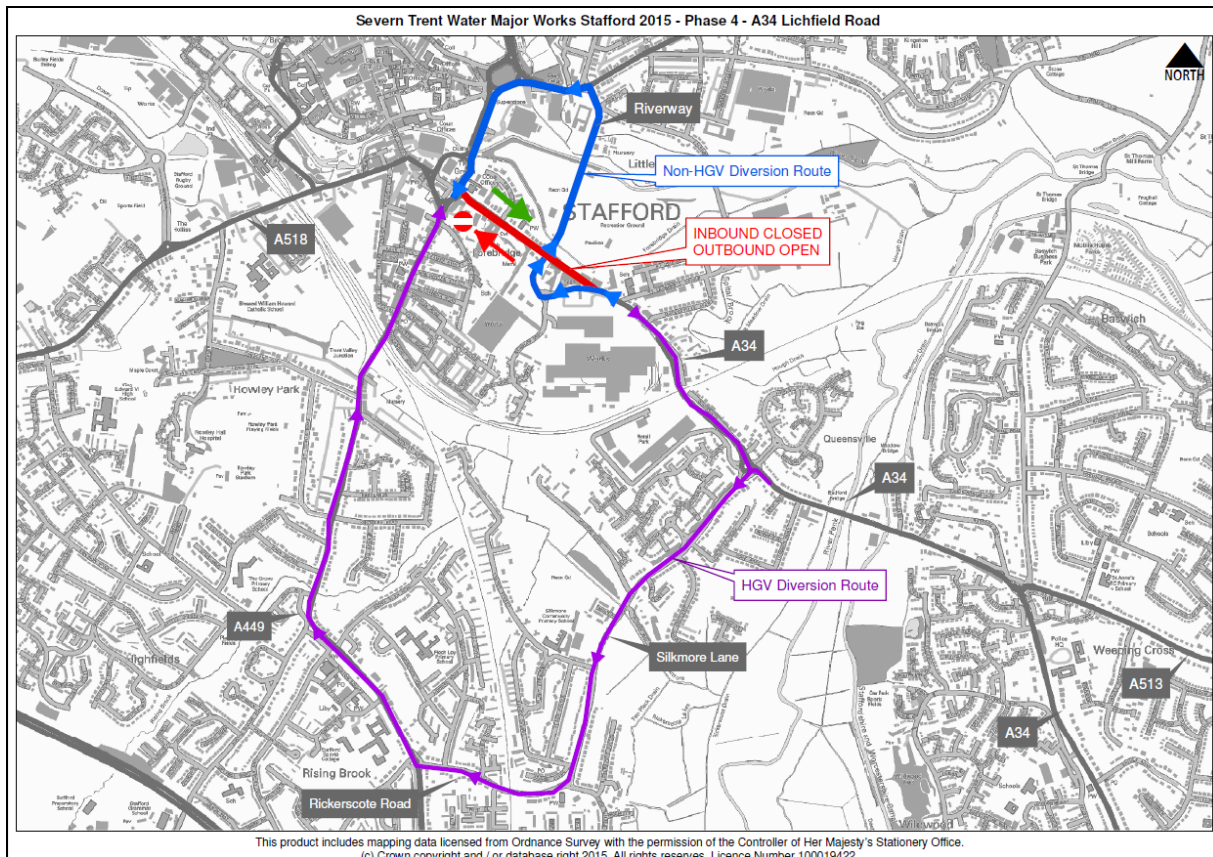
The work is for Severn Trent Water who is installing a new large diameter clean water main. Amey is undertaking the work on their behalf as their delivery partner.

When

Work will start on A34 Lichfield Road on 28 September until 29 November 2015 when it will be lifted to give the town opportunity for Christmas trade. To ensure work is completed as quickly as possible there will be presence on site 7 days/week. (Work on Riverway will take place between 24 October and 1 November 2015).

Where

The work is on A34 Lichfield Road and will start from Queensway (close to Toyota/Citroen car dealerships) moving down towards the junction with Ranshaw Drive (near Frankie & Benny's restaurant). Below shows more detail:



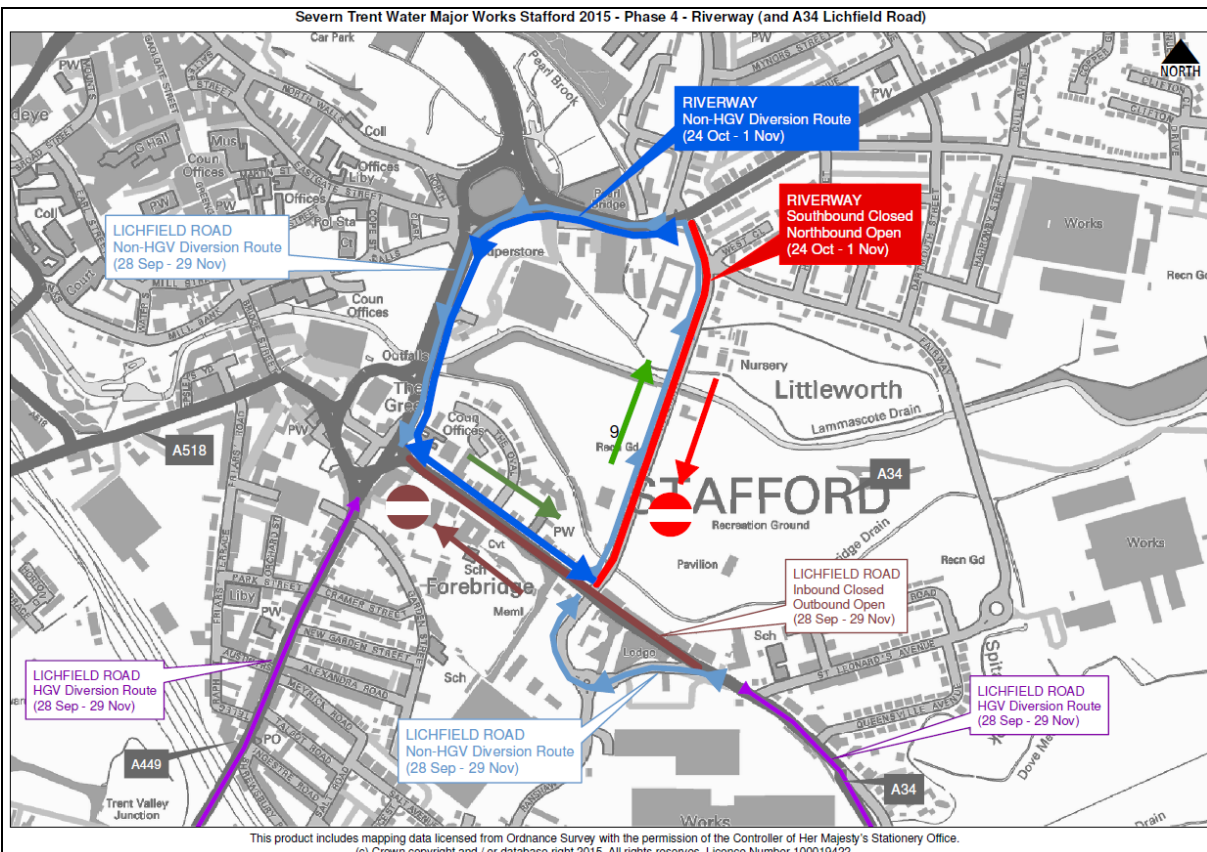
How

In this phase, work to install a new water main will start outside the Toyota/Citroen car dealerships where further work was completed earlier in the summer (Phase 3B – crossing Queensway gyratory), and move out of town towards Queensville Bridge, stopping at the junction with Ranshaw Drive (closest to Frankie & Benny's restaurant). Further work will then follow on in a subsequent phase taking this new pipework out of town towards the old road that goes towards the railway line (close to the Spittal Brook public house), which will meet up with work being undertaken to cross this the railway in this location.

To allow the work to be completed safely in terms of the public and the work teams, there will need to be a one-way closure in operation allowing outbound traffic only which will be unaffected. This will be implemented from Queensway to Ranshaw Drive junction. Inbound non-HGV traffic will be diverted via Ranshaw Drive, Riverway and A518 Lammascote Road. Inbound HGV traffic will be diverted off at Queensville roundabout on to Silkmore Lane, Rickerscote Road, A449 Wolverhampton Road and towards the Queensway gyratory. HGV access will still be available for the Hough Retail Park and Alstom, although it will be directed to exit back on to A34 Lichfield Road outbound only.

Relationship to Riverway

There are also works required on Riverway, but this will be lower impact pipe work. For safety, temporary traffic signals would usually be required, but because of how Riverway relates to A34 Lichfield Road and A518 Weston Road, this would result in conflicts of the temporary traffic signals with the permanent signals on these busy junctions. Instead, Riverway will also become a one-way (northbound travel permitted only) for the duration of the half-term (24 October – 1 November 2015). This will also allow for a swifter crossing of the installation work on Lichfield Road as the signals at this junction will not need to allow traffic to exit from Riverway on to Lichfield Road. Below shows how this will work, and relate to the Lichfield Road one-way system:



Communications

Severn Trent Water is leading on this with their own press release, social media, website update and letter drops. There are advance warning signs in place on the affected route and also at strategic junctions around

the town. Throughout this whole project, strategic signage is being used to signal to drivers that there will be delays on this route in to Stafford town centre and advising drivers to seek alternatives if possible. The main alternative route that is suggested via this signage is A51 and A518 for the duration of the project.

PUBLIC CONTACT NUMBERS

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FAQ's

What work is taking place?

A major project to install new large diameter clean water mains from Satnall reservoir (nr. Shugborough) to Stafford town centre. There are two drivers for the work – to replace ageing, burst-prone pipes and to upgrade and upsize those to provide high-quality water supplies for the future commercial and residential growth of the area

Who is the work for?

Amey working on behalf of Severn Trent Water

When is the work taking place?

Lichfield Road: 28 September until 29 November 2015, 7 days/week

Riverway: 24 October to 1 November 2015

Where is the work taking place?

Lichfield Road: From Queensway gyratory to Ranshaw Drive (closest to Frankie & Benny's restaurant)

Riverway: From A518 Weston Road to A34 Lichfield Road

When will the rest of the work after this phase take place?

It is anticipated that the remainder of the work affecting the A34 will continue after Christmas to allow the businesses the opportunity of Christmas trade

Why is it being done now at the same time as the works on Radford Bank?

Due to significant awareness of the scheme, previous phases and existing works on A34 Radford Bank, volumes have reduced in favour of alternative routes and drivers allowing more time for journeys. This increased capacity on the network has allowed this part of the project on Lichfield Road to be delivered at the same time, which will still leave further works after Christmas – covered in another brief, to be confirmed.

Why is this work being done when Stafford has already had a lot of roadworks already this year?

There has been an unprecedented amount of work in Stafford so far this year, with this major project for Severn Trent Water, multiple development sites coming forward and other critical utility works that cannot be deferred until a later stage. All of this work has been planned as best as possible to facilitate these works whilst also balancing the needs of the local and wider highway network users as much as is practically possible.

Will the road be closed?

Yes. Lichfield Road: closed to inbound traffic only for the duration of this phase (28 September until 29 November 2015). Inbound traffic will be diverted, outbound traffic will be unaffected.

Riverway: closed to southbound traffic only for the period over half-term (24 October until 1 November 2015)

What access is available?

For Lichfield Road: Outbound access is unaffected. Inbound access will need to use the signed diversion route.

For Riverway: Northbound access is unaffected. Southbound access will need to use the signed diversion route.

Is there a diversion route?

Yes. Lichfield Road (non-HGV traffic): via Ranshaw Drive, Riverway and A518 Lammascote Road.

Lichfield Road (HGV traffic): via Silkmore Lane, Rickerscote Road and A449 Wolverhampton Road

Riverway: via A518 Lammascote Road, A34 Queensway and A34 Lichfield Road

Can't the new pipes be put in the footway?

No. There is not enough space for the large mains in the footway with other utility apparatus in there already

Will my water service be affected?

As Severn Trent transfer your service from the old distributor main to the new one, there may be a gap in service provision. If this happens they will notify you with plenty of time for you to make arrangements

Are businesses still open?

All businesses are open as usual

I run a business that is affected by these works and losing trade – who can I speak to?

To request information please email: carl.billings@severntrent.co.uk

I have to travel further than I would do normally, can I claim compensation for these expenses?

- 1) If the caller is a business owner that is directly affected by the closure/works – refer to carl.billings@severntrent.co.uk
- 2) If the caller is a member of the general public – Severn Trent Water have no statutory obligation within their legislation to compensate for further travel. Compensation claims for the additional expense of driving via a diversion will therefore not be considered. Staffordshire County Council also does not have any statutory obligation within their legislation to compensate for this type of eventuality.

Where can I find further information and updates?

Severn Trent Water specific webpage

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-supplies/in-my-area/investing-in-local-improvements/were-investing-in-stafford>

Amey text alert service – 01952 780333 (Free service for weekly updates)

Enquiries to Severn Trent Water

<http://www.stwater.co.uk/help-and-contacts/>

Roadworks information

<http://roadworks.org/?tm37021>

Who can I speak to about these works?

For more information about the works: 0800 521660