

AGENDA ITEM 6 - ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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Subject: RE: Marlborough Road closure, Wroughton

Hi Thomas

Regarding the queries / questions below in **red**

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Subject: Marlborough Road closure, Wroughton

Hi both,

As you were unable to attend last week's Planning and Highways meeting to discuss the forthcoming closure of Marlborough Road in Wroughton, residents have identified some questions and asked that I send them on to you.

Our next Planning and Highways meeting is due to take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 July. **Would you be able to attend that meeting instead?**

I'll list the questions here. If you could answer whatever you can and if you're able to attend next week's meeting as well, that will give residents and councillors the chance at asking some follow ups.

Questions:

1. The last time Marlborough Road was closed, Priors Hill became extremely dangerous due to the increase in traffic. What measures will be put in place to ensure Priors Hill is safe? **TBC.**
2. What plans are in place to ensure the official diversion route is followed? **The diversion route will be signed throughout but as you can appreciate some drivers decide to ignore signage and try their luck getting**

through. I cannot do anything regarding drivers like this. I guess if it does become an issue then police could be informed.

3. Which properties does W&W plan to letter drop to? Residents feel it should be more than just the ones in the immediate vicinity because the closure will affect a wider area. **TBC.**
4. Will the footpath next to the stretch of road being closed still be open? Children walk to school along that route and need a safe route to walk. It's feared that Greens Lane and the Pitches/Bakers Road will not be safe for pedestrians with all the increased traffic that the road closure will force onto these narrow roads. **We will ensure that pedestrians will be able to get through the works during the 4 week closure. We have planned this section of work to be carried out during school holidays, so will not affect children walking to school. We will ensure safe pedestrian walkway is maintained throughout duration of closure. Regarding The Pitches / Bakers Rd / Green Lane, we could arrange for additional signage (Pedestrians in carriageway / Drive Slowly). If you can let me know where you want signs erected, I can arrange with our TM company.**
5. Have SBC and W&W done a proper risk assessment of the road closure and the impact it will cause on the surrounding roads like Greens Lane, Bakers Road and Priors Hill?
6. What is W&W doing to minimise the length of time the road is closed for? Will they work late? The light is good until at least 8pm. Will they work weekends? If they are not, then working late and weekends could significantly shorten the length of time the road is closed for. **We are unable to maintain safe working distances, so decision made between ourselves and Swindon BC for safety of our work force and pedestrians to carry work out under a road closure. We have a sub-contract team on this job who put in a really good shift but I'm not sure they will be working until 8pm. We will have reinstatement team in on Saturday and Sunday (if require) to carry out backfill and reinstatement ready to move on on the Monday.**
7. Have all three schools been made aware of the delays and the fact that work will now happen during school term time? All three schools have buses that use that road. Having to follow the diversion will either make buses very late to school or they will have to arrange to pick up the children considerably earlier than normal. **I can notify the schools but as we are doing this work during summer holidays, I hadn't done so. Buses will not be affected as schools are closed for summer holidays.**
8. Will residents living within the closure have vehicle access during the day and in the evening? **Residents living within closure section will have access throughout. For the first week will be from Chiseldon end and for weeks 2 to 4 it will be from Swindon end.**
9. Will delivery drivers be able to access properties within the closure? **Delivery drivers will only be able to access as residents can from Chiseldon for first week and from Swindon end for weeks 2 to 4.**
10. What measures have been put in place to ensure residents within the closure will continue to have waste and recycling collected on schedule? **I am waiting to hear back from Swindon BC regarding collection days and times. We will work with waste and recycling to ensure we get them through somehow.**
11. The last time the road was closed, the signs at Chiseldon didn't say where it was closed. As a result HGVs and public service buses drove all the way down and then had to reverse into The Pitches, usually without a banksman, in order to drive back up to Chiseldon. Damage was caused to the island in the mouth of The Pitches and to the boundary hedge. The residents had children playing in their garden immediately behind the hedge. Whilst it may not be a legal requirement for signs to state where the road is closed, it would make it safer for everyone if there could be a warning sign on the A346 stating where the road is closed to avoid a repeat of recent history. **As stated previously, we cannot do a thing about bad drivers. We will ensure diverted route is well signed and we can add in any information signage that you are suggesting (Marlborough Road Closed / No Access to Swindon / Follow Diversion Route / No Access into Wroughton / HGV's must follow diversion route).**

Thanks, both.

Best,
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