

Member Briefing

Number: 1359

Title: City Centre site investigation works 14 October to 24 November 2019

Summary: Information about site investigation works and potential to impact highways to support press release alert issued to Members on 2 October.

Background

Enabling works are required ahead of the Chester Northgate development including the installation of a new surface water drain. Work is taking place to investigate the location of services as well as ground conditions. This will inform the most efficient method for the construction of a new drain when work takes place in 2020.

The drain will provide greater capacity for the drainage of surface water providing benefits for the city as a whole. The new drain will allow the separation of surface water from waste water which will allow more efficient treatment of waste water and will significantly reduce the risk of flooding or drain bursts.

What is happening?

The Council is undertaking site investigation work in the city centre involving the digging of trial pits. Work will be carried out in phases and will affect Castle Drive, Nun's Road, Nicholas Street and St Martin's Way.

Our highways teams are working very closely with the contractors to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum and traffic management will be in place. However, some traffic congestion is inevitable especially at peak times.

An advance programme of internal and external stakeholder communication and engagement has taken place including businesses, residents and transport operators. Information has also been issued by press release, websites and Council newsletters.

When it is happening:

Works are taking place from Monday 14 October to Sunday 24 November, between 6.30am and 7.30pm and will include weekends.

The programme of works will be carried out as follows but is subject to change depending on site progress and weather conditions:

- Monday 14 to Wednesday 23 October. Work will begin on Castle Drive with a full road closure. Access to the Roodee Car Park for cars will be via Bridge Street. Coaches will be advised to use the Park & Ride sites.
- Wednesday 23 to Monday 28 October. Work will move to Nun's Road/ Grosvenor Street (in front of the HQ building) involving a lane closure. Traffic management will be in place to direct vehicles and pedestrians.

- Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November. Works will be suspended for the fireworks display at Chester Racecourse.
- Monday 4 to Sunday 24 November. Investigation works move to Nicholas Street and St Martins Way. Work will be in different locations, closing one work area before moving to the next. This will take out one lane of traffic in one direction at any time. Lane closures will move to opposite sides of the carriageway to accommodate the required investigation pits. Traffic management will be in place at all times.
- During the works near Watergate Street there will be no right turn into Watergate Street, off St Martin's Way.

Action:

1. For information and awareness.

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