

Working in partnership



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### **Belgrave Road/Esplanade Road, Ventnor works update**

Dear resident/business owner.

We are writing with a further update on the works currently being undertaken to help us design a solution to enable the re-opening of Belgrave Road.

Crucial to that process is understanding the local geology affecting the retaining walls and highway. To that end, as you will have seen, we have been using specialist equipment to take core samples of the ground up to a depth of 15 metres deep. There are five such sampling sites in the vicinity of Belgrave Road.

The findings of these samples, and other data we have been gathering, will inform a detailed geological report which will feed into the work to design a solution to restore access to Belgrave Road. This initial geological report will be ready in April.

While the coring work in respect of Belgrave Road is nearing an end, the specialist equipment will remain on site for a few further weeks. This is so we can gather data in respect of the other retaining walls and highways in the immediate vicinity for which we are responsible. It is anticipated this additional work will be completed by the end of the month.

We do not anticipate this work will require any further changes to the local traffic management arrangements although it may be necessary to restrict some footway use temporarily while the core samples are being taken.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but trust you see the benefit in making the most of this specialist core sampling equipment while it is in the area.

On a more general note, we continue to closely monitor the area for any ground movement.

We will continue to keep you informed of any developments and/or progress.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Island Roads on 01983 822440 or email [info@islandroads.com](mailto:info@islandroads.com) who will forward your enquiry to the Project Manager. Thank you.

Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads