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CARRIAGEWAY RECONSTRUCTION & RESURFACING WORKS IN YORK AVENUE, EAST COWES

Dear Resident

Following congestion in East Cowes town centre on Wednesday as new temporary traffic arrangements came into force at the start of the fourth and final phase of the project, we visited the site yesterday and made several minor adjustments to assist the free flow of traffic.

These changes include additional signage, adjustment to traffic light positioning and sequencing and the re-instatement of the pedestrian crossing at Ferry Road.

New traffic arrangements can take time to bed down, and with the changes we have made we are confident that flows will be smoother from now on. Certainly, yesterday and today the traffic is moving better through the town, albeit with Red Funnel delays to services because of the high winds bringing some additional challenges today, but we have worked with the ferry company to divert exiting traffic via Old Road and also deployed staff to manually operate traffic lights in order to alleviate the situation.

Naturally, we will continue to monitor the situation and make further adjustments if it is necessary and possible.

It has been suggested that a temporary reduced speed limit is introduced along the new diversion route. While safety is clearly of paramount importance, the effectiveness of speed limits does depend on police enforcement, and it is unlikely that such police resources will be available. We will of course monitor speeds along the diversion route and take any action to ensure the diversion route is safe.

We will continue to keep you updated of progress.

In the meantime, thank you once again for your understanding, patience and co-operation.

Island Roads