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CARRIAGEWAY RECONSTRUCTION & RESURFACING WORKS IN YORK AVENUE, EAST COWES

Dear Resident

We are pleased to say we have completed the reconstruction phase of the York Avenue improvement work.

Last night, despite the poor weather, we began the resurfacing phase. We will continue this work tonight and will make every effort to complete the scheme on schedule. However, the physical laying of the new surface does require favourable conditions, so we are, in this respect, at the mercy of the weather. We will of course keep you informed of progress and would remind the local community to please keep an eye on the yellow advanced warning boards on-site which will be updated should any date or duration changes occur.

As it stands, we hope to undertake work on the final resurfacing phase from Tuesday 22, with an aim to complete by the morning of Friday 25. This will be done overnight under a 24-hour closure, with business and resident access being maintained during the day within the road closure.

You will no doubt be aware of recent complications that have caused significant issues in the town. Over the past 24 hours or so we have been working with Red Funnel and Southern Water to address these issues.

It is clearly unfortunate that a burst water main in Clarence Road and then disruptions to ferry services have coincided with our work in York Avenue.

We can confirm that the burst water main in Clarence Road, has been fixed by Southern Water who are also, as we write this update, currently re-instating the excavation and repairing minor damage to the carriageway caused by the leak. We are told that work will be finished today and upon completion, the previous traffic diversion will again come into force. Signage will be re-erected to reflect the switch back to the previous advised diversion and we'd ask those travelling within the area to ensure they take note of this signage to allow traffic to flow freely.

We have also been in regular contact with Red Funnel. They have been working hard to help marshal ferry traffic, advise customers of rescheduled sailings and to resolve the issues that have seen a ship temporarily removed from service.

We must state again that we do appreciate that the York Avenue work has caused local disruption, particularly so due to the unforeseeable events of the past 24 hours. We would, again, like to apologise for any inconvenience and are sincerely grateful to the local community for its support and understanding. We would also like to thank Red Funnel and Southern Water for their co-operation.

We will provide another update next week or before if necessary.

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