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## **CARRIAGEWAY RECONSTRUCTION & RESURFACING WORKS IN YORK AVENUE, EAST COWES**

Dear Resident

We continue to progress with the reconstruction works and remain on target to complete the reconstruction phase by the 17<sup>th</sup> June as previously stated. Please be aware that external factors beyond our control can result in this date changing. We will, of course, inform you of any such changes to the programme.

Once the reconstruction works have been completed, we will move onto resurfacing works. To reduce disruption, we will undertake this work at night with the road re-opening during the days. We are able to do this during the resurfacing element of this scheme due to there not being large areas of open excavation in the carriageway.

There have been some comments on social media about traffic using Old Road as a means of by-passing the signed diversion route. In order to make our position clear, we issued the following media statement yesterday:

***“Island Roads is respectfully reminding all road users to use the signed diversion in place during the ongoing York Avenue improvement works in East Cowes.***

***This diversion offers a safe route for all traffic coming in and out of the town including vehicles using the Red Funnel ferry.***

***We are aware of some local concerns about traffic using alternative routes. These alternative routes were not selected as the diversion route as they are not considered suitable for the volume of traffic or the larger vehicles that would normally use York Avenue. We encourage all road users to follow the local signage and keep to the official diversion. We have also put out additional signage asking people to use the official route.***

***The diversion route is available on our website and has been communicated to local stakeholders throughout the York Avenue project.***

***While Wight Fibre is working in Sylvan Avenue, a short diversion incorporating a section of Old Road is in place, but this is for local residents and not through-traffic.***

***A major scheme such as the reconstruction of York Avenue will inevitably cause some short-term local disruption and we continue to work with stakeholders, elected members and residents in an effort to minimise disruption. Island Roads would also take this opportunity to thank local residents and businesses, including Red Funnel, for their support and understanding during this essential road improvement scheme.”***

We will issue another update next week, or before if necessary. In the meantime, all up to date information on the York Avenue reconstruction and resurfacing scheme, including phasing plans and diversion routes can be viewed here:- [Island Roads | York Avenue, East Cowes](#)

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