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Smallbrook junction improvement scheme - update

We are writing to update you about the safety improvement works at Smallbrook Roundabout at Ashe and to provide you with some information and guidance about some temporary changes to traffic management arrangements next week.

Works update

Work at the site in Smallbrook to improve the safety of this well-used junction has been progressing well and is ahead of schedule.

The vegetation clearance, which has been carried out under the supervision of an ecologist and with the support of specialist arboriculturists, has been completed and the vegetation removed for chipping and mulching. We were also able to donate some of the logs removed to a local charity.

The work has therefore now created a clear base for us to begin some of the build work on the pavement layers and to prepare the area for the utility services to begin their diversion schemes.

We have also been able, with the cooperation of the utility companies; SGN, Southern Electric, BT and Southern Water, to coordinate the main utility diversions on site to complete these at the same time in two phases; 1st November for one week and the 22nd November for two weeks.

While this was always our hope, it is particularly difficult for four different companies operating their own programmes of work, and responding to emergency call outs as well, to ensure these could be coordinated and so we are really pleased that we have been able to achieve this together.

Traffic management changes

During both phases of the work, it will be necessary to close Smallbrook Lane to through traffic, however resident/business access to and from Smallbrook Lane from Great Preston Road will remain at all times with the road reverting to two-way traffic for residents, although operating as a cul-de-sac.

This work will begin next week (1 November) starting with the gas works by SGN and some preparatory works by other utilities for one week. The road will then re-open to all traffic, one way eastbound as before.

There will then be a further closure on the 22nd November for two weeks when the main elements of the utility diversion work will take place including works by Southern Water to lay the main water pipe across Smallbrook Lane.

During the road closures, eastbound traffic that would have normally used Smallbrook Lane to head towards Ryde will be diverted via Green Lane, Coach Lane, Brading and then onto the main road to Ryde. Eastbound traffic that would usually have used Smallbrook Lane coming from Ryde will instead use West Street, Green Street and St John's Hill.

The closure of Smallbrook Lane should also help to alleviate some of the pressures being experienced at Great Preston Road Ryde, where WightFibre are continuing their fibre connection improvements works, due to the reduced volume of traffic using Smallbrook Lane.

Overall project timetable

While we are hopeful that the progress made so far, may help to curtail the overall duration of the scheme, we are entering the autumn/winter months when weather can be more unpredictable. We are therefore currently working to the same overall timeframe for completion of the works but will, of course, let you know if there are any changes to report.

Further information

We hope you find this information useful, but if you have any questions, please contact info@islandroads.com or in an emergency call 01983 822440. You can also follow updates on Twitter [@IslandRoads](https://twitter.com/IslandRoads) and on our website www.islandroads.com

We recognise that these improvement works may cause some inconvenience for residents and businesses. We hope any disruption will be offset by the long-term improvements we are making in your area. We would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in enabling us to complete these works.

Thank you,

Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads

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