Road Improvements - Shopwhyke Road, Oving

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why does this work have to take place?

Planning consent has been granted for 500 dwellings and associated infrastructure at Shopwhyke. These works are to construct a new access road into the housing development and includes the full reconstruction of a length of approx. 350m of the existing Shopwhyke Road.

The works also involve the provision of a new bus layby and improved highway drainage.

Consideration was given to closing Shopwhyke Road completely to undertake the works. However due to the traffic sensitive nature of the road (i.e. one of the main routes into Chichester) the requirement is that that the road is kept open and the majority of the works undertaken using traffic lights.

A road closure will be required (approx. 4 days) to undertake the final resurfacing of Shopwhyke Road.

2. What work has to be done?

Construct new junction and access road into the new development. Install new highway drainage. Reconstruct approx. 350m of Shopwhyke Road to new alignment and levels.

3. What will the benefits be once it is finished?

The benefits will include:

- The provision of safe access to the development
- The reconstruction of a section of Shopwhyke Road
- Improvements to existing highway drainage

4. Will any road have to be closed during the works?

The majority of the works will be undertaken under temporary two-way signals. However Shopwhyke Road will be closed for approx. 4 days in mid-May whilst the final resurfacing works take place.

5. When will the work start?

The work is due to start on Monday 16th January 2017.

6. When will the work finish?

The planned duration of the works is 20 weeks. The planned finish date is therefore Friday 9th June 2017.

7. What time of work will the work take place?

Work will take place between 07.30 and 18.00 hrs on weekdays and between 07.30 and 13.00 hrs on Saturday.

8. Can works be carried out at evenings or overnight?

No. The developer needs to work within the planning permission conditions, which sets out the agreed hours of working. This does not allow for evenings / night working.

9. How much will it cost?

Approx. £850,000. The works are fully funded by the developer Cala Homes.

10. What disruption can motorists or bus passengers expect?

Delays are expected during peak hours. There will be temporary two-way signals. The signals will be manually controlled during peak hours to minimise delay.

11. Will any diversion routes for traffic have to be put in place?

Yes, during the road closure works planned for mid-May 2017. The diversion route will be agreed with WSCC Street works and Highways England. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

12. Are there any other considerations people need to be aware of?

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

13. Why have you chosen to do this at this time of year?

As these are developer led works there is a need for a legal agreement to be completed to allow the developer to work on the public highway. The agreement was completed at the start of December 2016. Due to other works on the highway network this is the best window available for the works to be undertaken.

The developer has overall programme considerations for the site and need to ensure that they comply with planning requirements for delivering infrastructure improvements in association with new housing.

14. Who should I contact if I have any queries about the works?

The developer is Cala Homes - 01252 736750.
The contractor for the works is Landbuild Ltd – 01798 872555.