

FAQs

Ifield, Ifield Avenue - Cycleway
2019

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Balfour Beatty

Working in partnership

Scheme: Ifield Avenue, Ifield
Type: Cycleway
Road: Ifield Avenue
Parish: Ifield
WSSC Member: Brenda Smith

Summary

Programme dates: **September 16th 2019 to 20th December 19**

Shared use Cycleway provision.

The existing footway along the north East side of Ifield Avenue, from the Ifield Drive roundabout to the entrance to the Rugby Club, will be widened to approximately 3m. This will provide a shared use cycleway/footway. Appropriate signing & markings will be provided.

At the junctions with Stagelands, Stafford Rd and Rushetts Rd raised tables will be constructed across the carriageway. This will to improve the ease of use & visibility of the cycleway where it crosses side road junctions. The cycleway will not have right of way over the side road traffic.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why does this work have to take place?

A. One of the aims of The West Sussex Walking and Cycling Strategy 2016-26 is to improve or introduce better cycling infrastructure to encourage more cycling by the provision of safer cycle routes. Routes have been identified for cycling development and the Crawley County Local Committee have approved progression of a community highway improvement scheme in Ifield Avenue. The Ifield Avenue cycling scheme will upgrade existing footway to shared cycleway and footway.

Q. What work has to be done?

A. The existing footway along the north East side of Ifield Avenue, from the Ifield Drive roundabout to the entrance to the Rugby Club, will be widened to approximately 3m. This will involve excavation & construction of a new strip alongside the existing footway . In addition there will be raised tables constructed at junctions to improve ease of use of the cycleway. Some sections of fencing will be removed & some trees will also be removed . No large high quality trees will be felled. Only low grade trees will be removed and all will be replaced with a new tree nearby.

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

A. The new facility will encourage cycling particularly to the two schools near the site.

Q. Will any roads have to be closed during the works?

A. For the bulk of the works there will not be a requirement for road closure. However while the raised tables are being constructed, at the junctions, the side roads will need to be closed for a short while. These dates of closures will be confirmed nearer the time.

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Q. When will the work start?

A. The works are programmed to begin Monday 16th September 2019

Q. When will the work finish?

A. The works programmed to finish on or before 20th December 2019

Q. What time of day will the work take place?

A. Where possible, reconstruction works will take place between 07.30 and 17.00 each day

Q. Why are you undertaking the works during the day?

A. Daytime working is the most efficient and effective approach. Unfortunately we cannot carry out work of this nature without having a significant impact on the local community. In deciding on the time when the least disruption will occur, we take many factors in to consideration. These include:

We cannot carry out these works without generating noise and in order to ensure that we do not unduly disrupt residents' sleep, we have little alternative but to carry out as much of this work as we can during the day.

Q. What disruption can residents expect?

A. Pedestrian access will be maintained but may be via temporary walkways past the works. The works will be carried out in sections working along the site. Access to properties will be maintained at all times except for very short periods when work is being carried out directly outside any particular property. There will be a little extra noise & dust during the works but every effort is made to keep this to a minimum.

Q. What disruption can motorists or bus passengers expect?

A. For some of the time during the works vehicle traffic through the site will be controlled by temporary traffic signals.

Q. I am expecting a delivery during the works. What will happen?

A. If possible, large deliveries should be arranged to take place either before or after the works. If this is not possible, then please contact West Sussex Highways on 01243 642105 to discuss any arrangements that we might be able to implement. Normal mail should not be affected.

Q. What disruption can pedestrians expect?

A. Pedestrian access to all properties will be maintained and managed at all times.

Q. Will temporary bus stops be put in place during the work?

A. The bus companies which serve Ifield Avenue have been notified of these works. Information regarding any amendments to the bus timetable and routes can be found at the following websites:

- www.metrobus.co.uk
 - Telephone: 01293 449191
 - Twitter: @metrobus

Q. I have off-street parking, will I still be able to use it?

A. Where possible, access to all properties will be maintained at all times. However, residents may have to wait until such a time that they can access their properties safely, without causing damage to their vehicles or without causing unreasonable interruption to the works being carried out. If immediate access might be required, it may be advisable to make alternative parking arrangements outside of the working area.

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

A. For the bulk of the works there will not be a requirement for diversions. However while the raised tables are being constructed, at the junctions, the side roads will need to be closed for a short while. These dates of closures will be confirmed nearer the time.

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Q. Could weather impact the proposed works?

A. Weather conditions can have an impact on the delivery of the scheme. This risk is even more significant when reconstructing a carriageway to the depths needed.

In the event that the works are delayed we may choose to mitigate the delay by working over the weekend.

Q: How to I report a fault or problem on the highway?

The most effective way to report a fault or problem on the highway is to use our reporting application - Love West Sussex.

For full information: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>

Q. What is Love West Sussex?

A. The Love West Sussex website and app allow you to inform us of any highways issues such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths and verges, which you come across in the county.

Using the Love West Sussex website or app you will be able to check on the progress of your report and any work being undertaken.

For full information go to: <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home>

Q. How do I make contact with West Sussex Highways?

A. If you have any queries on the day regarding how the works are being carried out near you, e.g. 'Can I get access to my property' or 'Can I walk to the shops along the footpath?', then please feel free to ask to speak to the on-site Site Supervisor who is normally best placed to address your concerns.

However, if you would prefer to speak to someone about how or why the works are being carried out then please contact us via the West Sussex County Council Contact Centre on 01243 642105 or via the WSCC website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>