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Date: 04 March 2021

Ref: A357 Shillingstone Village

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ROADWORKS INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Dear Sir/Madam

Road Closure – A357 Shillingstone Village

Following the Government's guidance for construction activity– that it should continue where it fits with both the current Public Health England requirements and in accordance with industry safety guidance – Dorset Council is restarting a programme of carefully selected maintenance works.

Following recent works by Wessex Water, we will soon be starting carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works in your area. We will be repairing sections of road within the area marked in red indicated on the map below. The diversion route is marked in blue. As directed by national regulations, we have to divert traffic onto the same classification of road as the one we have closed. During the closure periods there will be no on street parking available. Parking restrictions will be imposed to prevent waiting or parking on the roads stated above. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by this Notice may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986. If a vehicle has been towed the owner will need to contact our towing contractors Bride Valley on 01305 889421.



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We hope to start work on **25 March 2021** and finish on/by **30 March 2021**. To enable us to safely carry out this work, we need to close the road to through traffic. The closure will be in place between **9am and 4pm** each day. The road will be reopened at night and at the weekend.

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<p>Q. Can I get to my property?</p> <p>We always try to maintain access to properties, but the very nature of the work means that it will cause some inconvenience.</p> <p>At times, we may have to control access to your property or business, which may include asking you to wait for a period of time while we complete a task.</p> <p>Our site traffic operatives and surfacing crews will always assist you as far as possible.</p> <p>Q. I have an appointment on one of the closure days, will I be allowed access?</p> <p>If you have an appointment, please ask for the Chargehand on site who will be able to arrange for access/egress. Please allow extra travelling time for the appointment.</p> <p>Driving through the works area</p> <p>It is important that you comply with the site speed limit, usually 10mph, and take extra care.</p> <p>When driving on a temporary road surface you must watch out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce and machinery in the road • Raised ironworks, such as manhole covers and frames • Ramps where surfacing layers have been laid • Stockpiles of materials <p>Adverse weather conditions</p> <p>The county programme is weather dependent, and the scheme may be delayed or cancelled if there are poor weather conditions.</p> <p>This work is part of a £15million investment into Dorset's roads. The road surface along this stretch of road needs to be renewed as it is in a poor condition.</p>	<p>We need to complete these works now to keep the roads safe for the travelling public.</p> <p>Q. Have the bus companies and emergency services been told?</p> <p>The emergency services and bus companies are notified about the closure so they are able to make alternative arrangements. However, emergency access will always be maintained.</p> <p>Q. During the works will I be able to park on the road?</p> <p>During the road closure there will be no on-street parking available. However, when the road is open you will still be able to park outside your property.</p> <p>Q. What is the work?</p> <p>The old surface will be removed and then a new surface will be laid</p> <p>The material will be very hot when applied and stick to footwear and vehicle tyres – please do not walk or drive on surfaces without speaking to the person in charge of the works.</p> <p>For safety and to ensure a quality finish of the surface, pedestrians and animals must not be allowed onto the finished surface until it has cooled – this will take around two hours during winter months and up to four hours during warmer weather.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the work we carry out is unavoidably noisy. This is most apparent at night, but we endeavour to keep the noise to a minimum.</p>
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If any emergencies occur, please phone 01305 221020 and your message will be passed on to the relevant person.

Yours faithfully

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Additional Q&A from Parish Council to Highways

Dated 9th March 2021

Q Please confirm the closure dates and times for the resurfacing work

Please note and pass on that the works at Shillingstone will take place over 5 shifts which includes a Saturday. So, the scheme will start on Thursday 25th March, and be completed Tuesday 30th with the road shut on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday between 9am and 4pm.

Q Your residents letter says there will be no street parking available

- a) is this on the red area for the whole period or just where they are immediately working?
- b) does no parking include lay-bys?
- c) how can we access our properties on the main road?

There is no parking in the red areas for the duration of the works and this includes the laybys as we will be resurfacing some of them. All residents that properties access the red area will receive a letter and on the back of the letter is 10 Q & A's about the works how residents can access their properties.

Q When you say no parking for the duration of the works, can we park from 4pm to 9am?

Yes, you can

Q I'm sure people will ask about clear diversion signs again to prevent the issues we had in the first Wessex closure - how will the road closed signs be managed to prevent large vehicles coming through and getting stuck or trying to go down the minor roads around the village?

Dorset has a traffic management partner that has about 6 operatives onsite and we will have persons on each of the hard closures points to prevent any incursions and to assist any resident that may need access or advise that a resident may need to enter their property from the of end of the closure.

Q Are all areas of the A357 in the red section being resurfaced or have you identified sections? If so, can you confirm which these sections are?

The red area is a guide but for this scheme it is most of the red area.

Q Will the closed sections be managed by traffic lights just at the section being worked on or is the whole of the red section closed for the day?

It is a full closure that will be manned at each closure point.

Parking at The Portman Hall

During the closure of the A357 from the 25th March to the 30th March 2021, The Portman Hall Committee will be pleased to allow residents to park their vehicles in the Portman Hall Car Park at their own risk. The Committee will accept no responsibility for any damage to vehicles or persons using these premises during the above dates.

The registration number of the vehicle together with the name of the owner must be advised by email to Sarah Clatworthy-Blake whose email address is slcb@3d-unlocked.co.uk.

Sarah will destroy all names and registration numbers after the 30th March. If anyone should like to make a small donation to the Hall for the use of this facility it would be much appreciated.

We must request that No Vehicles are parked in the area at the side of the Hall which allows access to the field at the rear of the premises as this contains livestock. This area is also required for emergency vehicles should their attendance be necessary.