

Road Closure(s) – A605 – Peterborough Road Whittlesey A605 – Syers Lane

I am sure most will now be very aware of the planned A605 road closure, A605 Peterborough Road (Near Aster Cars) – See my previous posting & press release from Cambs CC

Work begins Thursday 02nd April



Today on leaving the Cardia roundabout – there are 2 signs advising of the closure.

As advised the A605 will be closed for the best part of two weeks.
There will be pedestrian and cyclist access (limited) for people.

Hopefully the B1040 or North Bank will not close due to 'Flooding' – but there is a plan in place to temporary re-open the A605.



Eastrea Road 2nd/3rd May and Syers Lane 30th/31st May.

In order to do this work

It will be necessary to close the road on both the Saturday and Sunday of each weekend, between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm.

See below and attached information.

The A650 Eastrea Rd, Whittlesey from Cemetery Road, roundabout east to the car sales, and A605 Syers Lane, Whittlesey from Orchard Street Roundabout to Cemetery Road roundabout have been selected to receive a Gripfibre Micro Asphalt surface treatment this year.

This process involves the coating of the existing road with two layers of a liquid bitumen and stone mix.

The object of this is to seal in the road underneath preventing the ingress of water, this in turn will reduce the possibility of potholes forming in the future.

The application of this material will also add texture to the surface of the road, providing vehicles with greater grip. The treatment will also give the appearance of the surface a more consistent conformity as it will cover over patches and trenches etc.

Ultimately, by treating the road and sealing it like this, the life of the existing surface will be extended significantly, delaying the time when a more invasive and costly resurfacing is required.

Surface treatments such as this are an early stage preventative treatment used on roads when they first show signs of deterioration, not for roads that are already significantly deteriorated.

Eastrea Road has been selected because it has recently received a significant amount of masterscreed patching by the Local Highways Officer and now is a good time to take advantage of this preparation work to seal the road in.

Syers Lane has been selected as it has flagged up amber on our annual scanner test. The county council's Asset Management team are responsible for our policy for maintenance; cataloguing and identifying roads that may be suitable for certain types of treatment. They have a contractor that annually scan tests our A roads, and although Syers Lane appears reasonable to look at, the amber indication from the machine, using a traffic light results system, indicates that there is possibly a texture issue due the age of the surface.

The contractor is proposing to carry out this work over two weekends; **Eastrea Road 2nd/3rd May and Syers Lane 30th/31st May.** In order to do this work, **it will be necessary to close the road on both the Saturday and Sunday of each weekend, between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm.** This is because the contractor is not able to achieve the correct safe working widths for their workforce and machinery and hence users of the public highway.

Unfortunately, this process cannot be done at night, and it is also weather dependent, so could potentially be hampered by wet conditions.

Through traffic will be diverted, via a signed diversion route, around the A1139 Frank Perkins Parkway, Peterborough; A47 to Guyhirn and A141 near March.

Local traffic will no doubt find their way around; and all closure points will be manned by traffic management officers to offer assistance and advise to those needing access to properties within the closure.

Delays and inconvenience are inevitable, and I can only apologise in advance for this.

