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King's Dyke preparatory work begins

Work on the A605 at Whittlesey has been announced today to allow for utility work to take place before construction starts on the King's Dyke scheme.

From Thursday 2 April, a full road closure for just over two weeks will take place to allow Lindum Homes to carry out utility works for their local housing development. This closure is unavoidable due to their deep excavation work. Whilst this work is underway, the County Council will take the opportunity to begin work for the King's Dyke scheme, to minimise disruption to the public.

Once the initial two week closure has taken place to allow Lindum Homes to complete their work, the King's Dyke advance work under temporary traffic lights will continue for up to eight weeks - the road will remain open with only a single lane closed at any time. This advance work involves diverting underground utilities to allow construction of the King's Dyke scheme to start, as planned, later this year.

A signed diversion route will be in place during the initial two week closure via A141, A47 and A1139.

Councillor Ian Bates, Cambridgeshire County Council's Chair of the Economy and Environment Committee said: "We understand this work will cause some inconvenience to the public, but we've worked hard with Lindum Homes and utility companies to try and schedule our works at the same time to help minimise disruption."

“We’ll be pulling out all the stops to get the work completed as soon as we can, we’ve scheduled some of the work over the Easter holidays and if we need to come back for further utility work this will be done in the summer when traffic is expected to be lower, but we need to do this preparatory work so the King’s Dyke scheme can start as planned.”

During the closure, pedestrians and cyclists will be allowed through, although cyclists will need to dismount and access to properties and businesses will be maintained.

The King’s Dyke scheme remains on track with the timescales agreed at the Economy and Environment Committee held in Whittlesey last year. The project is currently out to tender with bids expected back in March. Once assessments of these bids are complete, the outcome will be presented to committee on 23 April in Whittlesey and the necessary decisions taken to achieve the planned start of construction by December 2020.

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Notes for editors:

The closure on Milk and Water Drove in Peterborough will have finished when this closure starts. Should North Bank be closed by the Environment Agency then the A605 will be opened as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The Lindum Homes work will start first, lasting approximately two weeks to enable them to carry out a sewer connection for their new development and divert utilities. They will also create a new site entrance to help minimise disruption from site traffic. Any roads or paths affected will be restored on completion. For further information contact Joe Espin, Lindum Homes Site Manager on 01522 500 300 or 01522 852 292.

You can keep up to date on the King’s Dyke project online at

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