

Report on Meeting with CCC Highways 12/06/2026

Present:

Barry Wainwright, Dee Laws, Chris Boden, Michael Fisher, Phil Sharpe (CCC Highways), Bob Turner (CCC Highways), Bill Pitt (Anglian Water)

A605 Closures

Ralph Butcher Causeway

The works to the bridges are being carried out by Jones Bros., and coordinated by Suzie Hall. The resurfacing work is scheduled to start on 13th July, working under single lane closure, controlled by traffic lights. A full road closure will then be required, currently scheduled for the weekend of 14th - 16th August.

Closure at BP Garage

This closure is needed for a water main connection to the new properties being built opposite the garage. The water main is in the centre of the westbound lane, believed to be about 1.4m depth. The full closure is necessary as the lane width, at 6.5m, is below the minimum 7m width required to allow for safe clearance around the excavation.

The work is to be carried out by Clancy Docwra. Additional work including a sewer connection, and S278 works to the junction are being coordinated to take place at the same time. There are complications caused by electrical cables in the road connected with the crossing lights.

Highways initial plan was for this work to take place between 3rd August to 11th August, including a four-day closure of the A605 for the water connection. The closure needs to be a 24hr closure, even though there will be no night working. Highways planned for a Monday to Thursday closure, to enable support staff to be available, if needed, within normal working hours.

Highways have planned for extensive signage of the closures and, additionally, 'gatemen' at the Whitmore Street roundabout and the bridge roundabout to discourage vehicles, especially HGVs from using the A605.

There were strenuous objections by all councillors present to having two separate closures of the A605 just two weeks apart. It was forcefully urged that both closures should take place at the same time, and further that the working days should span a weekend to minimise traffic disruption.

It was provisionally agreed that the closure should be Saturday 15th to Tuesday 18th August. Anglian Water will need to confirm these new dates with their contractors and support staff. Bill Pitt to feedback early w/c 15/06/2026.

Chris Boden raised the issue of traffic management on Crossway Hand. During the weekend closure of the bridge, Stonald Road and Crossway Hand will be the only access to approximately 200 houses and several businesses, including Forterra and the Saxon Pit businesses. Even after the bridge reopens, a great deal of traffic will attempt to use crossway

hand to avoid a lengthy (24 mile) diversion via A-roads. The suggestion was made (supported by all councillors present) that contra-flow traffic lights would need to be installed on Peterborough Road, just west of Crossway Hand, and on Stonald Road, just east of Crossway Hand.

Highways raised concerns about cars being parked on Crossway Hand, which may mean that traffic light control cannot be used. The local residents have no alternative parking available, in many cases. No resolution to this issue was reached, but the strenuous warning was given that without traffic management there would be gridlock.

Morton Fork

Notice has been given of a potential 1-day closure of the Morton Fork junction for surface repair work 'in August' – no application has yet been made.

Church Street/A605 Junction

There is planned to be an overnight closure (may be just a single-lane closure – the extent of work required is unclear at this time) of the A605 on July 3rd – 4th July. The status of this work is not clear at this time as the application appears to make no mention of the A605, yet the position of the repair work would indicate that there must be some impact onto the A605.

Highways are aware of the need to make sure that this work is not delayed into the August closures!

Whitmore Street roundabout

Work to be carried out under 4-way traffic lights overnight 19th-20th July to repair potholes and surface damage.

Glassmoor bank & Slatebarn Drove

Extensive work required to install replacement water main – This work will not be permitted until 2027, maybe 2028

A request was made that due to the farms in that area, the work need to work round harvest time. Avoid July to October

A605 Goosetree to Coates

Including Duncombes Road.

Water main replacement needed along full length of the A605.

Work to be carried out under speed reduction and temporary lights. Closure of Duncombes Road for 3-4 weeks.

Application has been made for work in September '26 to February '27, with a closure for 6 weeks? Unlikely to be approved. More likely to be 2027/28

Cadent works Eastrea Road closure

Gas main renewal. 10-12 weeks, including Eastgate & Market Street.

Possibly early next year? January?? (Straw Bear Day!) B1040 Flooding issues.

All agreed it should be later in the year, from July onwards, to fit in with school holidays.

A605 gas scheme high causeway/Syers lane

North of A605, Delph Street/Gracious Street/High Causeway

Permission has not been agreed – closure of these streets will prevent access to many properties. Suggestions have been made to open temporary access through bollard by The Ivy Leaf, or onto the A605 at High Causeway. Both suggestions have issues and are immediately adjacent to a crossing.

It was noted that work is planned this year on Windmill Street to improve the junction – this is being done through the Projects team (Ross Lewis). CB/DL to update highways after meeting with the team on Monday.

Crossing of Syers Lane/A605

Need 1-week lights to renew gas main 14th-20th September

Also permit granted for work in the layby with no carriageway incursion 7th – 18th September

Possible effect on the turning area at top of High Causeway. It was highlighted that this is a pedestrian area 10am to 4pm, and no vehicular access would be possible.

Junction of Wetlands Way/B1040

Remedial work needs to be carried out here by AC Groundworks, on behalf of the developer. They have requested 8 weeks total, with a 2-week closure of the B1040. The length of time was questioned, but there are no details of the work being proposed at this time.

There has been a provisional booking for 27/07/2026 – to 09/09/2026 (not yet granted).

It was suggested, and accepted, that the best time would be Dec/Jan/Feb.

Note that these works will put additional pressure on Teal Road.