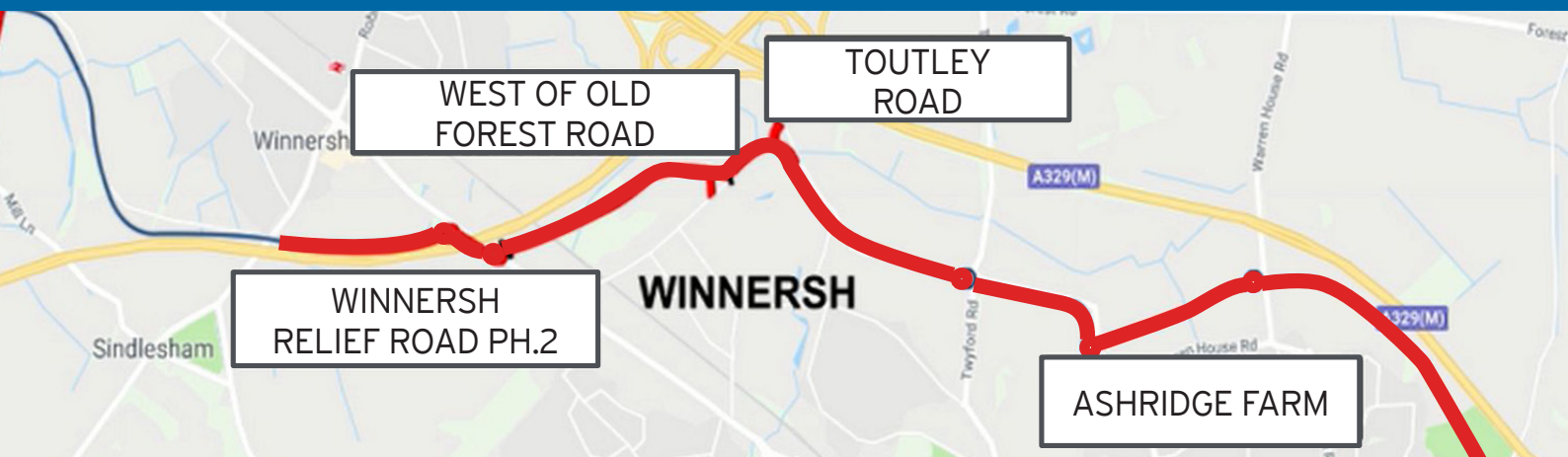


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» Work to date

This last month has been another busy one. We've been pressing ahead with the necessary operational works whilst maintaining the two-metre rule in line with Government advice and guidance. As it stands, we are still on track to complete this scheme around Winter 2021/early 2022.



View looking West towards allotments for pile mat for Network Rail bridge installation



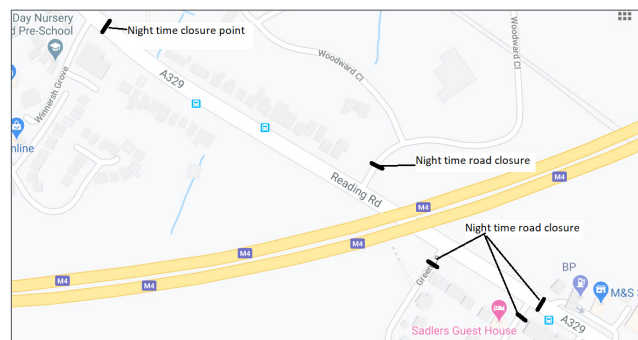
View looking East towards Toutley Road showing compound and Country Park



View looking West showing completed compound and a section of carriageway

» Upcoming Works

- Embankment fill activities to develop the road construction tie-in with the Network Rail bridge. Work will include topsoil strip, a culvert, drainage layer, followed by up to 42,000 cubic meters fill material
- From mid-June there will be an increase in movement of lorries, each carrying around 20 tons of material. This is to allow us to construct a core section of the North Wokingham Distributor Road. Due to the nature of the works, as listed above in the first bullet point, noise levels are likely to be higher than normal which we appreciate may be an inconvenience. We will obviously be doing everything practical to keep any intrusion to a minimum and mitigate the impact as far as possible. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and kindly ask you to bear with us whilst these necessary works are carried out.
- Works are planned for sections of the the A329 Reading Road marked 'night-time road closure', shown on this map, will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from mid-July for up to two weeks, excluding weekends. This is to allow us to install narrow lanes, remove two traffic islands and excavate a trench for the diversion of utilities.
- For up to date and live information on upcoming roadworks please visit [One.Network](https://www.one.network)
- Daily public safety will remain a priority, as will access to the Emergency Services. Additionally, access for local residents will remain open at all times.



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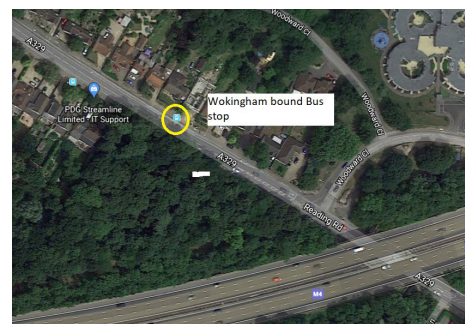
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- This table shows longer-term works planned to begin from mid-July 2020. Please note dates are subject to change at short notice due to reasons beyond our control. (TM = traffic management)

Period	Peak/off-peak	Location	Section of road	Description of works
From summer 2020 to spring 2021	Full Closure	Old Forest Road	Full road closure	Construction of new road alignment, 2no new footbridges at Toutley Bridge, installation of flood relief culvert and utility diversion
From summer 2020 to summer 2021	Peak/off peak	Reading Road	Narrow lanes TM	Lower in situ and diversion of utilities, construction of 2no property access roads and tie ins of northern and southern roundabouts
From autumn/winter 2020	Off-peak overnight	Longdon Road	Priority give way TM and temporary traffic lights at junctions	Footway widening, construction of 2no raised tables and resurfacing

Bus Stop Closure

The Wokingham-bound bus stop, as shown, is planned to be non-operational from mid-July 2020 to mid-December 2020. This is to allow us to install narrow lanes works and to carry out essential works during this period. Please use the existing bus stops north and south of A329 Reading Road. You can plan your journey, visit www.myjourneywokingham.com



» Planned Utility Works

Between now and late Summer, there is a list (available on request) of planned utility works which are scheduled to be carried out by utility providers including SSE, Thames Water, BT and SGN. The list includes: cable diversions; replacing and relocating a sub-station; lowering and diverting existing ducts; decommissioning an old chamber; installing portable mains. While these works are necessary, timings may change for reasons beyond our control.

Please respect our workers

Like every other aspect of national life, the Scape Wokingham Major Highways Project has had to weather some abrupt change arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, on many fronts the project has been able to maintain business as usual.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all those who work with and for us, as well as you, the general public, is always our priority. In line with current guidance on COVID-19 from the UK Government, our sites and contracts remain operational where it is safe for them to do so they continue to make a critical contribution to Wokingham and beyond.

We are appropriately continuing to implement the latest COVID-19 Site Operating Procedures (SOP) issued by the Construction Leadership Council and endorsed by Public Health England.

If you know of anyone in your local community who does not have access to the internet but would like to receive this e-newsletter, please let us know. Wokingham Borough Council, in partnership with Balfour Beatty have a dedicated project team should you have any questions or concerns. E-mail us at NWDR@balfourbeatty.com or telephone **0800 121 4444**.

For further information please visit: www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/major-new-roads/