

Lancing to Shoreham Drainage Improvements **A27** Newsletter • August 2012



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In September 2012, the Highways Agency will start work to improve the drainage system on the A27 between Dankton Lane and the Adur Viaduct in Lancing, West Sussex.

This newsletter has been produced to give you details of the work and how we will manage traffic whilst work is being carried out. To allow you to find out further information and to ask our staff any questions that you might have, we will be holding a public information event as follows:

Harriet Johnson Centre

Loose Lane, Sompting, West Sussex, BN15 0BG

Thursday 30 August

3pm – 7pm



What is happening?

We are repairing defective pipes as well as installing new drainage to help flooding problems on the A27. This flooding has contributed to the deterioration of the road surface in some areas, and so drainage improvements will mitigate this. At the same time, we will also carry out small areas of resurfacing west of Manor Road Roundabout to Busticle Lane, and some technical repairs that are needed.

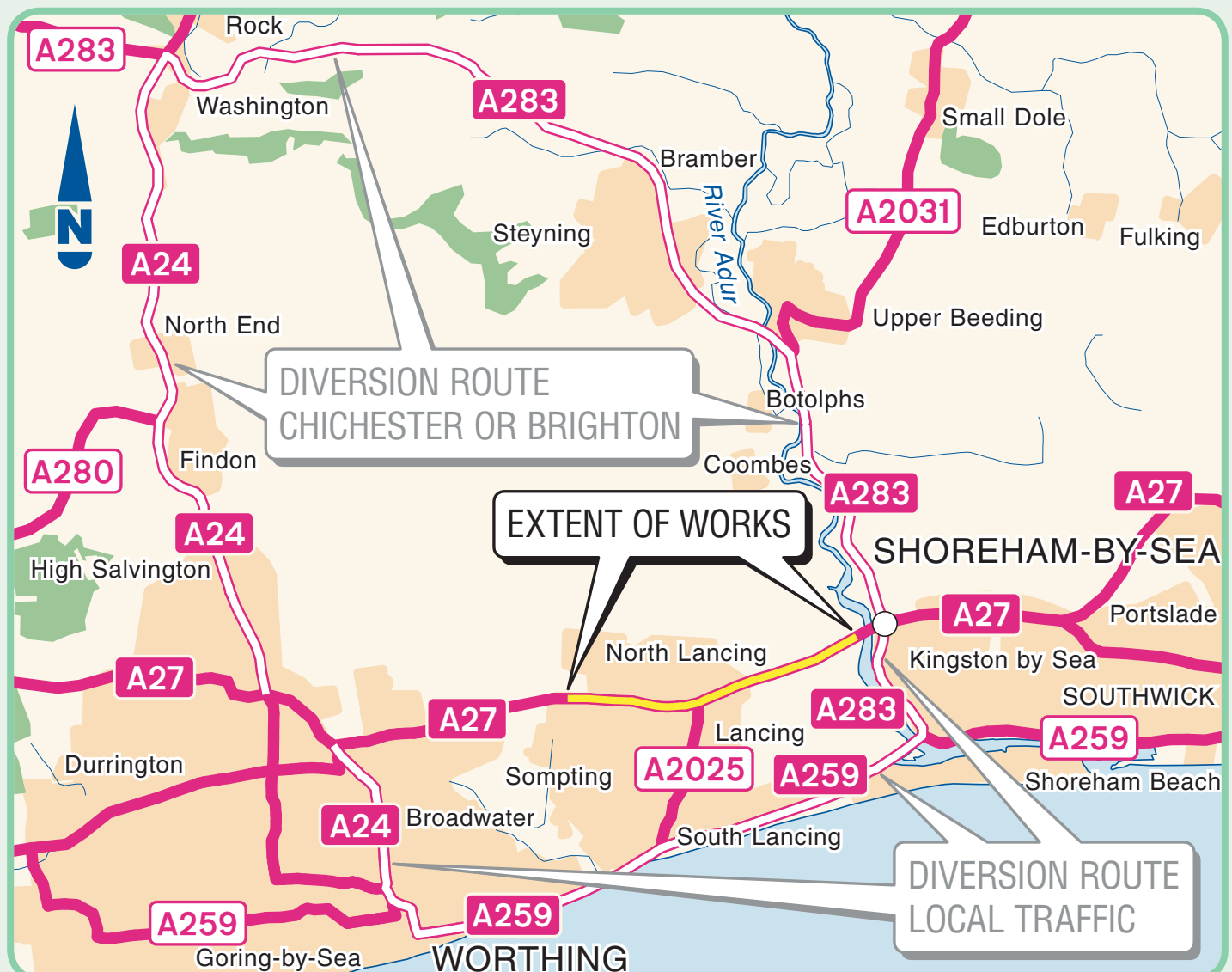
We will prepare the site on Sunday 16 September, with work planned to start on 17 September and due for completion by 20 December, weather permitting.

How will you carry out the work?

The work spans a distance of two miles, which includes areas that are residential.

Road Closures

Several road closures are needed on the section of the A27 between Dankton Lane and Manor Road Roundabout. Whilst these closures are in place, traffic will be diverted via the advisory diversion routes detailed below. Signage on site will be used to advise motorists of when the closures are scheduled.



We will therefore be working seven days a week (daytime and night time) to allow us to complete them as quickly as possible.

Working hours will be between 9:30am and 4:30pm each day, and 8.00pm and 6.00am each night. This will avoid the morning and evening peak times where traffic flows are at their highest.

To minimise disruption for residents, we will carry out as much of the noisier operations as possible during the daytime. Where noisy operations form part of the overnight works, these parts will be completed by 11.00pm.

How will you manage traffic?

Daytime work will be carried out under single lane closures to allow traffic to travel past them using the other available lane. We will work on both the eastbound and westbound carriageways at the same time, leaving enough distance between the work to minimise congestion.

We will provide sign-posted advisory diversion routes for traffic wishing to avoid the area. One route will be available for local traffic and is located south of the A27, via the A24, A259 and A283. The other will be for through-traffic travelling towards Chichester or Brighton and is located north of the A27, via the A24 and A283.

Some operations need more complex traffic arrangements to allow us to complete them safely, and we will carry these out overnight only, using either a contraflow system or road closure.

Overnight Road Closures

Road closures are needed on the section of the A27 between Dankton Lane and Manor Road Roundabout. Whilst these closures are in place, traffic will be diverted via the same routes that are being sign-posted during the daytime. Signage will be used to advise motorists of when the closures are scheduled.

Overnight Contraflow

We will use a contraflow system for some of the operations between Manor Road Roundabout and Adur Viaduct. This involves closing one carriageway at a time, and having one lane of traffic running in either direction on the other carriageway.

Once we have moved into the phase of the work needing a contraflow system, the cylinders that are used to segregate lanes will be in place throughout the duration of that phase. This means that even

when the contraflow isn't in use and two lanes are available to traffic, vehicles will not be able to change lanes. Signage will be used to make sure that vehicles select the right lane before entering this area. Free recovery will be provided throughout this phase in order to remove any broken down vehicles, etc as quickly as possible.

A 40mph speed limit will be in place during the use of lane closures and the contraflow system to allow traffic to travel safely through the work.

What arrangements will be made for local residents and businesses?

Businesses will be open as usual, and we will use signage on site to reinforce this message. We will maintain access for residents and businesses as best we can throughout the work, and updates will be provided with details of any specific arrangements whilst road closures are in place, etc. These letters will contain contact numbers for our staff on site, who will be happy to help with any queries.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't all work be carried out overnight?

We have looked at as many options as possible in the planning of this work to ensure that we carry them out with minimal inconvenience to residents, businesses and the travelling public. The noise levels created by some of the operations we are carrying out are too high to allow overnight working alone, and so we are using a combination of both daytime and night time work. This will also ensure that we complete the work as quickly as possible.

Are you expecting extra time to be added to journeys whilst the work is on?

Yes, we do anticipate that time will be added to journeys throughout the work. We are doing what we can to minimise this through giving drivers alternative routes to use, and monitoring conditions when the work starts to make any adjustments possible to help traffic flowing through the area. We are unable to avoid daytime work for the reasons given above, and so would urge motorists to plan their journeys and check conditions before they travel to minimise disruption. Current traffic information can be found at

www.highways.gov.uk.

Are there any other restrictions whilst the work is taking place?

We will need to close some of the footpaths for the work, however alternatives will be provided. Where access to bus stops is restricted by the work, temporary bus stops will be provided as close to the existing stops as possible. Lay-bys in the area will be closed throughout the entire duration of the work.

How can I find out more information?

As detailed at the start of the newsletter, our staff will be a holding public information event to discuss any queries that you have. If you would like to contact us before then, or are unable to attend this event, further information is available as follows:

The Highways Agency Website:

You can sign up to receive email updates from our road project page, which is being added to our website at **www.highways.gov.uk**

The Highways Agency Information Line:

Advisors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on **0300 123 5000**

Your feedback

We value your opinions on our works to allow us to keep improving. A survey has been set up online at the address below, which will be available until the works have been completed. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this, thank you.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/lancingdrainage



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The Highways Agency is working with the industry and road users to reduce the risks of working on the roads.

For the safety of roadworkers and all road users, when you are approaching roadworks:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.

If you need help using this or any other Highways Agency information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will assist you.

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