

## Coast Road, Pevensey Closure Fact Sheet

1 November—16 December 2016 and 9 — 13 January 2017

### Why is SGN carrying out these works?

- Utility companies have a statutory right to maintain their apparatus and network within the Highway.
- SGN have been advised by the Health and Safety Executive that the existing cast iron pipe needs to be replaced as they identified the potential for failure of the cast iron gas mains and the consequent risk of injuries, fatalities and damage to buildings.
- It is essential that they carry out the work to decommission all cast iron mains within 30 metres of a property.
- SGN have been working to replace these cast iron mains in Pevensey for the last year and during this time have explored all available traffic management options for the replacement of the final sections on Coast Road.
- Unfortunately, due to the reduced road width and close vicinity of the properties to the carriageway in the final section the only safe way, for Southern Gas Networks and the public, is for these works to be completed under a road closure.

### What is the nature of the East Sussex Highways works?

- East Sussex Highways will be breaking out the concrete bays where movement in the slabs has resulted in “ramps” on the surface of the road.
- These will be broken out and the area will be relayed with asphalt.
- In addition to this work we will be carrying out jointing works between Wallsend Road and Beachlands and also carrying out some pothole repairs.
- We will be carrying out resurfacing works to the east of Beachlands up to the private section, excluding one section which was privately resurfaced, .

### Are you legally allowed to close the road?

Yes, the road is lawfully closed under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Act 1984. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to close the road has been sealed by the Highway Authority and advertised both on site and in the local press as required by legislation. We have also informed all the affected parties of the closure and planned a diversion route.



### What about Emergency Services?

We have informed all emergency services of the planned closure and diversion route this was carried out as part of the notification of the Traffic Regulation Order. We are responsible for informing the Emergency Services, however their response to this information and the plans they put in place are solely their responsibility. SGN have advised that motorcycles/cycles being used by the Emergency Services would be able to pass through their closed section of works. We have passed this information on to the Emergency Services.

### What about the effect on local businesses?

We will put out signs to advise that businesses within the closure are open as usual. East Sussex Highways do not offer compensation for the effect of road closures on businesses or pay out for private claims for inconvenience, tyre wear, petrol costs, insurance premium increases or loss of earnings.

SGN do have a compensation scheme for local businesses which suffer a genuine loss of trade because of their work. Packs are available from their website [www.sgn.co.uk](http://www.sgn.co.uk) via the publications section.

### Will there be a diversion route?

Coast Road has a unique set of challenges when organising a road closure as there is no alternative route via adopted highway. We have organised access over the private section of the road to enable a suitable diversion route for traffic.

### Will there be Traffic Management on the diversion route?

There are no traffic restrictions in place on Sluice Lane which means that we can not prevent/restrict vehicles from using this road during these works. Two members of staff have been employed to be on duty to the North of the Normans Bay Crossing and at the Caravan Park on the private section of road to facilitate the safe passage of vehicles through the narrow section of the private road. The staff will be on site between the hours of 07:00 – 19:00 7 days a week. However we have no control over individual driver behaviour and it is the responsibility of individual drivers to drive according to the conditions and with respect to our staff and other road users. We will inform the police of vehicles ignoring the stop and go boards or abusing our staff. Outside of the hours that this section is manned, road users will be responsible for using the diversion route safely.

### What about public transport during the closure?

Service 55, which runs during the daytime Mondays to Saturdays and service 57, the school bus to/from Willingdon School, are not able to serve Coast Road and Beachlands, the nearest stops will be in Pevensley Bay village. The morning 57 will be revised to depart Richmond Road at 0747. On Mondays to Fridays, ESCC has arranged for a Shuttle Bus to follow the diversion route, linking Beachlands with Pevensley Bay village, ASDA and Langney Shopping Centre. This bus will be numbered 55B and run by Cuckmere Buses. Journeys will link with services 55 and 99. The 55B will be timetabled to allow pupils to travel to/from Pevensley & Westham CEP. During the initial phases, certain 55B journeys will also serve stops to the west of Beachlands as far as Pebble Road. Details have been shared with the 3 main schools attended by children from Pevensley Bay. Details can be found at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/public/buses/bus-service-changes/](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/public/buses/bus-service-changes/). On Saturdays, Cuckmere Buses services 36/37 will continue to serve Beachlands but will not be able to serve Pevensley Bay village or ASDA. Details can be found at [www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk/docs/3637temporary.pdf](http://www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk/docs/3637temporary.pdf)

### What if there is coastal flooding?

If flooding should occur we shall implement emergency planning procedures, acquiring additional resources and temporary filling the excavation to secure access. Pevensley Coastal Defence Ltd have a depot on Coast Road and SGN have discussed the impact of the closure with them. SGN have provided them with a 24 hour contact number to use should they need access to the depot in an Emergency and they will be met on site by the team for access to be facilitated.



### What about the condition of the concrete section of private road?

The concrete section of the road will be camera surveyed before the diversion commences, there will then be weekly inspections to assess the condition. Once the works are completed there will be a final inspection with Environment Agency and SGN to assess the road for any damage caused during the road closure and diversion.

### Will there be repairs to the private section of the road?

East Sussex Highways have, in liaison with the private land owners, carried out a number of carriageway repairs on the private section of the road. SGN are also carrying out a repair on the Environment Agency's section of road in advance of the diversion.

### Will there be parking facilities?

Pevensley Parish Council are responsible for the car park on Sea Road which has no charges or restrictions from 30 September. Wealden District Council and Pevensley Parish Council have confirmed that should residents wish to use this car park, it will be available on a first come first served basis but will also remain open to the general public during this time.

### Will works be carried out to the level crossing?

There is a planned level crossing closure for the crossing on Sluice Lane/Herbrand Walk, between 01:40 26/11/16 and 4:00 28/11/16. We are not aware of any planned closures for the Normans Bay Level Crossing by Network Rail.

### Will there be refuse collections?

We have advised Wealden District Council of the closure and diversion route. They are responsible for assessing the suitability of their vehicles to enable refuse collection to take place. We have spoken directly with the Waste Manager and they are making plans for carrying out their collections during this closure.

### Will there be access for the Lunch Clubs?

We have provided access details to the lunch club and are looking into options for their collection service as the vehicle which they have available does not have the clearance to pass through the diversion route.