

59553 Traffic Management Plan and Diversionary Route - Gorgie Road

Please provide traffic management plan and diversionary routes for upcoming closure of Gorgie Road between Ford's Road and Balgreen Road to enable Scottish Water / Caledonia Water Alliance to upgrade existing combined sewer overflow.

This is for a major project requiring the full closure for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) to be fabricated and installed on site. We have agreed there will be a requirement for a standalone pedestrian crossing point outside Stenhouse Primary School for the duration of the works although this is not the signed diversion route. Lothian Buses will be using this route to redirect some services.

There have been regular meetings between City of Edinburgh Council, Police Scotland, Event's Team, Lothian Buses and Scottish Water to discuss the impact of other routes while Gorgie Road is closed and we will be monitoring the traffic flows very closely over the project.

We will try and keep all diversion routes clear on any works but the Roads Authorities have certain statutory obligations and powers in relation to the co-ordination of road works. These are to give directions as to the timing of works (aided by use of information held in the Scottish Road Works Register and by discussion with undertakers) and the right to direct where new apparatus is placed in the road or pavement. Road Authorities do not have any power to ban or prohibit works outright. Utility companies have a statutory right to place, maintain, renew and repair their apparatus as given in the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and the Transport Scotland Act 2005.

Under those same pieces of legislation, the City of Edinburgh Council coordinates road works and will attempt to recommend that works be carried out in a coordinated manner, with the aim of reducing inconvenience to the travelling public; however emergencies at specific locations such as water bursts, or in this instance gas escapes, will often require utility companies to undertake works at short notice and lead to situations where the proximity of work will lead to disruption.

Below is a link to Scottish Water's communications on the project for your information.

www.scottishwater.co.uk/GorgieRoad

Please refer to the attached documents held in relation to this project.

Third party personal information has been redacted from the documents provided in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Please provide any correspondence between any impacted bus companies (Lothian Buses, Stagecoach, Ember, Flixbus etc.) on the impact of this road closure and detail any mitigation measures to be implemented to reduce impact on bus journey times.

There is no such correspondence held by the City of Edinburgh Council.

As this is a Scottish Water project, there may have been conversations/discussions/meetings held independently by Scottish Water with public transport operators/providers.