

62223 Ongoing Scottish Power Works - Various Paths / Road Closed - Burdiehouse Road

Can you please provide information relating to the ongoing Scottish Power works that have closed various paths and half the road on Burdiehouse Road as follows:

What assessments took place before all accessible paths were closed without an alternative route provided?

The Roads Officer was unaware that Scottish Power were closing the footpaths in the area around their work site. They had discussed the traffic management set-up for these works, but those discussions had concentrated on the main lane closure that the contractor would be using. Although the contractor had provided a Traffic Management plan that showed the footpaths closed. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, this was not identified at the time. It was also unclear from the plan that the contractor intended to leave significant plant on-site and the footprint of that plant.

Who signed off on the decision to allow all accessible paths to be closed without any diversion being put in place?

Scottish Power and their contractor, PBU, set up their site compound without providing any details of the amount of space they would be occupying. Once it became clear that pedestrian access was affected by the site, the Roads Officer raised this with Scottish Power and requested that they provide a suitable walkway.

Any discussions, emails, or documents relating to the accessible paths being closed.

The Officer was first made aware of this issue when they received an email from Ian Murray MP. They then contacted Scottish Power directly and requested that they adjust their site set-up to allow for a section of the existing footway to be reopened to allow pedestrian access to be maintained. The officer visited the site on 28/05/26 and spoke to the site foreman, who stated that they would not be able to move their plant for a few weeks. The officer then sent an email to Scottish Power on 29/05/26 outlining the situation and requesting that a walkway be installed as soon as possible. The officer received an email on 31/05/26 to say that they had moved plant and provided a suitable diversion at 10:30am that morning. An Inspector confirmed that this was in place on 01/06/26.

Any discussions, emails, or documents relating to Burdiehouse terminus bus stop being closed without alternate option being made available.

Burdiehouse Road does not have a continual footway on the east side; it is therefore not possible to install a temporary bus stop, as there is nowhere suitable to site it.

Any discussions, emails or documents around what local residents were informed and when of these works.

Responsibility for informing residents of planned works lies with the undertaker, in this case Scottish Power, or their contractor.