

# Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council

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## **Statement on Traffic Mitigation 09-09-2018**

We have received the following update from County Highways on the completion of works in the next few weeks.

### **The Square**

- footway works to link this site with the adjacent roundabout area in new material will be done to binder level on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September working off peak under lights on the side opposite the paper shop
- footway works outside the paper shop to achieve the same will be done on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September working off peak and both footways topped off on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> if not achieved on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>
- final three bollards to be installed once delivered.

### **Gateways and Efflinch Lane Build Out**

Work on the gateways will be progressed from next week at the various sites however resources will be directed to Location E (the squeeze by the telephone exchange) from 17 September (see below) as Highways need to get that work completed under closure before 24 September because of a conflict with major water main works near to Yoxall on B5016 – we understand the road may be closed in the Town Hill area for 7 months.

### **B5016 Location E (by the telephone exchange)**

Work will commence here from 17 September for 1 week under a road closure – diversion route is Branston interchange to A515 to B5016 Southbound and A513 from Alrewas interchange to B5016 northbound. Courtesy signs should be in place next week for this. Alternative route for villagers are via Dunstall Road/Tatenhill Lane, up Forest Road by Little India (and through Rangemore to Tatenhill Lane) or Catholme onto the A38. We would strongly recommend Forest Road or Dunstall Road if going north.

The Parish Council have queried if this is the only way this work can be done as it was originally going to be a single weekend closure, but it would appear the Town Hill works mean this is done in this way or not until mid-next year if at all.

### **Traffic Counts**

We have monitored the traffic through the new Square area for an hour on three mornings and three afternoons when the schools are coming in and exiting. We counted on average just over 650 vehicles at each time, peaking at 689 on Thursday evening when it was wet. Probably at least 630 of these were cars.

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In the morning traffic flowed fairly well. On each afternoon there are 10-15 minutes of total congestion which peaked on Friday afternoon when the John Taylor was back to capacity.

**Actions we are taking:**

We have written to all HGV owners who passed through at this time asking if they could avoid the area, this may have some effect it may not.

We are working with county highways to review the parking between the roundabout and Dunstall Road as congestion is being caused by the cars parking and waiting for their children to come out.

We are going to try and talk to the school about the service bus that picks up children just past the roundabout and other issues.

**Actions we would like you to take.**

If you don't have to drive through this area at that time or can find another route, please try to.

If you have to drive through, the road is not 3 vehicles wide, we cannot do anything about that, don't try to get around the parked cars when vehicles are coming up if there isn't a space to go into. As an example, the service bus waits outside Barton Lodge whilst the JTHS students board. During that time it is almost impossible to pass without causing an obstruction and patience is required to prevent the road being blocked both ways. It has always happened and is currently made worse by the number students boarding the bus there. If traffic coming up can flow, however, there will be gaps to get through going down.

Thank you.