

Please find below an update and further information about the **Emergency Station Road (B2032) Betchworth (Pebble Hill) road closure** scheduled from **Monday 21st Oct 2024** from **County Councillor Helyn Clack**.

Many of you will be well aware of the disruption caused this week as a result of emergency works on Pebble Hill for gully repairs. This emergency work was essential for safety repairs to ensure the road could remain open whilst the teams co-ordinated a more strategic plan for resolution of the issue. I am delighted to report that this full scheme will commence from Monday 21st October.

I am extremely grateful to the team at Surrey Highways who have worked so hard to make this happen for us, following the A25 resurfacing work, it is another great example of how they are co-ordinating and redirecting resources to emergency situations to derisk incident on our busy network. The work that was originally designed to take 2.5 weeks has been reduced to just 1 as teams will be working longer shifts (7am – 11pm) to help reduce impact to residents and commuters.

The background to this work is, following feedback from residents over a number of years about the continual flooding, resulting damage to the road requiring continual emergency repairs and most importantly, risk of serious accident, a drainage investigation works took place on 05/01/2024. The aim of the investigation was to find out all of the causes of rainwater ponding and failing gully at the bottom of the hill and to find a deliverable and affordable maintenance solution. The investigation showed that there were blockages in the connecting pipework between the gullies as well as damage to the connection to the gully. The pipework needs to be replaced otherwise, during times of heavy rainfall, the drainage system will not be effective, and more rainwater will go down the road surface and pond at the bottom of the hill. Planned work will include excavating the road to replace 65.5m of the existing pipework with new pipework and connect 2 of the drainage gullies into the drainage system. Without this new connection the flooding issues are expected to continue, and the gully will repeatedly fail causing emergency closures or temporary signals to be used at this location. For safety reasons this work must be carried out in accordance with chapter 8 regulations of the Traffic Signs Manual. It is not possible to safely carry out this work using 2-way traffic signals, due to insufficient road space to create a safe working zone.

I appreciate this work will cause a not insignificant disruption to our network over the coming week but the long-term benefit will undoubtedly be worth the short term disruption. Completing this work ahead of the fast-approaching winter season will significantly reduce the risk of the serious incident we have all been dreading on this road.

I am extremely grateful to all the residents and Parish councils who have supported me to lobby for this to go ahead.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, I can help you with.

Regards

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NOTICE
Surrey County Council
Station Road (B2032) Betchworth
Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Notice 2024

Surrey County Council in Exercise of Its Powers Under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers hereby gives notice that no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in that length of Station Road (B2032) Betchworth which extends from its junction with Reigate Road (A25) to its junction with The Quarry (X68610).

Alternative route: Station Road (B2032), Pebble Hill Road (B2032), Dorking Road (B2032), Brighton Road (A217), Reigate Hill (A217), London Road (A217), London Road (A25), Castlefield Road (A25), Church Street (A25), High Street (A25), West Street (A25), Buckland Road (A25) and Reigate Road (A25) or the same route in reverse.

This Notice is required to enable drainage works to be carried out by, or on behalf of Surrey County Council. The Notice will commence on 21 October 2024 for a period of 5 days. Advanced warning signs will be displayed and the temporary closure, which is anticipated to be in force 24 hours per day, will only operate when the relevant traffic signs are displayed. The Council are satisfied that, in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Act, vehicular access to and from premises within the length of road in specified above, or accessible only therefrom may be restricted in order to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing such danger from arising and/or preventing damage to the road. All other vehicular traffic will be required to use the signed diversion route including emergency vehicles and residents.

The prohibition referred to above will not apply: **(i)** in respect of anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform; **(ii)** in respect of anything done in accordance with any restriction or requirement indicated by traffic signs placed on the highway by or on behalf of the Police; **(iii)** to any vehicle being used in connection with the works; **(iv)** to any person carrying out the works.

Dated 21 October 2024

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