

Burrowbridge - Traffic Signal Replacement Newsletter 2

Dear Business Owner / Resident,

As mentioned in Newsletter 1, Somerset Council needs to replace ageing traffic signals either side of a narrow bridge crossing over the River Parrett, as the lights in Burrowbridge on the A361 are over 30 years old, near the end of their working life and need to be replaced before they fail causing even greater long-term disruption. The road around Burrow Mump will also be resurfaced as part of the scheme.

Scheme Update / Traffic Management



Due to the constricted nature of the works (either side of the bridge area) the A361 will need to be closed for a period of just over 4 weeks during the summer holidays to allow the work to be done safely. These works will not conflict with any other works nearby.

The Council's contractor Octavius starts work on Wednesday 8th July 2026, initially under temporary traffic lights, with access maintained as normal in all directions, which will be signed accordingly.

From 3rd August to 2nd September the A361 at Burrowbridge will need to be closed in both directions 24/7. There will be a signed diversion route via the A372, A38 Bridgwater and A361. Crossing Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Access for residents and businesses will be maintained (excluding crossing the bridge), footpath users will have access throughout. Please allow extra time.

Community Engagement questions answered:

- Will emergency services have access during these works? During the temporary traffic lights, they will, however, during the full closure they will not have vehicular access but will have footpath access. They have been notified accordingly.
- Will the postal services be notified? Yes
- How will we be updated? Via contact by the PLO and Somerset Council website (details below).

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- Will the diversion signs be placed far enough away to minimise additional traffic? Yes, this has been taken into consideration due to the narrow lanes in places.
- Can you create a car park provision for those that can't drive the diversion so that people can park and walk cross the bridge? We do not have the space to create additional parking either side of the closure.
- Will the closure be fixed? Yes, this will be a fixed closure 24/7.



All closures/traffic management is subject to change, due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

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