

Department for Environment and Community Services

Date:12 April 2017Enquiries to:Richard Lewis/Neil SumnerTel:01454 868000E-mail:transport.policy@southglos.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Roadworks on Gipsy Patch Lane**

I am writing to give you advance notice about roadworks which are due to take place on Gipsy Patch Lane in April and May. The work involves digging temporary trial trenches to confirm the location of underground utilities.

This will involve temporary closures of Gipsy Patch Lane at the railway bridge on three weekends, possibly starting from the evening of Friday 21 April onwards.

The exact dates and times will be clearly signposted on Gipsy Patch Lane to give people adequate notice of the work starting on site. Please note that the work is weather dependent.

The road will be closed to vehicles at the railway bridge. A signed diversion route for vehicles will be in place during the closures via Hatchet Road / Brierly Furlong / Great Stoke Way / A4174 and A38.

Access to properties and side roads along Gipsy Patch Lane will still be possible during the work. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to travel under the bride during the closures, but to ensure safety at all times a member of our workforce may be required to guide pedestrians and cyclists through the particular work when it is safe to do so.

I apologise for any inconvenience the closures may cause.

## Why is this work necessary?

In June 2016, following public consultation, the council made the decision to locate the Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension (CPME) along Gipsy Patch Lane. This involves the proposal to construct bus lanes in some locations and replacing the Gipsy Patch Lane railway bridge.

It is essential that we carry out this investigative work to help develop our plans for the CPME route. It is important to stress that this work will help towards the preparation of the CPME plans and it does not signal the start of construction of the route.

Once again I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to you by this work. If you have any questions then please email <u>transport.policy@southglos.gov.uk</u>.

Further information about the CPME is available at: www.travelwest.info/metrobus/extension

Yours faithfully

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