

**RE: Horsebridge Hill**

**From** [Love, Michelle](#)

**To** [Northwood Parish Council](#)

**Cc** [Quigley, Richard](#), [Fuller, Paul](#)

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Dear Katie,

Thank you for your email and I can provide the following information in response.

There are Southern Water works currently planned for January-March 2026 along the A3020 Cowes Road/Newport Road. The purpose of these works is to carry out up to 1km of water mains replacement under the road.

With the Horsebridge Hill works, the Isle of Wight highways team was proactively involved due to the very short space of time between the sign off of the legal agreement for the changes to the highway (the S278 agreement) and the timescale that the works could be carried out, in due to the need for the properties to be occupied prior to the end of June 2025. This led to the decision to start works with a very short notice period for the public and because of that, the council led on communications for the work.

With the planned Southern Water works, there the normal notice period of 3 months+ to ensure that details of the works are circulated to all stakeholders and the media. The communications work will be led by Southern Water as these are their works, the works and traffic management will be monitored by Island Roads, which is part of the highway maintenance contract, and the IWC highways team will monitor Island Roads but not become directly involved as the highways team did with the Captiva/Sovereign Homes scheme. This is the usual method of working for all planned utilities schemes.

I do not know what traffic management that Southern Water intend to use, however, the recommendation from Island Roads is likely to be the same one-way system as used on the Horsebridge Hill because 2 ways lights on the A3020 creates uncontrolled congestion that impacts back into both Cowes and Newport. It also impacts on emergency services response times.

Southern Water are holding an initial engagement meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October between 10.00-11.00 on Teams, I will contact Southern Water and request that all on this email trail receive an invite to that meeting where you can find out more about the scheme.

Kind Regards

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Good morning Michelle,

Northwood Parish Council met on Tuesday evening to discuss issues ahead of the next planned works at Horsebridge Hill and have instructed me to write to you to ask about the status of the road closures that are planned? We were really pleased to read Richard Quigley MP's post in May when he reported that due to the progress already made, the planned works for 2026 would be carried out quicker and with two-way traffic lights in place, as it had been stated originally that Newport Road would need to be closed in both directions.

We would also like to request an assessment of the wider impact on the network and for pedestrians in particular on Pallance Road with no pavement and increased traffic and when this time around it will be dark in the evenings.

I am copying in Richard Quigley and also Paul Fuller who is organising a meeting for all stakeholders on the Cowes Peninsular to discuss issues ahead of the works.

Many thanks

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