

The works on the B4235 are on behalf of the MCC Traffic Team where we will be resurfacing some sections, refreshing all of the road marking and signage as well as installing new signage and road markings as the new 40mph limit is implemented.

The works effect both sides of the carriageway and the closure is required to allow the works to be undertaken safely. There is large equipment required for the resurfacing as well as hot material and there isn't sufficient width to allow for this work to be done and allow traffic (via traffic lights) to travel the road safely. The road marking also requires plant and workforce to be in or near the centre of the road, and again there isn't sufficient width to ensure safety can be maintained for both the workforce and drivers. The closure has been restricted to the hours of 09:00 and 15:00 to try and minimise disruption as much as possible.

The closure is anticipated to be required for 3 weeks at a maximum, but the Contractor will be endeavouring to complete the works as soon as possible. Due to the reliance on deliveries of hot materials between the restricted hours, we cannot guarantee that the duration will be less than 3 weeks, but it is the intention for it to be completed sooner if possible.

There is some road marking work required at the Spout Hill junction area, but this will be towards the back of the programme, approximately 1<sup>st</sup> week of March, and should take just a few hours with just minor delays at that junction whilst the marking is applied. But access to the B4235 is available further West as above.

The official diversion route needs to include roads of the same class or higher than the road that is being closed, this is to avoid issues like HGVs using unsuitable roads. Hence the long diversion along the M4 and A449. So we do appreciate that there are other routes that locals may know and take should they be suitable for their vehicle, but we are unable to sign these.

The Contractor will be doing a letter drop to the residents on the road within the closure in the next few days. They will provide them with contact details and will also keep them up to date throughout the works should there be any delays. They will allow access through the works to those residents within the closure for things that cannot be arranged for outside of the closure hours like medical appointments, there just may be some small delays to move large plant or if hot material has just been laid. But they will ask, wherever possible, that residents keep vehicle movements to outside of the closure hours. Continuous moving of plant or stopping work to allow traffic through will delay progress and as a result extend the closure duration.