

From: Walton Society

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Subject: High Street Closure - The Full Story

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Dear Resident,

With regard to the High Street closure, I have now been able to clarify the situation with Matt Furniss The S.C.C. Cabinet member for Transport. He states:

“While the TRO covers a period of 18 months from 18th August, the High Street will not be closed for the entirety of that time.

*There is no intention to close the road while the other closure is in place. [Bridge Street]
The start date for the works and exact Traffic Management arrangements are still to be confirmed.
Further communications regarding specific details will be provided by our Work Communications Team when confirmed.*

We anticipate the works outside The Heart shopping centre will take no more than 4 weeks, the closure will only be in place when required during this 4 week period. When closed it could potentially be in place for 24 hours, although the exact arrangements are still to be confirmed.”

I am grateful for this clarification from Mr Furniss. If only it had formed part of the original notification I would not have sent out the somewhat misleading mail which I did. The fact that the author of the notice was not contactable until August 8th at the earliest did not help.

The previous closure notice, concerning part of Bridge Street, mentioned that the closure would not total more than 28 days within the one year period of the order. Lack of a corresponding feature in the High Street notice made me fear for the worst.

I have learnt from this incident. I hope S.C.C. have too.

Graham Woolgar, on behalf of the Walton Society