

From: Walton Society

Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2022 10:24:51 AM

Subject: Walton High Street 18 Month Closure

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Dear Resident,

Surrey County Council intend to close Walton High Street for eighteen months starting from August 18th. The exact nature of the closure is not entirely clear, but it seems likely that it will be a closure for the entire period. It is also possible or perhaps likely that the High Street will never re-open to two-way end to end motor vehicle traffic at the end of this period, but that it will have been converted to be part of Cycle Route 2. Details of Cycle Route 2 were given in the last Walton Society news mail, but I have attached that article again for those who missed it. I have also attached the map provided by S.C.C. showing the diversion around the High Street Works. The Walton Society believe that this closure will cause problems for many residents and traffic displacement will cause more congestion and pollution and heavier traffic on local roads. For example, Manor Road is likely to be seriously affected. Please pass this e-mail on to anyone else you feel may be affected by the change.

In view of the way this has been announced I think Surrey County Council have established a new "implement without consultation" policy. A new Surrey Highways Dictatorship has been established.

If you wish to complain about this closure, you can contact your Surrey County Councillor:

Either Rachael Lake

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or

anthony.samuels@surreycc.gov.uk

(If unsure which is your councillor you can contact both or the S.C.C. Cabinet Member For Highways

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Details of the e-mail Sent Out by S.C.C.

The following e-mail from Richard Bolton, Surrey County Council's Local Highway Services Group Manager on Thursday to Walton Central Councillors, Walton SCC councillors, and Steve Bax, S.C.C. Councillor and Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment.

Reference: ME-50030990 - Surrey Highways: TRO High Street (D3809) Walton on Thames

This is a copy of the legal notice that has been published in the press in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Notice

The Surrey County Council High Street (D3809) Walton on Thames Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order 2022

Surrey County Council propose to make the above-mentioned Temporary Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicles from entering or proceeding in that length of High Street (D3809) Walton on Thames as extends from its junction with (A3050) Hepworth Way and (D3807) Bridge Street to its junction with (A244) New Zealand Avenue/Ashley Road. Alternative Route – A3050 Hepworth Way/Bridge Street and A244 New Zealand Avenue.

This Order, which will commence on 18 August 2022 for a period of 18 months is required because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the said roads, to be carried out by or on behalf of Surrey County Council, including but not limited to: road table construction works and/or zebra crossing installation and/or highway improvement works. Advanced warning signs will be displayed and the temporary closure, which is anticipated to be in operation 24 hours per day, will only operate when the relevant traffic signs are displayed. Any vehicle found to be obstructing the highway during these works will be removed to outside the limits of the works after all reasonable methods have been undertaken to identify and contact the vehicle's owner.

Access for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times. There will be no vehicular access through the works area which will extend from (X5233) The Heart and for a distance of 30 metres to either side and all vehicles, including residents and the emergency services will be required to follow the signed diversion route. The Council are satisfied that, in accordance with Section 3(2)(a) and 3(2)(b) of the Act, vehicular access to and from premises within the length of road above or accessible only therefrom may be restricted in order to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road and/or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

Dated 29 July 2022

Authorising Officer: Richard Bolton

Local Highway Services Group Manager