

Traffic Restrictions on Denmark Street (near Junction of Carnival Roundabout) and Langborough Road

The town centre regeneration and Market Place works are massive investments being made to secure a bright future for the town centre. They are necessary to prevent a slow decline and to make sure the town is an attractive, successful place.

The town centre lacked the range of shops and other attractions to draw in and keep visitors and, thus, it was losing far too much retail spend to its neighbours. The Borough Council became a major landowner in the town centre in order to ensure the necessary regeneration takes place and that the benefits will come to the community as a whole.

It is vital that people understand this context when considering the current, temporary problems.

What are the current restrictions in place?

Denmark Street

- Denmark Street is closed southbound from its junction with Langborough Road to Carnival roundabout
- Traffic will be able to travel northbound along Denmark Street from the Carnival roundabout towards the Denmark Street car parks (which remain open). Traffic will also be able to turn into Langborough Road from Denmark Street
- Traffic exiting the Denmark Street car parks will need to turn left into Langborough Road. It will not be able to travel towards the Carnival roundabout as the road is closed

Langborough Road

- A one-way restriction will be in place on Langborough Road between Denmark Street and its junction with Gipsy Lane. This will mean traffic will only be able to travel eastbound (from the junction with Denmark Street). The remainder of Langborough Road remains two ways between Gipsy Lane and Murdoch Road.

Norton Road

- No left hand turn allowed from Norton Road onto Denmark Street towards the Carnival Roundabout

Common questions answered

What works are being carried out that requires the restrictions that are now in place on Denmark Street and Langborough Road?

As part of the Elms Field regeneration project we need to do some essential works in the section of road between the Carnival roundabout and the junction with Langborough Road. This involves moving utilities and levelling the bank to allow us to dig out foundations. As part of this work we will also be widening the existing narrow road and footpath.

Why were these works not carried out when Langborough Road was closed previously?

Construction works at Elms Field started on 19 March and a variety of enabling and groundworks needed to be completed before our contractors were in a position to carry out works alongside Denmark Street. This meant that we were not in a position to time this with the original closure of Langborough Road which reopened on Friday 23 March.

How long will the works take?

Works are scheduled to take up to three months, however we are working hard with our contractors McLaughlin & Harvey to get works completed as soon as possible and minimise the disruption as much as possible.

Why are these works being carried out at the same time as Market Place?

Whilst we recognise the impact these works have on some local drivers we believe carrying them out together is the best approach. The majority of traffic is already being diverted away from this location due to existing Denmark Street closure for Market Place and carrying them out at the same time, rather than consecutively, reduces the overall closure time by several months.

How can I get to Wokingham Library and Denmark Street car park?

You can still access the car parks from the Carnival roundabout as usual. However, when leaving you need to turn left onto Denmark Street and then left again onto Langborough Road and follow the diversion route as there is no southbound access between the junction with Langborough Road and Carnival roundabout.

How can I manage deliveries to my business on Denmark Street?

Permitted vehicles can still access Denmark Street northbound from the Carnival roundabout and can continue to service properties as agreed for the Market Place works. On leaving Denmark Street they will need to turn left onto Langborough Road where the eastbound width restriction has been suspended whilst works take place.

Where is the signage about the works?

We've put up signage about the closures in key locations (including the Easthampstead Road / Murdoch Road junction and other points in Murdoch Road and Langborough Road) to remind people that there is no access to Denmark Street via Murdoch Road/Langborough Road and will keep this under review to ensure it remains effective.

Why has the 'Langborough one way only' approach changed since the original information was publicised?

Since publishing the original traffic management order on 3 May, we've been working closely with the Great Langborough Residents Association (GLRA) to discuss some of their concerns. We have agreed with them to trial keeping the majority of Langborough Road as two ways making it easier for residents to access their homes. The one way restriction remains between the junction with Gipsy Lane and Denmark Street. Letters were distributed to residents living on local roads to inform them of this change. This approach remains under review.

If you have any further questions regarding these works please email:

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