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Road works at Murketts Corner, Cambridge from 7 April A briefing note from the Traffic Manager's Service

Overview

Anglian Water has reported a major foul sewer collapse at Murketts Corner, Cambridge (the junction of Huntingdon Road/ Histon Road/ Victoria Road). Emergency remedial work is expected to start on Tuesday 7 April and will last for 9 to 10 weeks. It is expected that there will be significant disruption to traffic for the duration of the works.

Additional signing has been agreed for entrance points to the city to warn drivers of possible delays at Murketts and advising them to avoid the area. This will be reinforced by use of the VMS signs.

Anglian Water will carry out a letter drop and work with the media and our press office to publicise the works. Arrangements have also been made to notify emergency services and bus operators, however, in some instances bus services may have to be diverted.

Where and at what times will the work be carried out?

In order to carry out the works, the contractor will need to excavate to a depth of 5 metres in Huntingdon Road in the offside westbound lane between Mount Pleasant and Victoria Road, and in the nearside southbound lane of Victoria Road. The contractor will be working daylight hours 7 days a week, including the Easter weekend, in order to speed up the works. They will not be working in to the evening as it is considered unsafe to be working at such depths by artificial light.

How will the traffic get through?

Initially the 2 central lanes of Huntingdon Road between Victoria Road and Mount Pleasant will be fenced off as the work area. About 2 weeks in to the project the nearside lane of Victoria Road travelling towards Huntingdon Road will be fenced off between Histon Road and Huntingdon Road.

For the duration of the works the Huntingdon Road/ Victoria Road junction will operate as 3 simple stages. This will still allow all movements but the capacity of the junction will be reduced. During this time the contractor will monitor queue lengths and allow extra green time on the traffic lights if necessary.

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