

Shinfield Road (A327) / Cutbush Lane phased completion FAQ:

Q. What work are you doing and why is it needed?

A. The project to build the Shinfield Eastern Relief Road on behalf of the University of Reading is nearing completion. To allow us to safely connect the new road to the existing network at Shinfield Road and Cutbush Lane, we will be carrying out a lot of the remaining work using lane closures to control traffic. In order to minimise the level of disruption to the local community and the travelling public, we will be carrying out the work in several phases which have been reviewed and agreed with Wokingham Borough Council.

Q. When is the work taking place?

A. Between now and 30th October 2016. Detailed phasing below:

i. From now until 18th July '16

Preparation work using single lane closures.
All roads remain fully open.

ii. 18th July to 22nd July inclusive (5 days)

Cutbush Lane/Shinfield Road junction will be fully closed from early hours of Monday 18th July.

Access to and from Cutbush Lane will be via an alternative signed route.
All traffic will continue to use the existing M4 bridge.

iii. 22nd July to 27th August inclusive

Traffic to Shinfield (and beyond) will use the new M4 bridge and will access the village via the Lane End Farm gyratory system.

Traffic to Reading will continue to use the existing M4 bridge.

The existing M4 bridge will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists.

Cutbush Lane access will be as follows:

Entering – There will be no right turn from Shinfield Road onto Cutbush Lane

Traffic will need to go over the old bridge, round Black Boy roundabout and back over the new bridge.

Exiting – There will be no right turn from Cutbush Lane onto Shinfield Road. Traffic will need to turn left onto Shinfield Road and then use the roundabout at Church Lane to turn around.

iv. 27th August to 30th October inclusive

The existing M4 bridge will be fully closed for refurbishment.

All vehicles, including pedestrians and cyclists, will use the new M4 bridge.

On completion of the refurbishment, the existing bridge will re-open to pedestrians, cyclists and buses only.

The above dates do not include the work at Arborfield Road roundabout (dates for this will be circulated as soon as they are finalised) and are subject to weather conditions.

Q. What are the hours of working?

A.

Normal working hours	08.00 – 18.00
Shinfield Road/Cutbush Lane junction full closure installation	Early hours Monday 18 th July
Where required permitted extended hours from 18 th to 22 nd July inclusive	21.00 hrs finish (with 30 minute close down)

Q. Why might you need to work longer hours?

A.

During the Shinfield Road/Cutbush Lane full closure period **only**, we have requested extended hours to allow for the possibility of overruns and to ensure that the road is reopened before the Monday peak period. This will cover all day working on both Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July.

Q. Where does the closure extend from and to?

A.

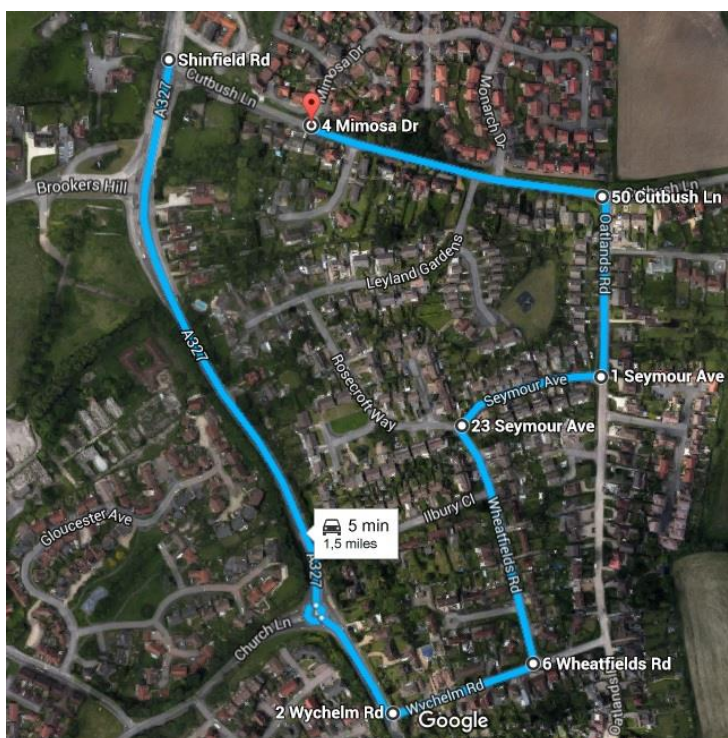
The junction at Shinfield Road and Cutbush Lane.

Q. What is the diversion route?

A.

While the Shinfield Road (A327) / Cutbush Lane junction is closed local traffic will be diverted via:

Hollow Lane, Wychelm Road, Wheatfields Road, Seymour Avenue, Oatlands Road and then Cutbush Lane. *The same route is operated in the reverse for traffic travelling in the opposite direction.*



We will ensure that sufficient hard signage is erected to indicate diversion routes and “no access” signage to discourage drivers from using unsuitable roads.

Q. Will the Hollow Lane / Wychelm Road junction be controlled by traffic signals while it is being used as part of the diversion route?

A. Yes

Q. Where will Bellway Homes construction traffic go?

A. We are finalising plans with Bellway Homes. Where possible, Bellway Homes will postpone deliveries requiring larger vehicles. Large vehicles that do need access to the site during the closure will be escorted via the ERR.

Q. How will public transport be affected?

A. We are liaising with Reading Buses and the local authority public transport co-ordinator and they will notify local service operators of the work. Please see Reading Buses for further information.

Q. Will emergency vehicles have access?

A. Emergency vehicles will have full access; however, this will be via an alternative route during the closure of the Shinfield Road (A327) / Cutbush Lane junction. The emergency services are fully informed about the closure and will make arrangements to access properties from the most appropriate direction.

Q. Who can I speak to about the project?

A. At the Council?

The best contact at WBC is Louise Page, contactable through louise.page@wokingham.gov.uk or phone 0118 974 6000.

At UoR?

The best contact at the University is the University of Reading Press Office, contactable through 0118 378 5757 or pressoffice@reading.ac.uk.

At HOCHTIEF (UK) Construction?

The best contact at HOCHTIEF (UK) Construction is Kelly Shear, contactable through 07976 180 915, or email kelly.shear@hochtief.co.uk.