

B1112 Eriswell / Lakenheath - Drainage improvements

Drainage improvements will be taking place along B1112 Eriswell/Lakenheath between Eriswell Road and Earls Field roundabout. The works are programmed to take place **from 26 September and will continue until 25 November 2022.**

The road will be closed for **24 hours each day** for the duration to ensure that we have sufficient road widths to carry out our works safely.

For the duration of the road closure, traffic will be diverted via **B1112, A1065, C620 Wangford Road, B1112 and vice versa.**

Whilst we appreciate that the length of the diversion route will cause disruption to the residents of the local area, it is essential that these drainage improvements are completed. Access to businesses and residents will be available at all times via north of the Earls Field and Lords Walk roundabout.

The work consists of addressing several drainage issues, including the standing water at the roundabout and 200m south of the roundabout. Whilst we appreciate that the issues may not be visible during every rainfall, with winter on the way this can cause serious issues, such as an increased risk of ice forming and subsequent deterioration of the road surface.

The drainage system at this location isn't operating properly, so we will need to fix this before further failure of the system occurs and creates wider flooding issues. Our teams will be using a high-pressure jet on all gullies, kerb offset pipes, soakaways and catchpits to improve the drainage capacity. Along with the installation of over 300m of new drainage pipe in the verge and footway, connecting existing kerb offlets and installing new kerb offlets, constructing new catchpits and connecting surface water sewer.

There are a total of 52 drainage assets in the section of the road closure, of which 11 are slow running, 33 are non-operational with the remaining 8 assets working on the last inspection.

School buses will be granted access through the road closure each morning however, the afternoon bus service will follow the diversion route, as agreed with the Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport team.

The bus stop within the closure will be temporarily suspended during week 1 & 2 of the road closure, however a temporary bus stop will be installed near to the Lord Walk / Earl Field roundabout for morning pickups.

For the afternoon school bus, the service will follow the official diversion route. Drop off will be near to the Lords Walk / Earls Field roundabout. The current bus stop along the B1112 near to Eriswell Road will be unaffected.

As we plan roadworks in advance, we schedule extra days to allow for bad weather or other delays beyond our control. If we need to make major changes to our work dates, we will update the information signs on site.

For further details, visit <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/b1112-eriswell-lakenheath>



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