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Southgates Roundabout - Roadworks Update

Week 6 – Monday 8th March 2010

Roadworks at Southgates roundabout in King's Lynn continue through their second month.

In the last week, major renewal of BT cables at Vancouver Avenue has been underway. These cables supply most of the town and their diversion is a key factor in completing road widening at the roundabout.



This week has seen the last road crossing finished in Hardwick Road, with electric cable ducts and a drainage pipe laid in one trench near Beech Road. This will enable EDF to begin their cable diversions in this area next week. Lane closures will be used in Hardwick Road from 09:30 to 15:30 to do this.

The connection to the water main under Hardwick Road on the approach to the roundabout will be completed on Monday and the hole filled and reinstated.

Ducting for the next section of the electric cable diversion is being laid in the footway from London Road into Vancouver Avenue. In the same area, excavations are taking place to allow the water main diversion works to begin. A temporary footway route is being provided while the footway is closed, and two lanes of traffic will be maintained on London Road using a tidal system with two lanes inbound in the morning and two outbound in the afternoon. Existing road markings will be removed and further signing introduced to help clarify this as some drivers have been reluctant to use the outside lane offered when leaving town.

Later in the week, electric cables ducts will be laid along the north side of Wisbech Road with an inbound lane closure from 1 o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday.

Road widening along the south side of Hardwick Road and the west side of Nar Ouse Way will continue.

On Sunday 21st March, Vancouver Avenue will be closed to allow ducts to be laid near the roundabout. The closure will last from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, and a signed diversion route via London Road, the one-way system and Littleport Street will be in use.

The Southgates project is one of the transport improvements that began in King's Lynn in 2009 after Norfolk County Council and the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk secured £5.3m from the Government's Community Infrastructure Fund

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