

Gas pipeline diversion work at Chorlton

TX35 HS2 gas pipeline diversion

Extracts from the local traffic management plan detailing works affecting highways and footpaths.

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. To allow for the build and operation of the new railway, National Grid is legally required to move some overhead lines, pylons and gas pipelines along the HS2 route.

The new HS2 railway will pass above one of our existing gas pipelines at Chorlton, between Audley and Nantwich. To ensure the pipeline continues to operate safely and reliably, we need to divert it. None of our work will affect gas supplies.

To enable us to construct two bellmouths and modify existing passing bays on Chorlton Lane, we first need to modify/install seven passing bays along Waybutt Lane.

So we can carry out this work safely and with the approval of Cheshire East Council, Waybutt Lane will be closed from 4 January 2022 until the morning of 10 January. Chorlton Lane will be closed from the afternoon of 10 January until 3 March. Traffic will be diverted along Waybutt Lane and Newcastle Road during this time.

Works affecting highways

We've assessed the most efficient and safe way to carry out our work to reduce the impact on road users and the local community. With the approval of Cheshire East Council, the arrangements to manage these works are as follows:

Newcastle Road

- Temporary traffic lights were initially planned to be on Newcastle Road from 8 – 24 December however these are no longer needed
- Temporary traffic lights will be in use on 4 January until around 4 February. After that, it'll be open to two-way traffic as usual

Chorlton Lane

- Temporary traffic lights were initially planned to be on Chorlton Lane, near Hare Hill, from 15 – 24 December however these are no longer needed

- Chorlton Lane will be closed from the afternoon of 10 January to 3 March while we construct the bellmouths and carry out work to build and widen new and existing passing bays. Traffic will be diverted along Waybutt Lane and Newcastle Road. The closure will apply during the working week only – from 7am on Mondays until 4pm on Fridays. **This means from mid-January to early March, Chorlton Lane can be used as usual at weekends**
- From 4 March, 'stop' and 'go' boards (or similar) will be in use for local traffic control on Chorlton Lane to enable deliveries to our site. Traffic should wait in one of the passing bays when we receive deliveries. Our contractors will also use a radio system to aid traffic flow. **This means Chorlton Lane will remain open while we work in the area**
- We'll reintroduce the closure of Chorlton Lane and the diversion along Waybutt Lane and Newcastle Road around late September/early October. We expect it'll close for approximately three weeks while we remove the bellmouths and new passing bays on Chorlton Lane. We're yet to confirm exact dates with Cheshire East Council so we'll keep you updated as plans progress

Waybutt Lane

- We'll close the road from 4 January while we build the passing bays. It's due to reopen the morning of 10 January. We'll close it again later in the year when we remove the passing bays. We'll be in touch with dates nearer the time
- A road sweeper will be in use during the working week while Chorlton Lane is closed (mid-January to early March) to help keep the road clear for vehicles

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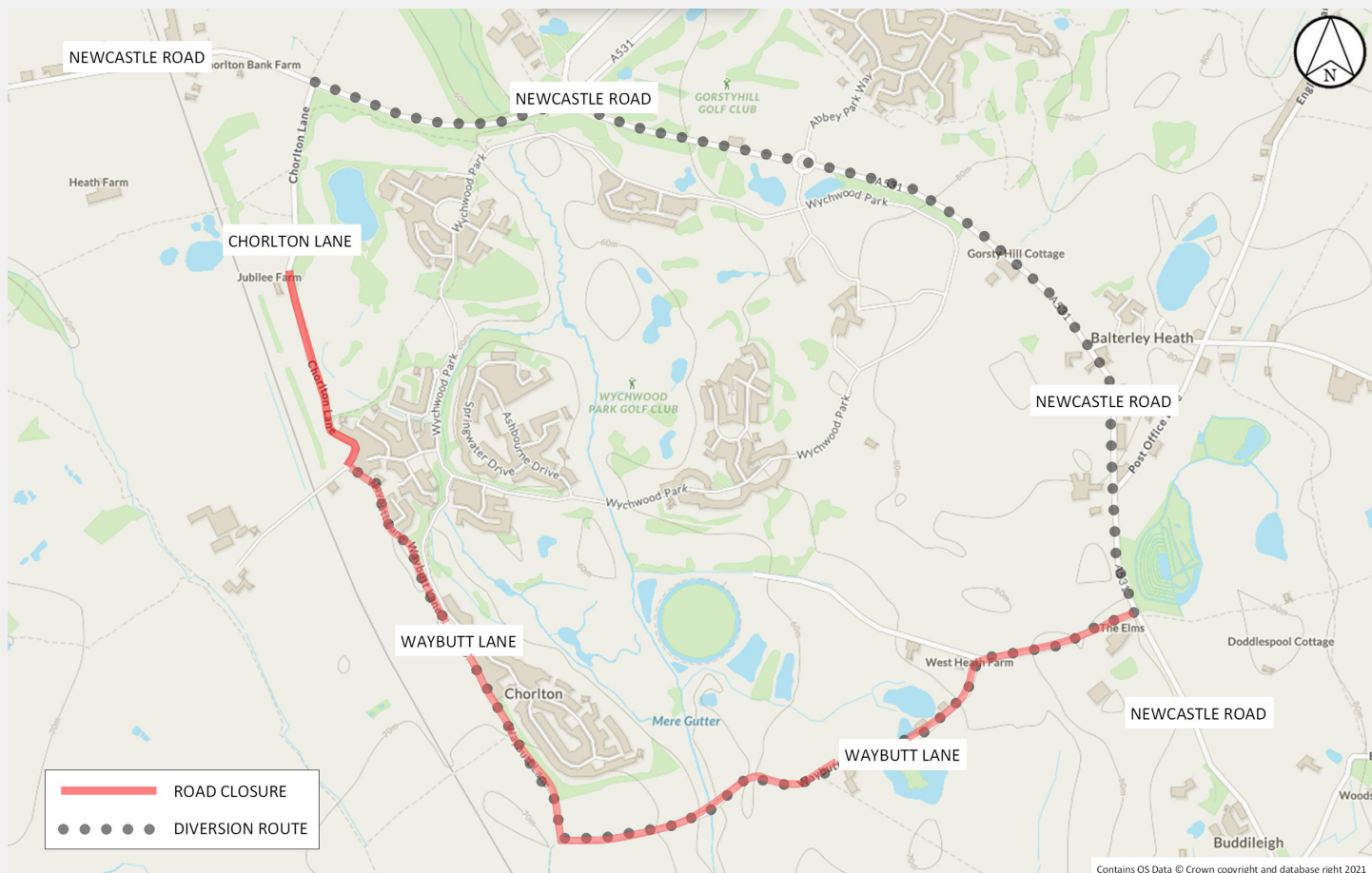
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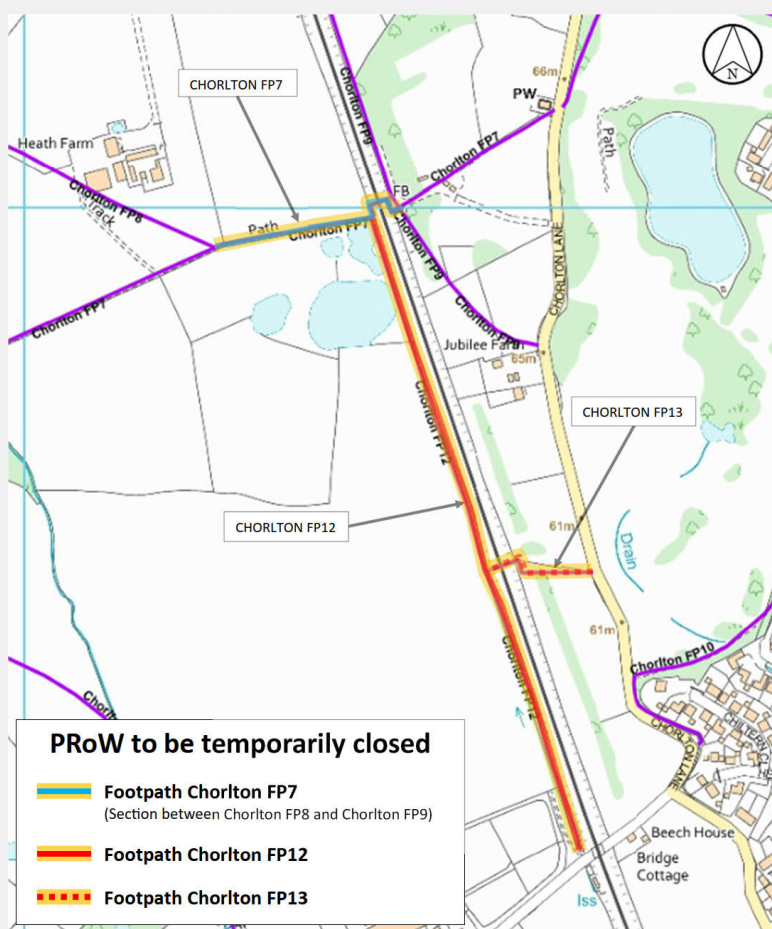
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Public Rights of Way (PRoW) closures

We'll also need to temporarily close several Public Rights of Way (PRoW) in the interest of safety of users of these routes.

Footpaths Chorlton FP7 (section between Chorlton FP8 and FP9), FP12 and FP13 pass through our site so we'll close them from 7 December 2021 until 4 November 2022.



We'll post notices in advance of the closures at each end and on connecting footpaths.

We have permission from Cheshire East Council and Staffordshire County Council for the closures and diversions.

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