

Roadworks starting on 26th January 2026

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Dear Resident

Works starting on Woodlands Avenue for new active travel route – disruption likely.

From 26 January, We are due to start building a new active travel route from Woodley town centre into Reading Borough at Palmer Park.

We'll be closing Woodlands Avenue in sections to complete these works, starting at the eastern end of Woodlands Avenue and progressing towards Palmer Park. There is an overview of these sections, with expected dates and impacts, on the back of this letter.

These works, carried out by our contractor VolkerHighways, should be finished by mid-August, and we'll work closely together to minimise any inconvenience where we can. We're committed to working as quickly as possible, but it could take longer than expected if we face unforeseen challenges like bad weather.

We'll have advance warning signs on site and we'll be sharing further details, including maps and up to date schedules, on the project webpage. For the latest information, as well as the history and purpose of this project, visit wokingham.gov.uk and search 'Woodley to Reading active travel route'.

We'll be using temporary traffic management measures, including temporary traffic lights and road closures where necessary, to keep everyone safe and the works running smoothly.

Vehicle access or exit to properties may be restricted or delayed during these works. Please don't park on the road or otherwise block it when works are due to take place. Pedestrian access will generally be maintained, but for safety reasons it may be restricted at times.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding throughout this period of improvement. If you have any questions or specific access requirements, please contact our project team at www.wokingham.gov.uk/hge

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Yours faithfully,

Capital Schemes Team
Wokingham Borough Council and Volker Highways.

Woodley to Reading Active Travel Route – expected works schedule on Woodlands Avenue in 2026

- **26 January** - Lytham Road to Roslyn Road (road closure)
Diversion via Howth Drive, Beechwood Avenue and Lytham Road
- **11 March** - Roslyn Road to Woodwaye (road closure)
Diversion via Howth Drive, Beechwood Avenue and Lytham Road
- **21 April** - Woodwaye to Howth Drive (road closure)
Diversion via Howth Drive, Beechwood Avenue and Lytham Road
- **23 May** - Howth Drive to Fairwater Drive (road closure)
Diversion via Fairwater Drive, Nightingale Road and Crockhamwell Road (eastbound) or via Lytham Road and Beechwood Avenue (westbound)
- **16 June** - Crockhamwell Road to Lytham Road (road closure)
Diversion via Fairwater Drive, Nightingale Road and Crockhamwell Road. For access to Lytham Road via Crockhamwell Road, Loddon Bridge Road and Headley Road.
- **4 July** – Town Street to Lytham Road (road closure)
Diversion via Crockhamwell Road, Loddon Bridge Road, Headley Road and Lytham Road.
- **15 July** - Fairwater Drive including Howth Drive to Bulmershe School entrance (road closure)
Diversion via Church Road, Pitts Lane, Reading Road and Howth Drive. For access to Woodlands Avenue, diversion via Crockhamwell Road and Nightingale Road.
- **Mid-August** – Works on Woodlands Avenue expected to finish.

These dates are indicative and could change if we face unforeseen delays. For the latest information, search 'Woodley to Reading active travel route' at wokingham.gov.uk or check on-site signage.

Further works are also due on Church Road and Culver Lane from summer 2026 onwards.

We'll share more information about these nearer the time, when works programmes have been finalised, in our weekly Moving Around the Borough newsletter. You can sign up at wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter.