

Closure of Beachley Road 20th October 2016

Residents will be aware that Beachley Road will be closed along part of its length from 20th to 28th October 2016 for much needed re-surfacing work. The road will be closed between the roundabout and Ormerod Road from 07.30 to 17.30 each weekday and we are told the road will be passable outside of these hours and on the weekend.

While the work is welcomed there will, of course, be some disruption to residents and there has been some concern about notification of the diversion route and access to the area during the closure. I spoke with GCC Highways (Amey) and the key points are listed below:

- The road will be closed along the full length of the works from day one (i.e. it will not be closed in sections).
- For legal reasons the diversion signs cannot be displayed until they become active (i.e. the work has started).
- Sedbury Lane will be the only notified diversion as it's the same class of road as Beachley Road. Amey cannot divert traffic onto a road of a lesser class (e.g. the estate roads).
- Beachley Barracks and SARA have been informed and are planning their activities accordingly.
- Residents of single access point roads (e.g. Tyler's Way) have been informed they will have no access during the closure. However, I am told a marshal will be on hand to guide any vehicles that need access subject to safe passage past the heavy machinery.
- Sedbury Lane will not have any traffic control. There are limited passing places for larger vehicles but it could be a hot spot.
- Amey is relying on the good will of residents and hope that after day one things will settle down into a workable pattern.

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