

Portsmouth Road Improvement Works FAQs

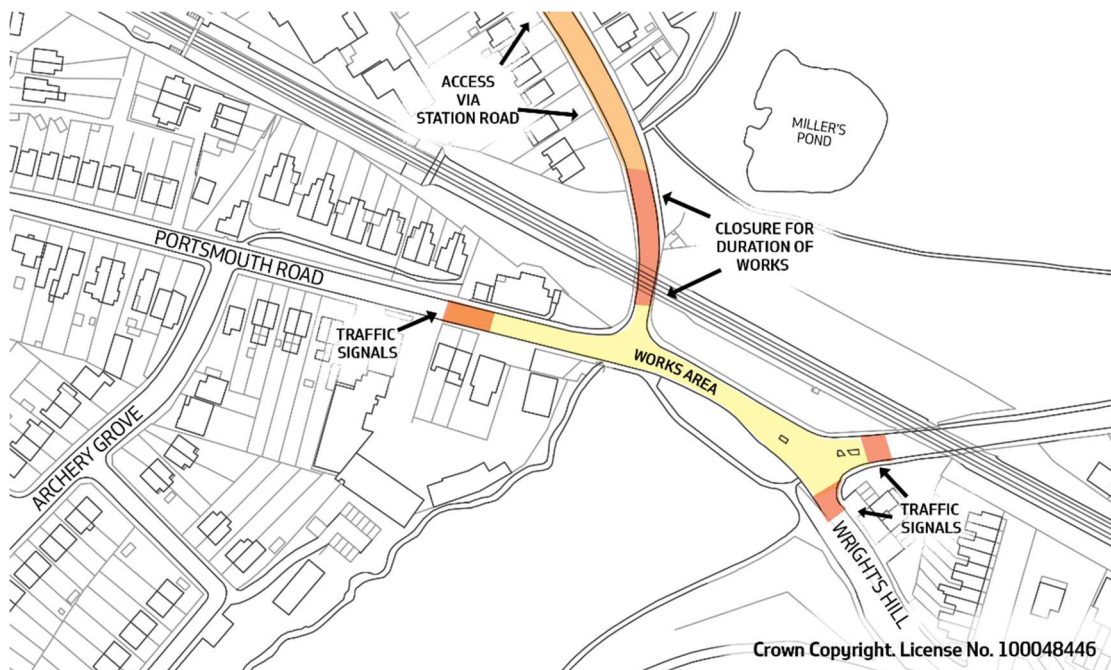
What works are you doing and where?

We are working to improve road safety for pedestrians along **Portsmouth Road** by improving crossings at the junctions with Fort Road, Spring Road and Botley Road. The scope of the project includes the delivery of:

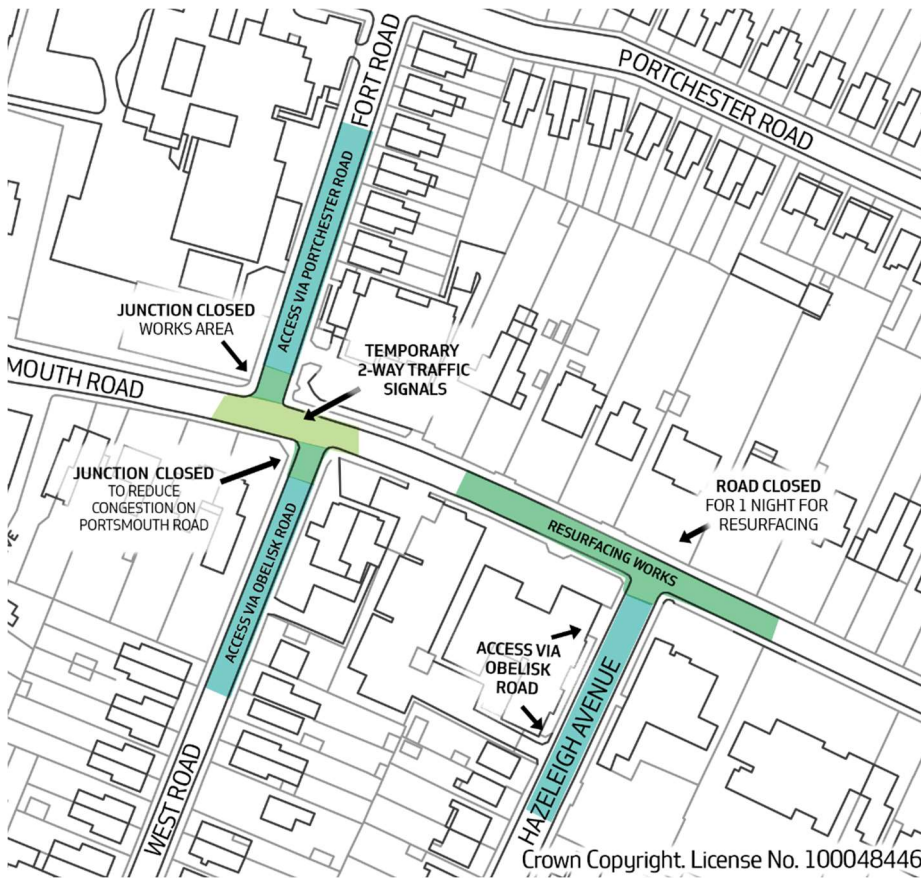
- A new zebra crossing on **Portsmouth Road** just west of its junction with **Spring Road**
- A new zebra crossing on **Portsmouth Road** just west of its junction with **Botley Road**
- A continuous footway across **Fort Road, Adey Close** and **The Grove** at their junctions with **Portsmouth Road**
- Adding High Friction Surfacing on approaches to existing push button crossings along **Portsmouth Road**

Areas of work:

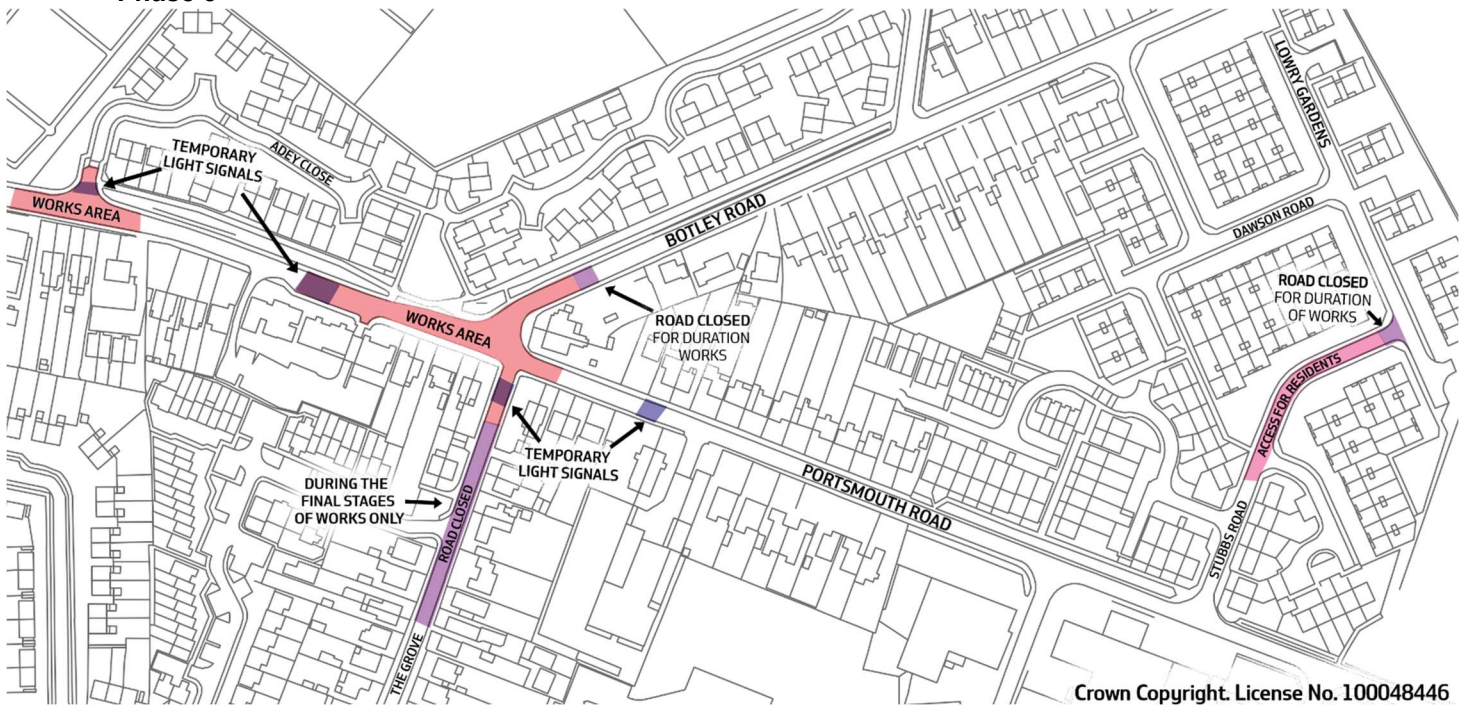
Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3



When are you starting works and how long will it take to deliver this scheme?

The works are expected to take approximately 14 weeks to complete in total and will be carried out in three phases.

- **Phase 1: Monday 20 May 2024 – Saturday 15 June 2024**
The installation of a pedestrian zebra crossing and crossing islands on Portsmouth Road just west its junction with Spring Road
- **Phase 2: Monday 17 June 2024 – Saturday 29 June 2024**
The construction of a continuous footway across Fort Road.
- **Phase 3: Monday 22 July – Wednesday 28 August 2024**
The installation of a pedestrian zebra crossing on Portsmouth Road just west of its junction with Botley Road and continuous footways on both Portsmouth Road near its junctions with Adey Close and The Grove.

Why are you doing this work?

Portsmouth Road, which serves the local community with routes to local schools and access to green spaces, has been identified by the Road Safety Foundation, on behalf of the DfT, as a road that would benefit from additional road safety measures to help minimise the risk of accidents.

These upgrades will also support people in making sustainable and active journeys by bus, walking and wheeling in and around the Woolston, Itchen, Weston and Sholing areas.

Will pedestrian routes be restricted?

Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout our work, there may however be times when you may need to cross to the other side of the road, or you may need to use temporary footways or temporary push-button crossings.

Will my bus route be affected?

Whilst we work closely with the bus networks to alert them of any future or current works, the bus operators will design and maintain their own diversions or temporary stops. If you are planning to travel by bus during this scheme, please check in advance with your bus service to see if your route is affected at [Bluestar – Shining across your city](#).

Will I experience delays whilst travelling?

There will be temporary traffic signals and pedestrian crossings in operation 24/7. The traffic signals will be manned during peak times to assist traffic flow. The temporary traffic management that is in place to ensure the safety of the public and our workforce is likely to extend travelling times, please plan your journeys.

How are these works being funded?

The **Portsmouth Road** scheme was identified by the Road Safety Foundation on behalf of the Department for Transport for £875,000 of funding from the Safer Roads Fund to help minimise the risk of accidents.

Why is there a road closure on Spring Road (Phase 1) and Botley Road (Phase 3)

These roads will be **closed** for the duration of works to create a welfare, safety and storage zone for our team to use whilst we carry out our works in this area.

Why is there a road closure on West Road? (Phase 2)

During phase 2 - **West Road** will be closed with a diversion route for the duration of this phase to prevent traffic congestion on **Portsmouth Road**.

Why is there a road closure on Hazeleigh Avenue? (Phase 2)

Hazeleigh Avenue will be closed at its junction with **Portsmouth Road** for **1 night** between **8:00pm** and **6:00am** for resurfacing works.

Why is there a road closure on Stubbs Road? (Phase 3)

During phase 3 - **Portsmouth Road** junction with **Botley Road**, **Adey Close** and **The Grove**. There will also be a **road closure** on **Stubbs Road** at the junction with **Lowry Gardens** for the duration of works to prevent traffic congestion for residents that live in the area. Access into **Lowry Gardens** from **Portsmouth Road** will not be possible throughout the delivery of works.

How will you keep residents and businesses updated?

Individual properties and businesses directly affected by the scheme will initially be contacted by letter or email. For further updates on works, scan the QR code at the end of these FAQs or visit:

<https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portsmouthroad/>

Who will be undertaking the improvements?

Balfour Beatty are working in partnership with Southampton City Council to manage the highways service across city and will be carrying out this Department for Transport funded work.

How do I get in touch to ask a question or find out more?

You can reach our customer services team by emailing roadworks@southampton.gov.uk, where we aim to get back to standard enquiries within 5 working days. Our team on site work considerately, if you do have any concern or queries, please speak to them when they arrive on site and they will do their best to help.



Further information on these works can be found by scanning the QR code. To plan your journey, visit myjourneysouthampton.com/travel, for any other enquiries, please email roadworks@southampton.gov.uk.