

January 2025

Dear residents,

**Heatons Link Phase 2 – Harwood Road to New Beech Road Path Closure**

Thank you for your patience and co-operation as our works progress in the area to deliver the next phase of the Heatons Link. The works will provide approximately 2km of path improvements between Harwood Road - Cherry Holt Avenue and Burnage Lane - Priestnall Road. This forms part of a wider 6.5km route between the Fallowfield Loop and Trans-Pennine Trail, with connections to the local active travel network.

Our works have mainly been progressing since the end of October around Priestnall playing field, through the Hey, and between Heaton Mersey Common and Burnage Lane. Surfacing is underway and we will be able to open these sections in the next few weeks.

**Works will be taking place from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February on the path between Harwood Road and New Beech Road.** The path is being widened, and with improved surfacing and lighting. Vegetation will be cut back along the sides of the path, some tree maintenance will also be carried out at the same time under our specialist arboriculture team as part of a strategy to ensure an established wooded environment for the future.

**The works require a full closure of the path for approximately 3 months,** between Harwood Road and New Beech Road. Please respect the barriers in place, using the signed diversions via Didsbury Road or other routes.

Vegetation works will also take place during half term (w/c 17<sup>th</sup> February) along the St John's Primary boundary, with the main works to follow - this will require the path to be closed between New Beech Road and the Common until early summer. Access to the school will be maintained at all times via Poplar Street.

Paths generally need remain closed until the associated phase of works are fully completed, but we will always endeavour to open sections of path when it is safe and appropriate to do so. Clear signage will be provided during all periods of closure.

Our main construction access will be via New Beech Road, which will be used sensitively with respect to residents.

The working methodology may be subject to change. Up to date information about the wider works is on our website, including the scheme drawing and diversion routes: [www.stockport.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/roadworks).

If you have any questions about the works, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0161 474 2299 or at [walkcycle@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:walkcycle@stockport.gov.uk). To report an out-of-hours emergency on site, please call 0161 474 5555.

Yours faithfully,  
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