

A38 Works at Hunts Grove

Q&A from Public Information Event 10 June 2025

- **Can you position more 'Resident only access' or 'Slow' signs on smaller roads to prevent them becoming 'rat runs'?**
- Yes, we have added new signs – including 'Slow', 'Caution, pedestrians in road ahead', 'Slow, pedestrians crossing', 'Resident only access' and 'No through route' in many of the locations suggested by residents at the Information Evening, including along Pound Lane and Green Lane (see the red dots on the map below.)



- **Construction vehicles parking on Bath Road near Costa are causing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns. Can you paint yellow lines to prevent this?**
- Yellow lines are a permanent feature that require a Traffic Regulation Order from GCC (a legal process that could potentially take months). However, they have not been deemed necessary prior to these works so it is believed they will not be required long-term. Instead, we have placed chicane and no parking cones along the road to prevent this problem for the duration of the works.
- In addition, we have instructed workers associated with the Hunts Grove junction works to not park there.

- **Can you improve the clarity of signage for pedestrian/cycle routes?**
- We have changed or repositioned some of the signs and added new ones at the start and finish of every path.

- **The sign opposite the Miller & Carter roundabout is confusing: can you check?**
- The signage has been assessed and improved at this location.

- **Can you improve access/egress for the existing allotments on the A38?**
- We have reconfigured the works compound's access to make the allotment access/egress safer and easier.

- **Traffic queues at the lights on the B4008 will potentially block visibility and accessibility for properties near the slip road.**
- We have put this issue to GCC's Highways department, to determine the best solution.

- **The diversion route relating to the Castle Lane works seem to conflict with the diversion route relating to the Hunts Grove junction works. Can you review?**
- We have put this concern to GCC's Highways team so that they can assess and ensure that all local diversions schemes are aligned.

- **Drivers are ignoring the 'Road closed ahead' sign on Bath Road and then turning on residents' driveways. Can you put a concrete block in the way to enforce no entry?**
- We are closely monitoring the situation and will take steps to address the problems if they persist.

- **Can the overall programme be changed now?**
- No, they are the result of a multi-year planning programme undertaken by GCC, Crest Nicholson and its engineering and highways design consultants including contractor O'Brien, in consultation with key local stakeholders such as the utilities companies and SDC. The plans now being executed have been through a thorough review by GCC's Highways Authority, including its Traffic Management team, and SDC's Planning office. Any changes would cause extensive delays and additional disruption, and would unlikely result in any change to the programme currently underway.

- **Can you work 24/7 to shorten the period of the works?**
- The idea of night working has been discussed in depth by the construction team, but will not be pursued because:
 - There won't be a discernible gain for drivers. Works are being undertaken in multiple areas simultaneously, and day access is required permanently to support the various ongoing service works, deliveries and installation of cables and pipes.
 - Any potential time saving would be offset by lengthy delays while we seek the additional necessary permits.
 - Night work noise will also inconvenience residents.

- **Are there any special protections to prevent hold-ups for emergency vehicles?**
- GCC's Highways team is highly experienced and will have considered emergency vehicle access in working with us to develop the Traffic Management Plan.
- **Can some of the local bus lanes be opened at least during peak hours to alleviate some of the congestion?**
- A number of suggestions were made by residents, and we have put those to GCC's Highways team for consideration.
- **Is the flyover structurally safe?**
- The Traffic Management Plan for the A38 works at Hunts Grove, which includes diverting construction traffic over the flyover, underwent a thorough Technical Approval process by GCC's Highways Team before works were authorised to commence.
- Structural engineers are continuing to monitor the flyover to assess any future works that may be required to support long-term usage.
- **There are a number of development projects underway in the area, and construction traffic parking on the road is affecting traffic flow and poses a safety issue for pedestrians. Can you help?**
- We have asked SDC to enforce the agreed official construction accesses for each of the developer teams in area.
- **Some of the workers have been rude or unhelpful to residents.**
- We hold all our workers and sub-contractors to the highest standards of behaviour, and have reminded all that they must show residents the respect and courtesy you deserve, at risk of dismissal.
- **Could you position traffic officers along the works to reduce road rage?**
- This would be a matter for National (M5/slip road) or GCC (A38), and not something we have any influence over. If you notice any problems, please report them in the first instance to GCC via: [FixMyStreet](#) This has already resulted in the Police placing a mobile speed camera on Church Lane (18 June).
- What we can do and are doing is undertaking daily Traffic Management checks throughout the works and diversions area, to check all signs are in the correct place and in a safe location. As a record photos are being taken each day. It is evident from this that drivers are moving some signs: we will continue to reposition moved signs during our inspections, and report as necessary.
- **Where can I find the plans and get updates?**
- Hunts Grove Parish Council, Hardwick Parish Council, Quedgeley Town Council and local members of Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council have the information from the contractor O'Brien and have variously displayed it on their websites and socials. We will keep these 'super stakeholders' updated regarding progress and any changes to the planned schedule and diversions.
- Bus route information can be found on Stagecoach's website: www.stagecoachbus.com

- **When will the spine road be completed and connect to the A38?**
- The completed route is shown in blue, in the plan below. We are targeting the end of 2025, in the final phase of the works commencing this summer on the community building within Hunts Grove (subject to the necessary Technical Approval being granted for the road running past the community building.)

