

CITY CENTRE ROADWORKS GOOD NEWS FOR PORTSMOUTH

Colas Ltd, working on behalf of Portsmouth City Council, is resurfacing main routes in the city centre to bring them up to standard.

These are vital routes, used by thousands of vehicles every day. Bringing them up to a proper standard will be good for the whole city – including local drivers, businesses and visitor destinations.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while the work goes on.

Here we answer some of the questions you may have.

WHEN IS THE WORK HAPPENING?

It will start on 23 September and is expected to last until mid-December. We will complete one section of the road network and then move on to another.

WILL IT MEAN TRAFFIC CHAOS?

It shouldn't have much impact, because we'll be doing almost all the work at night, between 8pm and 5.30am. During the day, all lanes will be open, although there will be some ramps, temporary surfaces and temporary signs.

WON'T NIGHT WORKING MEAN NOISE FOR NEARBY RESIDENTS?

It will mean some noise, unfortunately. But we hope residents will understand that we have to keep traffic moving through these very busy routes during the day. We will try to do the noisiest part of the work as soon after 8pm as possible.

WHAT ABOUT WEEKENDS?

We don't plan to work at weekends.

WHICH ROADS ARE YOU RESURFACING?

The attached leaflet gives an outline the road works of each scheme, in its order (although the order of roads within each scheme might change).

WHY ARE YOU DOING IT NOW?

The work was delayed because of uncertainty over whether work might start on redeveloping the area for the Northern Quarter shopping scheme. The Northern Quarter start date has been put back, and we are now able to get on with this necessary work. Colas has been carrying out a five-year programme to resurface roads throughout Portsmouth, and these city centre roads are some of the

last major roads to be worked on. We need to work on them now, while Colas has all the right equipment and resources standing by. If they're not resurfaced now, the roads will get worse and will cost more to fix.

WHAT ABOUT LATE-NIGHT SHOPPING AND SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON?

Colas is aware of special events and will adjust its working times as needed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BUSES?

From scheme 2 onwards, bus stops at the following places will close after 8pm on weekdays, and re-open for the first bus in the morning:

- Commercial Road north (outside McDonald's)
- Commercial Road/All Saints Church
- Market Way

Services 1, 23, and 40 will be diverted via Holbrook Road, Arundel Street, Station Street and Stanhope Road.

Services 5A, 41 and 700 will be diverted via Church Street, Holbrook Road, Arundel Street, Station Street and Stanhope Road.

There will be temporary stops in Holbrook Road.

For more bus information call:

- **First on (023) 9286 3353 or 0870 010 6022**
- **Stagecoach on 0845 121 0190 or**
- **Traveline on 0871 200 22 33**

IS THIS THE END OF THE WORK?

We can't resurface Hope Street at the moment. It is scheduled to be resurfaced in spring 2010, when technical consultations have been finished.

ARE YOU REPLACING STREET LIGHTS TOO?

Yes, some street lights on the above schemes will need to be brought up to standard. This will be done during our resurfacing works in order to minimise disruption.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

- **call the City Helpdesk on (023) 9283 4092 or out of hours, call (023) 9231 0900**
- **for up-to-date information go to www.streets-ahead.uk.com**
- **email pfi@colas.co.uk**