

Date: 30th September 2021

Ref: Frys Rd, Ballymena

Dear Resident / Proprietor

ADVANCE INFORMATION: FRYS ROAD, BALLYMENA

This letter is to advise you in advance of essential road works carried out by John McQuillan Contracts Ltd on behalf of Department for Infrastructure.

We will shortly be carrying out a scheme to improve the condition of the carriageway on Frys Rd, Ballymena between Broughshane Rd and the Cushendall Rd Roundabout. The works are expected to start on Monday 11th October 2021 for a duration of 5 weeks weather permitting.

Work will commence on Monday 11th October 2021 and a lane closure will be put in place allowing traffic to travel in the direction of Broughshane Rd (Ecos Centre). We will begin to remove existing surface and apply the base layer. Please be advised that when leaving your property or housing estate you may be asked to wait a short time to allow machinery to pass. Once we apply the base layer we will begin to raise all gullies, manholes, water tobies etc. The surface course has been programmed to coincide with the school holidays as this process will require a full road closure. The surface course will be laid Week commencing 25th October 2021. When the surface course is being applied the machinery on site will take up the full width of the road. This will have an affect on residents as we may ask you to take alternative routes as we will be unable to allow you to pass. A full diversion will be in place during the works. During the road closure we will be working in a specific area each day so access to properties will differ depending on where the work is being carried out. We will have traffic marshals on site who are there to advise motorists of what part of the site is accessible which is not. The laying of the surface course is the only aspect of works that is weather dependent.

Access will be maintained during the works for residents, businesses and for emergency services although there may be short periods of delay. Due to the nature of the works we will be constantly moving so access to properties may vary depending on what stage of works are ongoing. This may result in you being asked to use the diversion or wait until the machines have passed your premises.

If you have any special access requirements whilst the works are in progress make them known to the site operatives. We will try to cause as little inconvenience as possible and would appreciate your cooperation whilst we are undertaking the works.

Information about roadworks can be found at www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/roadworks. If you have any questions or comments about the scheme, please feel free to contact us via email roadworks@mcqcos.com. Your contact will be logged and a member of the team will respond as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd

James Laverty
Contracts Engineer

SAFETY MESSAGE: Respect our Road Workers

A road workers' workplace is amongst one of the most dangerous and vulnerable places to be, and the people who work there deserve just as much respect as you would expect at your workplace. Not only do oncoming vehicles pose a threat to our road workers, but the behaviour of drivers in passing vehicles is a growing problem. Road workers often experience: the throwing of missiles (often food and bottles), verbal abuse, personal injury caused by road users' vehicles. One of the most worrying and dangerous factors is the speed at which the drivers pass through road works, resulting in collisions and many near misses. Drivers will often ignore the temporary speed limits, leaving the workers even more vulnerable with very little to protect them from approaching vehicles.

Speeding or driving through road closures and abuse to road workers, verbally or physically is not tolerated and incidences will be reported to the PSNI.

When you are approaching roadworks, road closures and diversions:

- Obey all signs: it's the law;
- Slow down: roadwork speed limits apply at all times;
- Drive carefully: you may be liable for damage to your own or other vehicles;
- Expect the unexpected: watch for vehicles entering or leaving the work area;
- Keep a safe distance for other vehicles, traffic barriers, construction equipment and roadworkers;
- Move into the correct lane in good time and stay there: unnecessary weaving can cause accidents;
- Follow roadworkers' instructions: they keep you safe from harm;
- Plan ahead: allow extra time for unexpected delays;
- Be patient: we are building better and safer roads for the future.

Plan around traffic hotspots, incidents and roadworks

Keep up to date with current and forthcoming road maintenance using www.trafficwatchni.com

Site Safety:

At various stages of the works, areas of the carriageway or footway may be unsurfaced and hazardous. Hazards associated with works of this nature include uneven surfaces, exposed kerb edges, exposed edges at property entrances, ramped utility covers, kerb and utility trenches, stacked kerbs, construction plant and equipment.

Signs and barriers will be used to protect the public where possible but always be aware that these may be moved by unauthorised persons. (It would be appreciated if you would ask children present in your household not to move any of the signs, fences or cones placed to advise and protect the public).