

# Newmarket Street Hereford

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## Upcoming work and important traffic information

As part of the ongoing development of the Old Market, Welsh Water will start work on 12th May 2013 to re-route and upgrade a key drainage pipe which is used to take away rainwater away from roads and pavements.

In order to complete this work safely and quickly, a section of the eastbound carriageway of Newmarket Street from the roundabout to the junction of Widemarsh Street will need to be temporarily closed and diversionary routes put in place.

### Why the work is happening now

The upgrade works are needed to improve utility supplies and divert pipework to enable the continued development of the Old Market. This is on track to be the only new retail-led scheme opening in the UK in 2014. The £90m private sector investment in the city will provide Hereford with more than 300,000 sq ft of new modern retail and leisure space in keeping with the city's distinctive character.

The developers, their contractors, Herefordshire Council and Welsh Water have been liaising closely for some months to assess all options to ensure disruption to the city is kept to a minimum.

### How long will the work last

**Work is planned to start on 12th May and it will take four weeks to complete.**

We are very aware of the disruption that work on the highway can cause and we have sought to ensure that we can complete it as quickly as possible. This includes working extended hours and over weekends in order to reduce the time that the road closure will be in place.

### Contact us

Road closure updates can be found on Herefordshire Council's website: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk).

If you have any specific queries regarding the work being carried out, please contact Welsh Water's Customer Call Centre on **0800 085 3968**.

# Traffic management plan

## Alternative traffic routes

The diversions in place are designed to keep traffic flowing as much as possible during the road closure period. Travellers are advised to allow extra time during journeys and follow the official diversion routes.

**Newmarket Street A438 (Eastbound) from the roundabout to the junction of Widemarsh Street will be closed to all traffic for a period of four weeks. The Westbound carriageway of Newmarket Street will remain open.**

## In addition;

- Blackfriars Street will be made one way only from the car park to the entrance to the junction of Widemarsh Street.
- Vehicles will not be able to cross Widemarsh Street into Blackfriars Street from Coningsby Street.
- Vehicles delivering to the shopping area of Widemarsh Street will need to enter via a left turn from Blueschool Street (vehicles will not be able to cross the A438 through the gates they currently use during off peak periods).
- Access to Merton Meadow car park will be maintained.

