



## Bitterne Road East Improvements

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*\*for urgent issues during construction, please speak to the teams on site who will be able to help more promptly.*

### What is the project?

We will be making improvements on Bitterne Road East between Maybray King Way and Somerset Avenue, as well as resurfacing portions of the road. The improvements include:

#### Walking and cycling improvements

- New signalised crossing close to the junction of Somerset Avenue
- Widening and renewal of crossing equipment at Commercial Street
- Creation of a continuous cycle link between Somerset Avenue and Bitterne District Centre
- New wayfinding signage

#### Bus access improvements

- New kerbing added to Bitterne Library westbound bus stop
- New crossing facility to improve access

#### Highways improvements

- 20mph speed limit on Bitterne Road East Service Road, Milbury Crescent, Keynsham Road, Bath Road, and their side roads.
- Resurfacing sections of Bitterne Road East and service road
- Drainage improvements at Commercial Street and Somerset Avenue

**Greenspace improvements** including the planting of trees and hedge rows in the green space along Bitterne Road East.

**This project is due to begin from Monday 17th February 2025, and will take approximately 7 weeks to complete.**

### Will there be restrictions in place?

During construction, Bitterne Road East will be closed to vehicular movements between Maybray King Way and Somerset Avenue. We will be excavating along several areas with three teams working simultaneously to complete this work as efficiently as possible, and due to this it is not possible to maintain vehicle movements along Bitterne Road East.

Maps showing the closure extent can be found at the [end of this document](#).

### Why are you closing this much of Bitterne Road East?

Multiple teams will be working alongside one another to complete the work as efficiently as possible, and so there will be at times up to three different works areas between Maybray King Way and Somerset Avenue. Due to this, through-access for vehicles will not be possible.

### Access for those walking, wheeling, and scooting

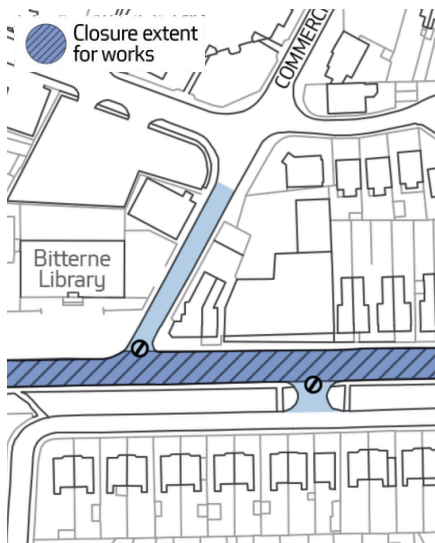
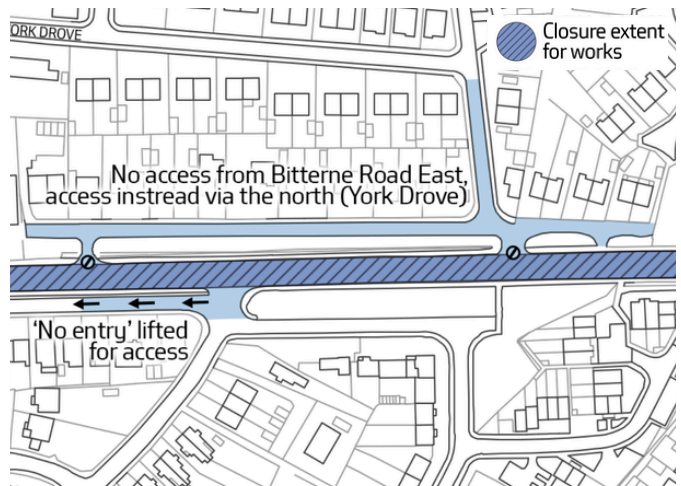
Access for pedestrians will always be maintained, however there may be temporary or alternative footways in use. The subways running between Bitterne Precinct, the library, and the health centre/leisure centre will also not be affected. Cyclists will be asked to dismount when using the footways, please take care to observe any signage in the area advising pedestrians and cyclists of changes to the usual routes.

### Access for deliveries and large be vehicles

Diversion routes for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) will be signed, and access for any deliveries for properties will be possible using the diversion routes; where possible, we recommend advising any expected large deliveries of the alternative access routes to avoid delays, and if there are any issues on the day, please advise our teams on site and they will do their best to help.

### Access for Commercial Street, York Drive, and properties north of Bitterne Road East

During our closure, vehicular access to Bitterne Road will not be possible from Bitterne Road East, and is instead only possible from the north via York Drive and St Gabriels Road. Similarly, access to St Elizabeths Road, St Gabriels Road, St Phillips Way, and St Margarets Close will be possible from York Drive, which can be accessed via the north coming from Shales Road. Please see the maps showing the closure extent at the [end of this document](#).



### Access for Milbury Crescent and Court Close

Vehicular access to Milbury Crescent and Court Close, which is usually possible from Bitterne Road East, will no longer be possible during the closure for our works. Instead, the no-entry point on the Bitterne Road East service road which meets Bath Road will be suspended to allow for resident access and egress using Bath Road, coming from Bursledon Road. The no-entry signs in the area will be covered, however please be aware that the road marking will still be present.

No-parking cones will also be present at the junction with Bath Road to prevent vehicles from parking and inadvertently blocking access for residents, however we would like to ask that residents do not park where you see these cones, and to park considerately, keeping in mind the effect that the change of access might have on other neighbours.

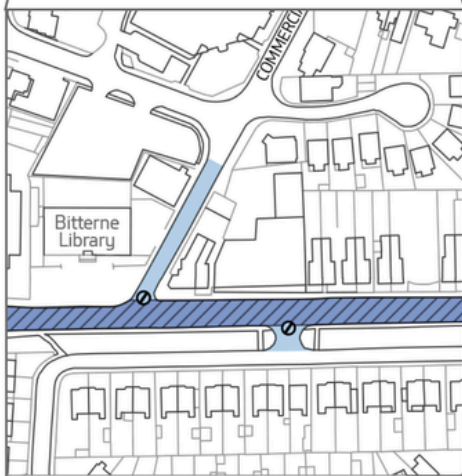
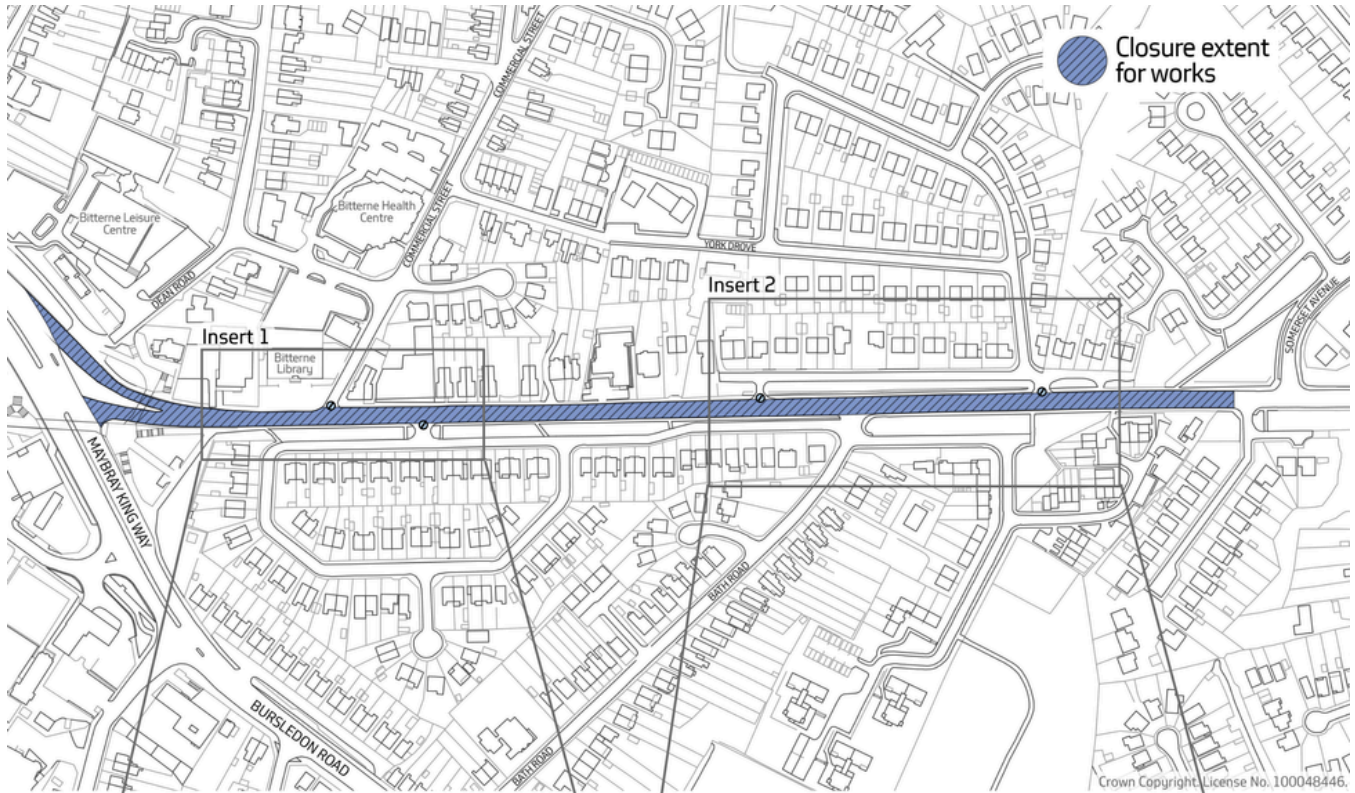
### Access for residents of Keynsham Road, Nursery Gardens and Exleigh Close

Similarly to the above, vehicular access from Bitterne Road East to Keynsham Road and Nursery Gardens will not be possible during the closure. Instead, access will be possible from Bath Road coming from Bursledon Road.

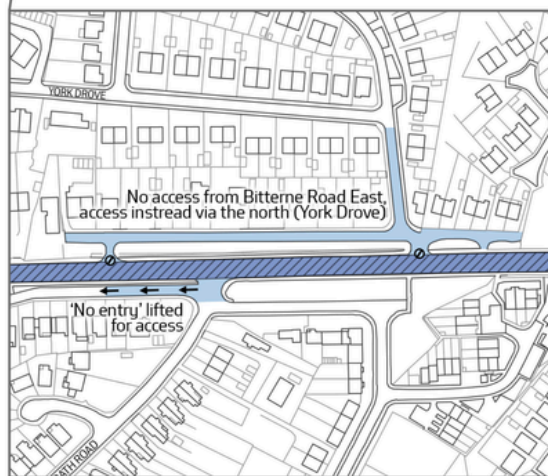
The end of the closure point is situated closely to the entry and egress point of Exleigh Close, however vehicular and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout. There may be times where the access point may change, for example when the team might need to work on the southern footpath and will slightly encroach on the access point, however at least one lane will be open for access and temporary lights may be used during peak times.

During the overnight resurfacing, this access may change, however we will write to residents closer to the time to advise of any impacts.

## Closure extents



Insert 1: Access to Commercial Street possible from the north, no access to Milbury Crescent from Bitterne Road East.



Insert 2: Access from the north only for Bitterne Road. 'No entry' lifted for access to Milbury Crescent from Bath Road.

**We will keep residents and businesses updated via X (formerly Twitter) @SCCHighways, on our webpage, or post.**

