

Highways Service Partnership

City Depot and Recycling Park
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Balfour Beatty

Working in partnership

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Dear Occupier

Above Bar Street / New Road – Planned Maintenance and Improvement Works

Balfour Beatty is working in partnership with Southampton City Council to manage highway services across Southampton. As part of this work, we will be carrying out maintenance and improvement works on Above Bar Street, and its junction with New Road and Civic Centre Road.

The works are scheduled to begin on **Monday 1 June 2026** and are expected to take approximately ten weeks to complete. They will be delivered in phases, with different working hours and traffic management arrangements throughout the programme. Please see the table below for further details.

	Above Bar / New Road Junction	Above Bar South (Marlands to Yates Bar)
Weeks 1-5	Works will begin on the northern corners of the junction (near KFC and Sprinkles). The works will then move to the southern corners (near the park entrance). Mainly daytime working, with occasional night-time works where required.	• Bus stop improvement works • New drainage installation • Paving works to the temporary bus stop build-outs Daytime working
Weeks 5-6	Traffic signal commissioning and set-up Daytime working	Associated repair works in the area Daytime working
Final weeks	Resurfacing and road marking works Night-time working	Resurfacing and road marking works Night-time working

To ensure the safety of the public and our workforce, Above Bar will need to be closed for the duration of the works. At times it will also be necessary to close the junction of Above Bar, Civic Centre Road New Road overnight, this is to enable crossing works and the resurfacing of the area. The table above outlines the programme of works, and the maps overleaf will show the affected areas in more detail.

We recognise that Above Bar is an important transport corridor, supporting both bus services and taxis. While the works are taking place, the taxi rank currently located next to Palmerston Park will be temporarily relocated to Civic Centre Road, outside La Tavernetta restaurant.



For bus passengers, the current bus stops on Above Bar will be suspended, and passengers

directed to alternatives via Bluestar's dedicated webpage at <https://www.bluestarbus.co.uk/above-bar-street-closure> or scan this QR code



Southampton is once again hosting events in Guildhall Square, and we would like to reassure you that full pedestrian access to Southampton Summer Sessions will be maintained throughout the works. Please follow any signed diversion routes where necessary.

Please note that the dates in this letter are subject to change, depending on weather conditions and other operational requirements. If these works are delayed or if they progress ahead of schedule, we will notify you of any changes to the construction dates using yellow advance warning signs in the area.

If you would like to receive updates about this scheme, please sign up to our dedicated mailing list using this form:

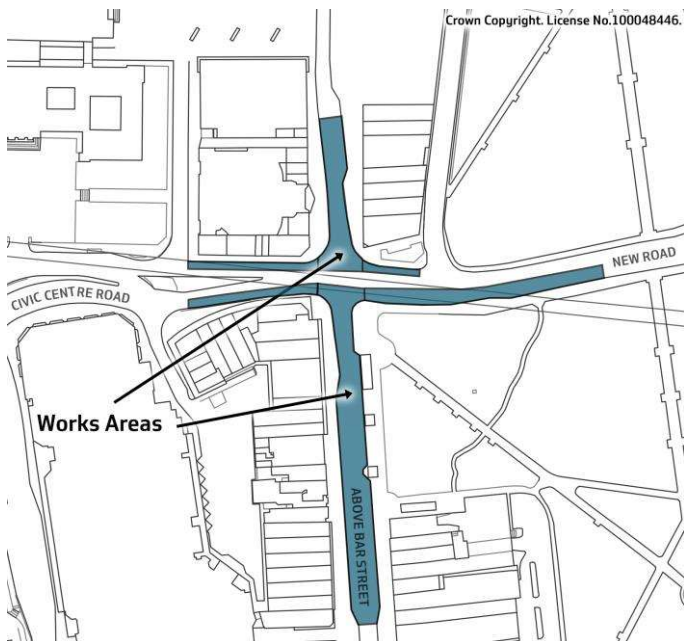
[Above Bar / New Road Improvement Works Updates – Fill out form](#)

For information about roadworks, please visit transport.southampton.gov.uk/interactive-roadworks-map. For up-to-the-minute travel information in the city, and updates on this scheme, follow us on Bluesky [@scchighways.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/scchighways.bsky.social). For any other enquiries, please email roadworks@southampton.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Southampton Highways Partnership

Map showing daytime working area.



Map showing night time working area.

