

# Highways

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## Ash Dieback

Dear Sir/Madam

**What:** Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road** for essential Ash Dieback tree work.

**Where:** **A40 - Puesdown to Northleach Roundabout, Hampnett** (see overleaf for details of the exact location)

**When:** **4-8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 inclusive** (excluding weekends) **from 09.30 to 15.30 daily**.

On behalf of Gloucestershire County Council, we are advising you that we are due to be conducting essential works at the above location to remove unsafe trees infected with Ash Dieback.

Ash Dieback disease causes Ash trees to become unsafe; trees could shed limbs or collapse on to the road causing harm and injury. This work must take place for health and safety reasons, to protect road users and pedestrians, and make sure the carriageway remains clear of debris.

## ROAD CLOSURE

As part of our Ash Dieback project, we will be conducting essential tree works at the above location for health and safety reasons, to protect users of our Highways and County Council land. To ensure the safety of you and of our work force, we have, under Sections 14, 15 & 16 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as amended, made a Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road**.

Due to the type of activities required with tree felling and maintenance works, the road closure can cover an area greater than where work is taking place. This is to allow safe movement and placement of machinery and material.

We appreciate road closures are inconvenient, but it is necessary to keep you and the team working on the road, safe. We have planned the work so we can be in and out as quickly as possible and have tried to do it within a period that will minimise any inconvenience.

## ACCESS

In accordance with the Temporary Traffic Order, we are not permitted to allow any person or vehicle to proceed along the closed roads; the exception being emergency vehicles or statutory undertakers responding to an emergency. We will endeavor to always keep the public foot path open, if it is necessary to close it at any point it will be for a limited time and fully supervised by our trained banks man.

\*\*\*During this period, **4-8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 inclusive**, there will be **NO through access** along A40 from the junction at A435, The Frogmill Inn and the roundabout with A429, Hampnett. Essential Ash Dieback work will be undertaken in areas between C332, Spring Hill, Compton Abdale and the roundabout junction with A429, Hampnett.

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The closure points are continually supervised by our fully trained banks man. Once on site, our workforce Supervisor will communicate with residents who are directly affected by the essential Ash Dieback works, living within the designated cutting areas/hard closure, as indicated in **black** on the map. NO though traffic will be given access at this point. Access is for residents, deliveries and for access to frontages where it does NOT impact on our ability to conduct the work as required and only where it is safe to do so. Any access during this time would be at the driver's own risk as it is a works site. Therefore, if you normally drive into or out of this area during the hours when the road closure is in place, we ask you to please make alternative arrangements. Access is granted into the 'soft closure' area for accessing frontages and businesses. This is the road leading up to the actual cutting area as indicated in **red** on the map. Closure times are between 09:30 – 15:30 daily.

## DIVERSIONS

We have created an official diversion route which will be signposted and is suitable for all vehicles that would normally use the **closed A road**. This is indicated in **blue** on the map. We appreciate you may know an alternative route, however, please be aware that alternative routes which are outside of the road closure area are used at driver's discretion and own risk. Below is the map showing the extents of the road closure.



## PARKING

If you usually park within the cutting area, you will need to find alternative parking nearby during the hours that the road is closed.

## CONTACT US:

If you have any queries, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions leaflet delivered with this letter, contact us on 08000 514514 or email [AshDieback@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:AshDieback@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation.

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