

A606 Road Closure – 1 July to 25 August 2024

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

As part of the NE MMDR road scheme, a road closure is required to carry out essential work and ensure the safety of both our workforce and the travelling public.

The A606 Burton Road (south of Melton) will therefore be closed from 7am on Monday 1st July to 7pm on Sunday 25th August. Details of the diversion and a plan are available in the “Road Closures” section at [Construction updates and road works](#).

Ahead of this closure we have met with representatives of Burton & Dalby Parish Council, together with other local elected Members. We have also met with the emergency services in planning the closure and they are onboard. Following lessons learnt from the previous closure (Jan 24) we have made a number of improvements to our plans, including:

- Variable message electronic signs to give early warning of the closure to HGVs
- Expanded catchment area for advance letters (from 2,500 to over 6,000)
- CCTV monitoring of the weight restrictions helping prevent HGVs using unsuitable local routes. We will write to operators violating the restrictions and pass their details to the Police.
- Surveying local routes prior to, during and after the closure together with reinstating any damage.
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We have put together a number of “Frequently Asked Questions” below which we hope are helpful. These are regularly updated in response to enquiries from members of the public and other stakeholders.

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1. Why are you closing the road again?

We need to close the road to construct the new roundabout as part of the NE MMDR project. This work cannot be carried out using lane closures as we need to completely remove the old carriageway and the new roundabout will be lower than the old road. It will therefore not be possible to keep traffic running past the works.

2. Why can't the closure be done overnight or with a partial closure to keep road open

The old road will be completely removed as part of these works. It will not be possible for traffic to use this route at any time during the works, with the exception of pedestrians and cyclists who will be diverted past the works on a section of footway that has already been completed.

3. Why is the closure 8 weeks long?

These are major works including the removal of the old road, deep excavations and then construction of the new roundabout including all required services.

4. Why is the closure happening in the summer rather than another time of year?

We are very mindful of disruption to the travelling public and have planned the works for the summer when traffic is typically lighter, as many people are not commuting, and the schools will be closed for the majority of the period.

5. Will this road be closed again?

We do not anticipate having to close the road again. Our intention is to complete the new roundabout in full, which will allow the public to use this new section. Any outstanding work will be completed overnight, or by using temporary signals.

6. Will Cyclists and Pedestrians be affected?

No, cyclist and pedestrian access through the works on the A606 will be maintained, however cyclists will need to dismount. Similarly, the nearby Jubilee Way footpath will be temporarily diverted and remain available for use. We will provide temporary lighting through the closure to assist pedestrians.

7. What is the diversion route?

Traffic from the north A46 and Nottingham heading south to Oakham/Stamford will be diverted via A46 > A52 > A1 > A606 for Stamford/Rutland and Oakham.

Traffic from the south heading north will be diverted via the A1 > A607 for Melton and A1 > A52 for Nottingham.

Traffic from Melton can use the diversion route via the A607 to the A1 to head south.

Note: The A606 Nottingham Road in and out of Melton will remain open

8. The diversion routes are too long/unsuitable, have alternatives been considered?

We have looked at alternative diversion routes however as we are diverting an A class road, we are required to provide a diversion route on the same type of road. Local signed diversion routes would cause confusion and could encourage large vehicles to use unsuitable local routes through villages.

9. What are you doing to prevent drivers using unsuitable local roads? I have concerns around flooding, damage, narrow lanes, parked vehicles etc obstructing these

The diversion routes will be clearly signed and this is the safest route. Local routes will also be signed as “unsuitable for HGVs” in addition to existing 7.5t weight restrictions. We will also provide a temporary 7.5t weight restriction on Cuckoo Hill, Sawgate Road, Cross Lane and New Road/Hollow Lane to further prevent HGVs using these unsuitable local routes.

We have contacted local businesses affected by the diversion.

It is accepted that local drivers may elect to use the road between the A606, Little Dalby and Great Dalby to avoid the closure. We will provide a temporary 30 mph speed limit on this road for the duration of the closure, together with other safety measures along the route including a temporary 7.5t weight restriction. Any damage to this local route will be reinstated. We have surveyed the route prior to the closure and will continue to monitor it.

10. I have concerns around HGVs, what can I do?

HGVs should be using the signed diversion route. There are already local weight restriction on roads, and we have implemented additional restrictions on other routes to prevent their use. If you have concerns that HGVs are using unsuitable routes please report them via the following link: [Weight Restriction Incident Form](#). This will allow us to log and investigate concerns with the police as appropriate.

Additionally, we are carrying out CCTV monitoring of the local routes. Where HGVs are identified as violating the weight restrictions we will be writing to the HGV operating company to challenge this, together with passing their details to the Police for follow up.

11. What about the impact on schools/commuters/buses and the emergency services?

The local transport companies, schools and emergency services are key stakeholders for us, and they have been notified of any works that may disrupt their services.

The emergency services are aware of the closure. We met with them regularly in planning this closure, as is our usual practice. They have confirmed that they have plans in place to maintain their response times and have not raised any concerns.

Similarly, whilst the closure does not directly impact rail services, we will ensure that National Rail are aware should there be a need for rail replacement buses during the works.

Leicestershire County Council school transport service have also been made aware.

12. How will local people without cars access Melton Mowbray for essential services?

We are aware of the impact of the scheme on local bus services and Leicestershire County Council will put in place alternative provision to ensure that residents continue to have access to essential services (food shopping and primary healthcare) at a local centre in line with our Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS).

Affected services are R1, 29A, and 100. During the closure these services will operate a diversion route and will not serve stops in Burton Lazars.

During this closure, Services R1, 29A, 100 will operate to a diversion route and will not be able to serve this bus stop. Residents of Burton Lazars will have access to a temporary replacement taxi service to and from Melton Mowbray. This service will be available Monday to Friday at the following times:

- 11:10 from the bus stop layby opposite Cross Lane in Burton Lazars to Melton Mowbray, Chapel Street bus stand.
- 13:25 from the Chapel Street bus stand in Melton Mowbray returning to the bus stop layby opposite Cross Lane in Burton Lazars.

If you wish to book a place on this service, please contact Premier Taxis directly on 0116 220 1003 by 12 noon on the day before the journey. Please note that the replacement taxi service will not operate if not booked in advance.

Leicestershire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused to passengers. For further information please call the helpline on 0116 305 0002

13. What about other roadworks nearby during this closure?

We coordinate the permits for all road works in the County and will not be allowing any works which will conflict with this closure. The exception to this would be in case of an emergency, requiring immediate response, for example in the event of a gas leak etc. In this case we would coordinate with the works organiser.

14. Are refuse/recycling collections affected for Burton Lazars and surrounding villages?

There will be no impact on refuse and recycling connections which will proceed as normal.

15. How are the public being informed?

We have written to around 6,000 properties in south-east Melton Mowbray and the village of Burton Lazars directly with details of the road closure and diversion route. The diversion is also being published on our website and will be updated to sat nav companies such as Google who use road closure data.

16. I travel on the A606 Burton Road or live/work in Melton Mowbray – Why didn't I get a letter?

Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to contact every potential user of the road that may be affected. In addition to the letter drop (see FAQ above) we have used our newsletter mailing list, the LCC website, social media, local radio and key stakeholders to help ensure the message is distributed as widely as possible, together with advance signing on the road itself.

17. I have another question that is not covered above

If your query relates to the works or a safety matter then please contact either Galliford Try at nemmdr-enquiries@gallifordtry.co.uk

Any other queries can be raised via Leicestershire County Council at mmdr@leics.gov.uk