



ARMY BASING PROGRAMME



LARKHILL TRAVEL NOTICE – OCTOBER 2017 EDITION 9

The Army Basing Programme is very pleased to announce that the new roundabout constructed on The Packway at Larkhill has been completed, to allow traffic to start re-using this previously closed off section of the road network. Whilst this is nearly three weeks later than initially programmed, due to unforeseeable delays by one of the utility providers, the contractor has worked exceptionally hard in order to minimise this extension and has completed work slightly sooner than last forecasted.

The "Road Closed" signs at either end of the closure have been removed and the outlying advance warning notices are being taken down. This will allow traffic to start to re-establish normal through routes on this important thoroughfare. Whilst the road is technically open, a series of on-going alterations and improvements will continue until the beginning of December. As a result, temporary traffic control will be used to facilitate this, but any delays should be kept within an acceptable level.

At the new junction please note that there is no "over-run" section on the centre of the new roundabout, which you may be familiar with on some other new junctions. This roundabout has been designed so that all traffic will be able to drive around it in the normal manner, but the extra-long military Heavy Equipment Transport vehicles can drive over the specially reinforced centre sections if required. If you are following one of these vehicles, extra care should be exercised due to the unusual line they may have to take whilst negotiating this junction.



Away from The Packway, work will soon commence on the installation of a new main sewer to connect from the existing sewage treatment works south of Fargo Road with a new sewer on The Packway which was installed whilst the roundabout was under construction. This work is necessary as the existing sewage treatment works are outdated and cannot be upgraded to deal with increased demand. It will be replaced with a pumped system using new pipework to take the effluent away to the existing Wessex Water treatment works at Ratfyn, near Durrington.

The final section of new pipework needed along Tombs Road and Fargo Road will be installed by a specialist contractor, utilising a less disruptive method known as Horizontal Directional Drilling. This eliminates the need for open trench type excavations and should be less intrusive to the residents living on these roads, as the contractor only requires access points and equipment placed every 100 or 150 meters during the works.

Further communications will be sent out once the contractors proposals are finalised, but these works will start at the end of October and should complete early next year.

Despite the on-going works just described the Army Basing Programme would like to take this opportunity to offer its grateful thanks to everyone who was affected by the closure of The Packway, for their understanding and patience whilst this vital, but major piece of civil engineering was completed.

If you have any queries that relate to the Larkhill roadworks under the ABP please email the address below.

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If you have any queries that relate to other road issues within the Larkhill Garrison area please email the address below.

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