

To: Maidstone Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Roadworks Co-ordination Team
Date: 11th January 2013
Subject: Gas Works – Maidstone Town Centre
Classification: Information - ongoing

Summary: The Chairman of the JTB has requested this item is reported on until completion of the ongoing Gas Main replacement works within Maidstone.

Morrison Utilities, working on behalf of Southern Gas Networks, have returned after the Christmas embargo, and are currently working on the third phase of this five phase project on Upper Stone Street. The left hand lane is currently closed from the junction with Mote Road to the Motorcycle shop. There are lane closures on Lower Stone Street to get traffic into one lane to reduce congestion around the works area. The Highway Management Centre and the Roadworks Team are closely monitoring traffic flow and adjusting traffic light timings to keep traffic disruption on Lower Stone Street, Palace Avenue, Mote Road and Wat Tyler Way to a minimum.

The project is progressing well and is currently running six weeks ahead of schedule. SGN will continue to move along Upper Stone Street, continuing the lane closure on the left hand side up to the junction with Waterloo Street. After this, SGN will be closing the slip from Mote Road onto Upper Stone Street to disconnect the main, this is expected to take ten days. This phase of the project is due for completion on 17th March, including the closure of the Mote Road slip.

The forth and fifth phases of this project are Postley Road, and Hayle Road. The final details for these two phases are being agreed at present, and advance warning signs are expected to be erected within the next four weeks. Hayle Road is due to commence on the 18th March and conclude on the 26th April.

In conclusion, the Roadworks Co-ordination Team continue to work closely with Maidstone Borough Council and Morrison Utilities to ensure this complicated and high profile project is completed on time and

causes the least amount of disruption, and that the reinstatements are completed to the highest quality.

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