

North Devon Link Road – NDLR – A361 (Portmore to Borners Bridge) Diversion Update – 11.10.23

GRIFFITHS

One-Way System for North Devon Link Road Eastbound and Landkey to North Aller (C783) Westbound Diversion- 8pm - 11.10.23 UPDATE

Further to the Griffiths Traffic Bulletin of 27.09.23 and following consultation with Councillors and Police, please find detailed below further plans and clarification for the A361 one way system diversions and plans for the 3 villages – Landkey, Swimbridge and Filleigh.

PARKING

The restricted parking is to ensure smooth flow of traffic and has been implemented following discussions with Devon and Cornwall Police. The new parking arrangements were requested by the Police. Your Parish Council is advising on parking arrangements.

BUSINESSES

Deliveries to businesses will be able to stop as usual for short durations to load and unload Please try to ensure the deliveries are not scheduled during school drop off and pick up times or during rush hour times (7.30am to 9.30am and 3.30pm to 6.30pm)

SWIMBRIDGE SCHOOL

To improve safety for school children, Traffic Operatives will be deployed during School drop off and pick up times with Stop / Go signs as detailed: Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 9am and 14.50pm to 15.20pm.

Parents will be able to drop off collect their children at the kerbside to be met by a teacher and escorted into school / accompanied out from school.

Please be patient at these times



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HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

A HGV route has also been implemented to encourage heavy goods vehicles out of the villages. Wide / abnormal loads will also be advised to follow this route which is B3226, B3227, A377 towards Barnstaple. The route is advisory only.

SPEEDING

We are working closely with Parish Councils and the Police throughout this process to reduce speeding through the villages:

- Pedestrian crossings with traffic lights in both Landkey and Swimbridge
- Speed cameras in Landkey and Swimbridge (see photograph below)
- Vehicle Activated Speed signs in Landkey and Swimbridge (see photograph below)
- Traffic cones restricting parking
- Increased Police Speed Team presence along the route
- An increase in general Police presence
- An increase in Community Speed Watch presence
- Traffic Operatives with Stop/Go signs deployed in Swimbridge at school drop off and pick up times
- Advisory diversion route in place for HGVs
- Wide loads advised to delay their journey or sent along the HGV route B3226, B3227 and A377
- Eastbound traffic through the villages will be local traffic. The primary route Eastbound is a361 - North Devon Link Road



PRESS RELEASE 27.09.23

The North Devon Link Road will be partially closed for a month from Wednesday 11 October to allow essential maintenance work to go ahead.

As part of Devon County Council's ongoing scheme to upgrade the A361, contractor Griffiths needs to excavate the road in a number of areas to waterproof five major structures beneath the highway. Drainage improvements, safety barrier replacement and resurfacing will also be undertaken at the same time.

The work will require the closure of the westbound carriageway (Tiverton to Barnstaple) of the A361 between North Aller roundabout and Landkey roundabout, for a month.

Traffic heading to Barnstaple will be diverted onto the C783 to travel through Filleigh, Swimbridge and Landkey.

On-street parking in these villages on the diversion route will have to be restricted during this period to help maintain traffic flow. The diversion route will be regularly monitored.

There will be a separate advisory diversion route available for HGVs and abnormal loads heading westbound (Tiverton to Barnstaple) to reduce the number of large vehicles travelling through the villages. This will be signed via the B3226, B3227 and A377.

The eastbound carriageway (Barnstaple to Tiverton) will remain fully open to traffic throughout this phase of work.

Councillor Andrea Davis, Devon County Council Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, said: "This is a vital element of the link road improvement scheme and the westbound carriageway has to be closed to enable the work to be carried out and to keep site staff and the public safe in doing so. Some delays will be unavoidable so I would urge people travelling in the area to plan ahead and please allow extra time for your journey. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption and to complete the work as quickly as possible."

Councillor Paul Henderson, Devon County Councillor for Chulmleigh and Landkey, said: "The residents of both Landkey and Swimbridge have been extremely cooperative to date when diversions are in place to accommodate the link road upgrade. I fully appreciate the issues that do arise with the increase in flow of traffic through the villages at times such as these. However, with the finishing line clearly in sight now for the completion of the works, I'm hoping that they'll once again be understanding as to the reasons why this extended diversion period is taking place and thank the residents for their patience. It is appreciated."

Councillor Jeremy Yabsley, Devon County Councillor for South Molton, said: "It's really good to see work on the A361 driving towards completion. This is essential work and while some inconvenience may be unavoidable it will help the scheme progress and provide us all with a much improved road once the job is done."

Work is specialised and intricate and all efforts will be made to complete it and fully open the road as quickly as possible.

For more information on the North Devon Link Road project go to <https://www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/> and https://community.griffiths.co.uk/our_projects/north-devon-link-road/

