

Brighton Road / Old Lodge Lane Update Bulletin

<u>Date</u>	<u>Update</u>
28 June 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work commenced on 15 June as planned.• The utility trench was dug by TfL's contractor and the utility companies have set to work relocating their infrastructure.• The boundary realignment work at the south eastern corner (no. 115) is progressing well.• The shuttle bus is operating satisfactorily and other local bus services are not being unduly impacted.• We have carefully monitored the impact to local traffic following the diversion. Diversion patterns appear to be establishing, and the diversion route is operating as planned.• Traffic along the A23 Brighton Road is generally operating smoothly. The exit from Stoats Nest Road (SNR) has been very carefully monitored, and following this, TfL remains of the view that this junction should continue to operate without the introduction of additional traffic management measures. The junction will however continue to be carefully monitored.• Following local feedback, we have reduced the amount of site traffic by providing one large truck for the removal of waste material and rubble instead of multiple smaller ones.• All work is currently on schedule, and traffic will continue to be carefully monitored.
12 August 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BT and Virgin Media have successfully completed the relocation of their underground infrastructure and have left the site.• UK Power Networks are scheduled to complete their infrastructure relocation by next week.• TfL's contractor, who was scheduled to commence work on 10 August, actually commenced work on 01 August due to favourable site conditions.• All the new kerbs have been laid, and this will be followed by the construction of a new footway and full depth construction of the new slip road.• TfL has continued to monitor traffic throughout the construction period, and is satisfied that it is operating well under current conditions.• The local bus network is also operating well under the conditions, and the shuttle bus is running a smooth service.

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5 September 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following preparatory works by utilities companies to divert sub-surface infrastructure, our contractor have finished all kerb works at the junction and has installed three new central islands in Old Lodge Lane and Brighton Road. Footway and kerb works will now be followed by signal works as the scheme approaches completion. • During the works we have encountered a number of complications on site stemming from the discovery of unforeseen sub-surface infrastructure. These have caused some delays to the progress of the scheme, although we were able to resolve these issues following engagement with Thames Water and Southern Gas Network. • Notwithstanding these delays, we are still on course to open Old Lodge Lane in one direction (entry only), one week ahead of schedule on 16 September. The other lane will fully open on 23 September, meeting our anticipated completion date despite the complications experienced along the way. Some night-time resurfacing will be necessary once the road has re-opened, but there will be no closure required to facilitate these works. • Once the junction is fully open, route 455 will return to its normal line of route immediately thereafter, and the shuttle route 599 will be withdrawn from service.
18 September 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the update 5th September 2013, Old Lodge Lane was opened in one direction (entry only), one week ahead of schedule on 16 September. • Following its partial opening, traffic has been observed attempting to exit Old Lodge Lane at the junction of Brighton Road which is not permitted under the current traffic management arrangement. Due to the adverse safety risk these manoeuvres cause, we have taken the decision to close the road completely. • Due to the late completion of UK Power Networks works, TfL's Signal Team has been unable to meet the scheduled start date of 9th September. Signals contractors are currently pulling cables on site for the installation of traffic lights at the junction. These works are planned to be completed and the road fully opened by the 7th October 2013. The whole junction will also be commissioned on or before the 7th October. • Some night-time resurfacing will be necessary once the signal works come to an end and the road has re-opened,

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<p>20 September 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As communicated in the scheme update of 18th September, the revised completion date for Old Lodge Lane works is due to the late completion of works carried out by UK Power Networks. The knock on effect of this resulted in the start date being pushed back for when our signal contractors were able to begin work. • UK Power Networks late completion stemmed from the discovery of unforeseen sub-surface infrastructure on 6th September, this included two live cables on the corner of Old Lodge Lane and Brighton Road. • Unfortunately however comprehensive the information held regarding underground services the reality of what is in the ground can sometimes differ, and only fully be understood once works are underway. • In terms of the total impact on programme, at worst this will result in an additional two weeks of works, meaning an opening date of 7th October 2013. TfL is however committed to continually reviewing the works programme with our contractors, with the desire to improve on this opening date, should it be possible.
<p>5 November 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Lodge resurfacing works did not commence on 14 October, as we plan to combine it with a wider programme of resurfacing works within the area. By coordinating the timing of the resurfacing activities we are able to reduce (i) the number night time working shifts required to complete the works (ii) we can also reduced the total disturbance caused within the local area. • Our contractors are currently working closely with LB Croydon to develop an optimum phased programme for the resurfacing works. • Subject to appropriate weather conditions allowing works to be completed, it is currently envisaged that resurfacing will begin late November / early December and be completed prior to the Christmas period. • Signalling improvements that are being delivered as part of the scheme will only become evident and fully operational once the new road layout is complete; this includes the resurfacing works and the introduction of the corresponding new road layout markings.

