

Kierwsp update on A422 Closure dated 17/09/2018

The A422 closed, in both directions, with immediate effect on Tuesday 7th August. The road remains closed from the recycling centre junction to New Road junction just outside the village of Farthinghoe.

Following our routine inspection in August damage was discovered to have accelerated and require repair works. It was agreed that the route should be closed to traffic for safety.

Every effort is being made to re-open the road as quickly as possible. Our priority is to secure the consents required to work over this waterway and we are doing all we can to achieve this and get on site to repair the reopen this year.

The design currently being worked on is to install a weight-bearing membrane. This is the most cost effective way of working and will mean the structure will be solid for years to come.

The main diversion route while the closure is in place is via the A43 and the M40.

We understand congestion, and the increase in traffic in some areas, is a major concern. This section of the A422 is a busy road with a speed limit of 50mph and the approved diversion route uses similar grades of road. The diversion route, which is clearly signed, is chosen to follow roads of a suitable standard and width to carry all traffic and avoid weight restrictions and we are doing all we can to ensure these routes are used.

Northamptonshire Highways is extremely conscious of the impact to the public and have not taken the decision to close this route lightly. The county council has a duty, not only to safeguard members of the public, but to manage our structures so that they do not pose an unacceptable risk to public safety.

We appreciate how important this route is to connecting village within South Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire County Council is committed to opening the A422 and funding is available for the repairs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your understanding and patience, whilst this situation continues. We realise the closure is disruptive and we continue to monitor the local area and traffic to minimise the impact to local communities

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