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27.01.23 Update on A29 landslip (28.12.22) and road closure, Church Hill, Pulborough, and traffic impacts

WSCC Highways and councillors remain in positive dialogue with those residents affected by the landslide and a meeting took place earlier this week, with an additional meeting involving a number of contractors being coordinated as soon as possible.

No Parking Cones have been installed through New Place Road with a temporary No Parking restriction order in New Place Road from the junction with A29 London Road to Nutcroft. Following careful consideration WSCC felt that restricting parking along New Place Road would help traffic movements, and release any bottle neck on Link Lane particularly around school pick up and drop off times. WSCC continues to monitor those surrounding roads and review traffic matters.

Due to the volume of traffic in the local area WSCC Highways has increased the frequency of the routine highway inspections on the official diversion route and also those roads being used locally to access the A283 and the A29. These include Rectory Lane, Link Lane, New Place Road, Broomers Hill Lane and Gay Street Lane. Once identified safety defects (e.g. potholes) are highlighted, these are being prioritised by the contractor to expedite these works. Regular updates are being provided to the dedicated A29 Pulborough page with volumes of reports and repairs undertaken https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/a29-pulborough/

Additional signs have been requested to the north of Billingshurst for vehicles travelling south advising motorists to seek an alternative route (A272) before attempting to navigate Billingshurst and proceeding onto the A29. This reinforces those signs already at the junction to the A272 towards the Wisborough Green turning.

WSCC Highways has also requested additional signs that will provide pedestrians an alternative route to the closure. A number of pedestrians have been seen moving barriers and walking through the closure, so as an additional preventive measure it is planned to place signs at either end of the hard closure and WSCC has shored up the barriers, making it harder for pedestrians to move and walk through. WSCC is hopeful that both requests for additional signs will be installed by end of play Monday.

We are advised that the WSCC dedicated website is receiving regular updates so is a key point of contact if seeking any additional updates.

Thank you for your continued patience.