

North Dudley Area Committee – Wednesday 30th January 2008

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Severn Trent Water Dispersal Main Works in Sedgley and Gornal

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of Severn Trent Water's water main renewal works, taking place during the first quarter of 2008.

Background

2. Severn Trent Water's scheme is part of a multi-million pound project to provide a new water dispersal main from the company's local centre at Wombourne to residential and business areas within Dudley.
3. The contractors will move from Himley Road (January) into High Arcal Road (February), The Straits and Sandyfields Road (until Easter), Catholic Lane (over the Easter school holiday), Ferndown Avenue, Dudley Road, Tipton Road (April), Setton Drive and Queens Road.
4. Most work will be carried out by means of open pits at both ends of a section of work, with new pipes being pulled between one pit and the next.
5. Trenches will be created in both Dudley Road and Tipton Street, because utility services are close together under the highway in those streets. The water main renewal work will have to be carried out with care, so that damage is not caused to other companies' equipment. During this phase of the work, one-way traffic flow will be required in Gate Street, and traffic will have to be diverted from High Holborn along Dudley Street to U-turn at the Bull Ring roundabout and return.
6. Severn Trent Water hope to have completed their work in Sedgley town centre before the date of the St. George's Day Pageant (Saturday 26th April 2008). However, the company is unable to guarantee that their work will be finished by late April.
7. The completion date for the Severn Trent scheme has been set by the Drinking Water Inspectorate, who are able to impose a fine on the company. If the scheme was delayed, costs would be incurred.

Finance

8. There are no financial implications.

Law

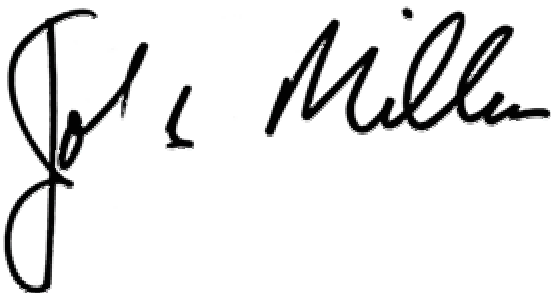
9. Roads are closed temporarily for works taking place on the public highway under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Equality Impact

10. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
11. Access can be improved for vulnerable pedestrians when roads are closed temporarily for highway works.

Recommendation

13. That Area Committee notes the circumstances relating to the Severn Trent water main renewal scheme.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of December 2007 and January 2008 meetings of Dudley Safety Advisor's Group.