

# Vyrnwy Aqueduct Modernisation Programme

Monthly Stakeholder Update  
October 2025

# VAMP External Stakeholder Update – October 2025

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| <div><b>Section 01 Update</b><br/><b>Tarporley, Fishpool Road &amp; Abbey Lane</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparations for lining pipeline 1 are underway, with haul roads and site setup now progressing on private land at several locations.</li><li>• The temporary road closure on Abbey Lane, near the Royal Abbey Arms Public House planned from 10/11/2025 has been postponed.</li><li>• The temporary road closure on Sadlers Lane planned from 24/10/2025 has been postponed.</li><li>• Rescheduled dates will be communicated once the programme has been confirmed.</li><li>• Pipeline 2 programme TBC.</li><li>• Pipeline 3 cleaning is complete.</li></ul></div> | <div><b>Section 02 Update</b><br/><b>Delamere, Oakmere &amp; Hatchmere</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pipeline 1 &amp; 2 lining is in planning, with works expected to begin no earlier than late 2026 or early 2027.</li><li>• From 30/03/2025 to 09/06/2026, the crossroads of Blakemere Lane, Delamere Road, Ashton Road, and School Lane will be temporarily closed to all vehicle traffic. There will be no vehicle access through the crossroads during this period. Pedestrian access will be maintained wherever possible, with clearly signposted routes in place.</li><li>• Pipeline 3 cleaning is now complete.</li></ul></div> | <div><b>Section 03 Update</b><br/><b>Kingsley – Norley</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pipeline 1 lining is complete.</li><li>• Pipeline 2 lining is in progress.</li><li>• Installation of final underground apparatus underway.</li><li>• Temporary road closure on Norley Road from 12/12/2025 to 27/03/2026. This affects the same section completed in summer 2025 and will allow completion of the second pipeline line.</li><li>• Pipeline 3 cleaning is complete.</li></ul></div> | <div><b>Section 04 Update</b><br/><b>Aston, Murdishaw, Norton Tower</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pipeline 1 lining is complete.</li><li>• Pipeline 2 lining is complete.</li><li>• Pipeline 3 cleaning is complete.</li><li>• Reinstatement is in progress.</li></ul></div> |
| Live updates on all traffic management can be found via links below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Key Dates: Area Construction Programme                     |                    |               |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Section of Work                                            | Cleaning<br>Line 3 | Lining        |               |
|                                                            |                    | Line 1        | Line 2        |
| <b>Section 01</b><br>Tarporley, Fishpool Road & Abbey Lane | Complete           | In Progress   | Programme TBC |
| <b>Section 02</b><br>Delamere, Oakmere & Hatchmere         | Complete           | Programme TBC | Programme TBC |
| <b>Section 03</b><br>Kingsley - Norley                     | Complete           | Complete      | In Progress   |
| <b>Section 04</b><br>Aston, Murdishaw & Norton Tower       | Complete           | Complete      | Complete      |

| Programme Key |          |
|---------------|----------|
|               | Complete |
|               | Ongoing  |
|               | Planned  |

**Live Programme and Traffic Management Updates:**  
<https://www.unitedutilities.com/vamp-live-updates>

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Tarporley to Norton Project Reference: 80063071.02

**Virtual Exhibition Webpage (Tarporley to Norton):**  
<https://uuhub.co.uk/vyrnwy/tarporley-to-norton/>

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**Can temporary bus stops be added to the No. 48 route at The Carriers Inn and School Lane?**

Temporary bus stops cannot be added to the No. 48 route at The Carriers Inn or School Lane. We have been working closely with the Cheshire West and Chester Transport Planning Team to explore options, but the proposal is not feasible. The main challenges are the limited size of the turning area at these locations, the large size of the buses required to operate the No. 48 service, and the reliance on private land to complete a turning manoeuvre safely. These constraints mean that any attempt to add temporary stops could pose safety risks and operational difficulties.

When the No. 48 service is unable to access Hatchmere Crossroads due to the planned closure, buses will need to operate along Norley Road, following a diversion route. This ensures that the service continues to operate, although it will not be able to serve the stops at the crossroads directly.

In addition, we have explored whether the boundary area for the itravel bus could be temporarily extended to include Weaverham High School to provide an alternative option for affected passengers. Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) have confirmed that this is not possible.

We are continuing to engage with local representatives, including Cllr Gill Edwards, to see if any alternative solutions or adjustments can be made to support residents and students affected by the closure. Our aim is to ensure that public transport access is maintained as effectively as possible during this period, and we will provide updates as soon as any viable options are identified.

**Is there the possibility of providing alternative parking for residents living close to the crossroads?**

We have explored the possibility of providing alternative parking for residents living near the crossroads, including the use of Forestry England land, which the project team has previously used as a compound area. However, at this stage it is unclear whether this site will be needed once works in the area begin. Additionally, using the land as a car park would present significant challenges, as it would not be possible to control or restrict access effectively. For these reasons, it has been determined that this option is not viable for providing alternative parking for residents.

**Will pedestrian access be maintained during the road closure?**

Pedestrian access will be maintained wherever possible throughout the road closure. A pedestrian management plan will be implemented to ensure the safety and convenience of all pedestrians in the area which will include temporary walkways. There will be appropriate signage to guide pedestrians safely around the works. The plan will be regularly reviewed and adjusted as the works progress to ensure that pedestrian movement remains safe and accessible at all times.

**Would it be possible to lay metal plates over the excavation to allow vehicles to pass through the working area. Can a vehicle access route be set up over the pavement so vehicles can pass through the crossroads?**

It is not possible to create a vehicle access route over the pavement through the crossroads. The primary reason is health and safety: the works involve significant excavation and the installation of a secure working area, which must remain in place for the duration of the project to protect both the public and the workforce. Allowing vehicles to pass over the pavement would compromise the integrity of this working area and create a high risk of accidents.

In addition to safety concerns, the pavement and surrounding surfaces are not designed to support the weight and movement of vehicles. Using these surfaces in this way could cause structural damage, create instability, or lead to further hazards, particularly given the depth and extent of the excavation. Temporary measures such as metal plates or movable barriers have also been considered, but these are not feasible due to the size and complexity of the excavation, the layout of the working area, and the need to maintain a secure and controlled environment for construction activities.

Throughout the project, careful planning and pedestrian management will be implemented to maintain safe access where possible, but vehicle access through the crossroads during the works cannot be accommodated.

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During the period of the closure visitors to Delamere Forest do not use the roads leading to Hatchmere Crossroads as a car park.

Ensure that vehicles adhere to the road closed signs and did not use resident's driveways as turning points, particularly large vehicles and HGVs.

These roads are part of the public highway. While we cannot enforce parking, we want to help keep the area safe and accessible for everyone. Where possible, clear signage will be provided to guide visitors and minimize inconvenience for local residents and other road users. We will work with Forestry England and CWaC to include this information on their visitor pages. We can also share it via posters and social media to help visitors plan ahead and stay informed.

# Keeping in Touch

**Customer and Stakeholder Updates** - Further updates to all customer areas (Section 1- 4) will be provided throughout the project to ensure regular updates on our main construction works, including visits to those properties directly impacted. Additional public community drop-in sessions will also be held in advance of lining works commencing, with information for each drop-in session sent via letter, email and/or via the virtual exhibition webpage.

**Virtual Exhibition Webpage Updates** - Virtual exhibition webpage updated in September 2025 to reflect recent amendments to working area's locations, with continuous updates provided as works progresses under 'Live Updates' tab – Refer to live updates for up to date works in each area.

**Monthly Stakeholder Updates** - Monthly stakeholder updates to provide regular updates on works progress. All impacted Parish and Ward councils will receive updates, in addition to key stakeholders identified within each area.

**Keeping in touch** – For all customer related queries, we're available 24/7, 365 days a year. You can call us on 0345 672 3723 quoting project number 80063071.02, contact us via our social media channels or complete the feedback form on our virtual exhibition site. We'll be happy to help.