

# Highways

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## Ash Dieback

Dear Sir/Madam

**What:** Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road** for essential Ash Dieback tree work.

**Where:** **A424 Stow on the Wold to A44 Jct, Evesham Road** (see map for the exact location)

**When:** **13-17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 inclusive** (excluding weekends) **from 09.30 to 15.30 daily**.

On behalf of Gloucestershire County Council, we are advising you that we are due to be carrying out essential works at the above location to remove unsafe trees infected with Ash Dieback.

Ash Dieback disease causes Ash trees to become unsafe, trees could shed limbs or collapse on to the road causing harm and injury. This work must take place for health and safety reasons, to protect road users and pedestrians, and make sure the carriageway remains clear of debris.

## **ROAD CLOSURE**

As part of our Ash Dieback project, we will be carrying out essential tree works at the above location for health and safety reasons, to protect users of our Highways and County Council land. To ensure the safety of you and of our work force, we have, under Sections 14, 15 & 16 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as amended, made a Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road**.

Due to the type of activities required with tree felling and maintenance works, the road closure can cover an area greater than where work is taking place. This is to allow safe movement and placement of machinery and material.

We appreciate road closures are inconvenient, but it is necessary to keep you and the team working on the road, safe. We have planned the work so we can be in and out as quickly as possible and have tried to do it within a timeframe that will minimise any inconvenience.

## **ACCESS**

In accordance with the Temporary Traffic Order, we are not permitted to allow any person or vehicle to proceed along the closed roads; the exception being emergency vehicles or statutory undertakers responding to an emergency. We will endeavor to always keep the public foot path open, if it is necessary to close it at any point it will be for a limited time and fully supervised by our trained banks man.

\*\*\*During this period, **13-17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 inclusive**, there will be **NO through access** from **Stow on the Wold to A44, Evesham Road junction along A424**. Essential Ash Dieback work is to be completed on A424 at **Area 1**. Stow on the Wold to the junction for Donnington, followed by **Area 2**. the junction for Donnington to the junction for Ganborough and **Area 3**. the junction for Condicote to junction at A44 Evesham Road. We work in only one area at a time, confining the hard closure area

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to the active cutting area, leaving the remaining non-cutting areas as soft closure areas. Progression through areas is wholly time dependent.

Closure times are between 09:30 – 15:30 daily. The hard closure points are continually supervised by our fully trained banks man. Once on site, our workforce Supervisor will communicate with residents who are directly affected by the essential Ash Dieback works, living within the designated cutting areas/hard closure, as indicated in **black** on the map. NO though traffic will be given access at this point. Access for residents, deliveries and for access to frontages will only be permitted where it does NOT impact on our ability to conduct the work as required and only where it is safe to do so. Any access during this time would be at the driver's own risk as it is a works site. Therefore, if you normally drive into or out of this area during the hours when the road closure is in place, we ask you to please make alternative arrangements. Access is permissible into the 'soft closure' area for accessing frontages and businesses. This is the road leading up to the actual cutting area as indicated in **red** on the map.

## DIVERSIONS

We have created an official diversion route which will be signposted and is suitable for all vehicles that would normally use the **closed A road**. This is indicated in **blue** on the map. We appreciate you may know an alternative route, however, please be aware that alternative routes which are outside of the road closure area are used at driver's discretion and own risk. Below is the map showing the extents of the road closure.



**PARKING** - If you usually park within the cutting area, you will need to find alternative parking nearby during the hours that the road is closed.

**CONTACT US:** If you have any queries, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on our web page link [Ash Dieback Road Closure FAQ | Highways](#) or contact us on 08000 514514 or email [AshDieback@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:AshDieback@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation.

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