## Johns Road Upgrade Groynes to Sawyers Arms Road

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

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## TRAFFIC MOVING TO THE NORTH SIDE

The Johns Road (Groynes to Sawyers Arms Road) Upgrade project, will reach an important milestone tomorrow (Thursday 25 February) when northbound traffic is moved onto the newly constructed carriageway.

At this stage southbound traffic will remain on the existing road. This will allow the completion of work between the north and southbound traffic lanes, including the central median and wire rope barrier, throughout the site. This change will happen tonight, weather permitting.

In a few weeks southbound traffic will also move to the new carriageway so the new southbound lanes can be built.

Planned permanent intersection changes that remove the ability to make right turns to and from Gardiners Road, Wilkinsons Road, Stella Close and Greywacke Road will come into effect with this change in the road layout. Reduced access at these roads is necessary to improve safety and traffic flow on this busy section of State Highway. While temporary restrictions are already in place at Wilkinsons Road and Greywacke Road, these changes will affect motorists using Gardiners Road and Stella Close. As part of this work there will also be a temporary closure of the right turn into Clearwater Avenue, motorists will be detoured to the Sawyers Arms roundabout to perform a U turn. Occasionally we may also have to reduce some of the approaches to one lane during off-peak hours.

We are asking motorists to be aware of the new road layout at both ends of the site and to ensure they keep to the posted speed limit for everyone's safety, including the men and women working at the site.

Cycle and pedestrian access will be maintained while our contractors are working. Parking and speed restrictions will remain in place around our sites, we will also use barriers and cones to guide traffic and protect our work crews. Please follow on-site signage and drive to the conditions.

The upgrade of Johns Road from The Groynes to Sawyers Arms is part of the Government's Roads of National Significance Programme. The project is a section of the Western Corridor project which will see SH1 four-laned and median separated from The Groynes to the centre of Hornby and also included the Western Belfast Bypass project currently also being constructed.



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