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The occupier

**Important information about upcoming work – construction of Darkinson Lane Underpass and the closure of Darkinson Lane to vehicles**

Dear resident or occupier,

As part of work to build the Preston Western Distributor – your major new road link to connect Preston and southern Fylde to the M55 – Darkinson Lane will be permanently closed to vehicles from Monday 27 April 2020.

**What is happening?**

This aspect of the Preston Western Distributor Road project involves the construction of Darkinson Lane Underpass. Upon completion, the underpass will be for use by non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders) only and there will be no access for vehicular through traffic.

**When is it happening?**

You may have noticed that enabling work for Darkinson Lane Underpass has already commenced. A road closure is necessary for most of the construction activities that are planned in order to protect the safety of both members of the public and our workforce. We plan to implement the closure on Monday 27 April at 7am. After this time, diversions will be in place for both vehicles and non-motorised users as per the plan in this letter.

This work will take time, and we expect to open the new underpass in autumn 2021.

**Information for motorists**

Upon implementation of the closure, motorists will be required to follow the signed diversion via Darkinson Lane, Lea Lane and Sidgreaves Lane (also operating in reverse). Darkinson Lane will not reopen to vehicles upon completion of the Preston Western Distributor Road project.

**Information for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders**

Non-motorised users will be required to follow a short, signed diversion around the works area. This diversion will be in place while we build Darkinson Lane underpass. Non-motorised users will then use the underpass upon completion of works.

Properties and businesses located on Darkinson Lane itself have specific access requirements which have been communicated to those concerned.

We appreciate that there is no right time to undertake this work, but it has been carefully planned to minimise disruption as much as possible. If you have any queries about our works on Darkinson Lane, or any aspects of the Preston Western Distributor Road project, you can email me at [PWDHelpline@costain.com](mailto:PWDHelpline@costain.com) or get in touch by calling 01772 808061. More information about the Preston Western Distributor Road project can be found online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/pwd](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/pwd).

Yours faithfully

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