

# Work on Saughton Road North complete – road to re-open this evening

## ***WATER MAINS WORK ON SAUGHTON ROAD NORTH COMPLETE TWO MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE***

Scottish Water work to improve the water mains infrastructure in and around Corstorphine has now completed on Saughton Road North, two months ahead of schedule.



Just under a kilometre of new pipe along Saughton Road North supplying around 4,000 customers has been upgraded.

Work now moves on to Kirk Loan but will pause for the Christmas break on 22 December 2017.

Kirk Loan will be closed to through traffic for approximately 11 weeks. Scottish Water are halting the works and opening the roads in time for the festive period to give residents and businesses a well-deserved break, and also in line with the council's policy that no road works take place at this time of year.

The rolling programme will recommence on 8 January 2018 to complete Kirk Loan and move along to Clermiston Road.

Scott Fraser, Scottish Water's corporate affairs regional manager, said: "We are pleased that we have completed the Saughton Road North phase ahead of schedule.

"This is down to using a method called pipe bursting, which is a trenchless way of upgrading the water pipes, as 'launching

and receiving' pits replace the need for a traditional construction trench in the road, resulting in faster, less intrusive work, leading to quicker reinstatement of the road.

“Scottish Water acknowledges that closing this section of road has been inconvenient for the local community, road users and public transport. We apologise for any inconvenience and thanks affected road users for their ongoing patience and understanding.”

The £1m project to ensure customers continue to access clean fresh drinking water and maintain security of their water supply, is part of a wider programme of investment from 2015-2021 across the city.