A702 closed from this evening over the weekend

A SECTION OF A702 TO CLOSE FOR EMERGENCY WATER REPAIR WORK TONIGHT

Part of the A702 — between Nine Mile Burn and Hillend — will be closed from this evening for Scottish Water to carry out emergency repair work to a burst pipe.

Engineers will repair a 36 inch raw water main which has burst near the Flotterstone Inn.

Scottish Water say they hope that the repair will be completed and the road reopened by Monday morning.

A diversion will be in place between the A702 at Nine Mile Burn (just north of Carlops) which will take commuters via Penicuik until the A703 joins the A702 at Hillend.

Road users heading south (coming from the city) will take the A703 at Hillend where they will be diverted via Penicuik and will re-join the A702 at Nine Mile Burn. Local access will be permitted.

Scottish Water customers should not notice any impact to their water supply. The burst pipe carries raw water to Glencorse Water Treatment Work.

Scott Fraser, Regional Communities Manager at Scottish Water, said: "We apologise for the disruption this temporary road closure will cause while we carry out emergency work to repair a large burst main. We appreciate this is a very busy section of the A702 and will do all we can to ensure the road reopens as soon as possible.

"Scottish Water thanks all affected road users for their patience and understanding."