

Overnight road closures and parking restrictions announced for A68 at Pathhead

Drivers are being warned to expect overnight road closures and parking restrictions in Pathhead when the A68 trunk road through the Midlothian town is resurfaced this autumn.

Transport Scotland's operating company BEAR Scotland will carry out the works over 16 nights, commencing on 16 September and concluding on the night of 4 October. No work will take place on the nights of Saturday 21, Saturday 28 or Sunday 29 September.

To ensure the safety of roadworkers and the public, the A68 through Pathhead will be closed between 19:30 and 06:00 each night of these works with a signed diversion in place between Millerhill Junction on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass and the A68 at Fala Dam, via the A720, A7, B6367 and B6458. This diversion will add an estimated 6.7 miles and 11 minutes to affected journeys.

Overnight parking restrictions will also be in place between 19:30 and 06:00, localised in three separate phases:

- **16-19 September** – No parking south of 129 Main Street
- **20-25 September** – No parking between 33 and 129 Main Street

- **26-27 September** – No parking north of 33 Main Street
- **30 September to 4 October** – No restrictions

Parking zones will be clearly marked.

Local businesses will remain open as usual. Pedestrian access across the town will be maintained.

Tommy Deans, BEAR Scotland's South East Network Manager, said: "As well as resurfacing the A68 through Pathhead, we'll be replacing ironworks including manhole covers, utility access covers and drainage grates, resulting in a smoother, safer new road surface.

"We understand that road closures are disruptive, therefore we've planned these works to take place overnight when traffic flows are lower.

"We'll also do what we can to mitigate noise disruption to local residents, including completing the noisiest operations by 11pm each night.

"We're working with key stakeholders to ensure that the works are planned with the needs of the local community in mind. Letters about the works will be sent to local residents and businesses over the coming weeks.

"We thank the local community for their patience while these essential improvements are completed."

All work is weather dependent and subject to postponement in the event of adverse conditions.

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