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New Water Main Works - A862 Road Closure – Questions & Answers

Why are you doing this work?

This project is being carried out to address the deterioration of the existing network in the area. Over the past 3 years (before this project started) there has been 15 bursts including at least 10 in the past year. Renewing these sections of the water network is essential to improve the resilience of the water supply to our customers and reduce the chances of bursts in the future.

What type of work are you doing?

This section of the project involves installing approx. 2.5km of new water main along the A862 from the Arduillie Roundabout towards Dingwall.

Will there be a Road Closure?

Yes. During the works a full road closure of the A862 will be in place from the Arduillie Roundabout to Dingwall from **Monday 7th July 2025 for approx. 13 weeks.**

Access will be maintained for Emergency vehicles and local residents along the A862 only.

How long will this work take?

The road closure will be in place for approx. 13 weeks. We will do all we can to carry out the works as quickly as possible.

Why is a full road closure required?

The road closure is required to ensure the work can be carried out as safely as possible. There is insufficient width in the carriageway to be able to safely carry out the works whilst permitting vehicles through the working area.

What is the diversion route?

The diversion route via the A9 to the Tore Roundabout and back up the A835 to Dingwall (vice versa) will be in place and fully signed.

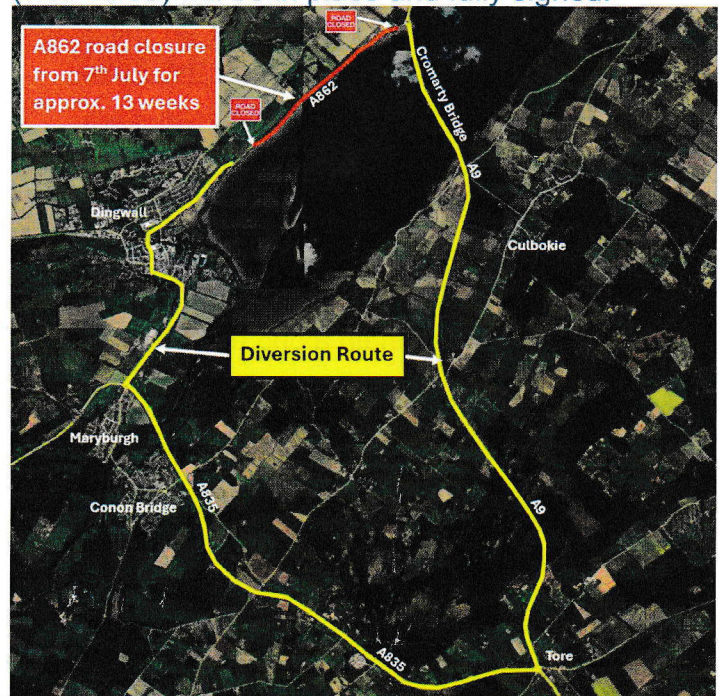


Image: Diversion Route

Will Old Evanton Road be closed as part of these works?

We have no plans to introduce restrictions to Old Evanton Road as part of this section of work. We will have the road closure in place on the A862 and the official signed diversion route. For any information regarding any possible restrictions to any surrounding roads, please contact Highland Council Roads.

Why was the work originally planned to be done using 2-way traffic lights?

Initially it had been thought that this would be possible, however during the further planning of the works and following an onsite assessment of the road, it became clear that a full road closure was the only option to carry out the work safely.

Why is the Road Closure planned for over the Summer?

Once it was apparent that a full road closure was required, it was planned to minimise impact to School traffic by utilising the Summer Holiday period.

The work will still impact School term time but less than if works were done out-with Summer Holidays.

Have other options been looked at so the pipe doesn't have to be installed along the A862?

During the design process, other options were looked at for the route of the pipe.

A combination of the challenges with the steep terrain and nearby Railway line to the North of the A862 and the proximity of the Cromarty Firth to the South, meant that the only safe alternative was to locate the new main along the A862.

Where can I find out more information about this Project?

Further information regarding whole project can be found by visiting
www.scottishwater.co.uk/EvantonDingwall

We thank you in advance for your patience, co-operation and understanding whilst we plan and carry out these essential works.

If you have any further queries, please contact Scottish Water customer helpline on 0800 0778778 quoting 'Capital/516518/CWA'.

Yours Sincerely

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