



Temporary closure of NCN R45 between Taw Hill and Westmead

To allow the replacement of the full-length Haydon End rising main, Thames Water need to fully close the cycle/walking path between Taw Hill and Westmead (NCN Route 45). The works are essential to prevent future bursts and make sure the network is fit to flow for years to come.

The closure will start in mid-August 2023 and will remain closed around the clock for at least 12 months.

Please scan the QR code below or check the website:

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/investing-in-our-region/improvements-in-your-area> for updates around when the path is likely to reopen.

An official diversion route is in force for pedestrians and cyclists – **please see the map on the reverse.**

Once the works are finished, the Council has arranged for Thames Water to reinstate the path so it is in a better condition for both cyclists and pedestrians.



Diversion Map



Diversion route towards town

Follow the path left into Chicory Close and follow the road to the top, where you join Akers Way. Use the Akers Way cycle path to head east all the way to Cheney Manor Road, where you turn right and follow this quiet street through to the main road. If you do not wish to cycle on the main road, push your bike on the pavement – this is only a short stretch. Turn right onto the main road and at The Manor pub, take the next left (Bessemer Road). Follow this right onto Surrey Road all the way to Ferndale Road and head down the alley onto the green space. The path on the right will link you onto the Western Flyer, which you can follow back to Westmead.

For those on foot, and more confident cyclists, it will be shorter to cut through the Cheney Manor Industrial Estate from Akers Way.

Alternative route to West Swindon

For routes into West Swindon, cross Thamesdown Drive and use the old Purton Road to get to Peatmoor. There are a variety of routes around West Swindon, depending on your destination.

Download the Swindon cycle map at www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk, pick up free paper copies at the library or email your postal address to swindontravelchoices@swindon.gov.uk to be mailed a copy.

