

Essential Water Main Works on Godstone Road (A22), Purley; 22/7/23 to 3/9/23

Diversion and Bus Information

A reminder that SES Water will be closing part of the Godstone Rd, Purley, between the Downs Court Rd/Warren Rd traffic lights and the entrance/exit to Tesco in Purley Rd (approx 300 m) for 6 weeks from 22 July until 3 September 2023. This will also affect Warren Rd which will be closed off from the bend on Approach Road, leading to the back entrance of Purley Railway Station. Vehicle access will still be available to/from the rear entrance of Purley Station and Friends Rd, from the Downs Court Rd and Godstone Rd junction.

Local diversion routes, because of the closure of Warren Rd, will be via Downs Court Rd, Mitchley Ave, and Riddlesdown Rd to the Warren Rd junction, and vice versa. On Mitchley Ave, there will also be 'Diversion' boards/routes via Ingleboro Drive because of the road closure of Dalegarth Gardens at the Mitchley Ave junction, due to the SGN gas main works over the same time span.

Croydon Council advise the Pay and Display parking bays in Warren Rd near to Purley Station, will still be in use - but only accessible from the Grasmere Rd end. Motorists who park there, will have to turn around to go back out towards Grasmere Rd.

The SES Water official diversion route is via the A22, A25 and A23. This route is so long, in order that all types of vehicle can navigate the alternative route to the same Class A roads. Using the M25 between junctions 6 and 7 (and vice versa), is slightly shorter but will not be signposted with the diversion route and this is an unofficial route. No doubt local residents will find their own way around the roadworks.

The Riddlesdown RA's Transport representative has been working closely with interested stakeholders about the local diversion for bus routes to/from and through Purley and this is the latest information;

- 1) There will be a bus stand/stop for the 412 at the rear entrance of Purley railway station (east side) which will start and terminate at this location. The 407, which will be a split service between Caterham and Sutton, will stop in this location (to/from Caterham route) but will not stand here.
- 2) The bus countdown boards in Purley will give information about buses in the affected areas.

These will go live at 5 am on Saturday 22nd July until 9 pm on Sunday 03rd September.

These messages are designed to inform passengers of the diversions and service changes to routes 407, 412 and 434.

The following message will be displayed at the two Purley Station stops (near the Jolly Farmers):
Until 9 pm Sunday 3rd September; *"Route 407 is operating a split service between Sutton & Purley Station & between Purley, Sunnydene Road & Caterham. Route 412 starts & ends at Purley, Downs Court Road. Route 434 is on diversion. Visit tfl.gov.uk/bus/status "*

This second message will be displayed at the stops named Purley/Downlands Precinct: *"Godstone Road: Water works until 9 pm Sunday 3rd September. Route 407 is operating a split service between Sutton & Purley Station & between Purley, Sunnydene Road & Caterham. Route 412 starts & ends at Purley, Downs Court Road. Visit tfl.gov.uk/bus/status "*

- 3) The 434, which serves streets on the Kenley side of the Godstone Road, will go to/from Purley Cross via the Brighton Road and Old Lodge Lane, as its diversion route.
- 4) At the southbound Downlands Precinct Stop, there will be no 412 service available. This stop will be served by 127, 289, 359, 434, and 455 routes.
- 5) Buses terminating at the stop near to the 'Jolly Farmers' pub - stop M (Purley Station/Purley High Street) will be the 127 & 289. The 407 will not use this stop going towards Caterham - users should go to the rear of Purley Station. The 407 going towards Sutton will leave stop P - Purley Station/High street - outside Tesco.
- 6) The full list of all bus stops/routes during the course of these works, through and starting/terminating in Purley, are on the RRA's website:

<https://www.riddlesdownresidents.org.uk/>

7) Southern Railway have advised and to assist during these works and resulting road closure, that bus passengers for the 412 and 407, can on request between 9 pm and 5 am, ask for access from the Southern team, to use the Purley station subway, to go between the front and rear entrances (west and east side). This can be done by speaking to staff direct, or using the assistance call point. Southern also advise the disabled can use this route at all times, upon request to staff. When staff are not there, for example elsewhere on the station, the gates will be in the open position. The local Southern team will keep this under review as the works progress. Bus users during times that the barriers are closed, should not 'touch in' on the station yellow card readers, unless using the trains. The 'touch in' should only be used on the buses. If bus passengers hold a valid ticket such as a one day Travelcard (covering Zone 6), a London Freedom pass, or a 60+ Oyster card, then they will be able to touch in and out on the station barriers. If in doubt about using a card, ask the rail staff on duty for advice. At all other times when the barriers are closed, bus passengers will need to go via the pedestrian footpath (by the Purley station surface car park, at the rear entrance) and walk into Godstone Rd and then along under the railway bridge, and vice versa.

The first few days are obviously going to be confusing for some motorists and bus users. Croydon Council have also advised that they will be monitoring the diversion routes closely and will tweak any routes within the Borough, if necessary. And no doubt TfL will do the same with the bus services, if necessary.

Further and more detailed information and FAQs is available on the SES website:

<https://seswater.co.uk/news/a22-godstone-road>