

The county council is warning motorists to expect significant delays later this month as contractors working on behalf of Tesco continue work on a new express store in Leicester Forest East

The work being carried out by the supermarket giant at the junction of Hinckley Road (A47) and Kirby Lane involves a new entrance and exit from the car park and associated changes to the traffic signals, including better crossing facilities for pedestrians. There will also be carriageway resurfacing.

Work is due to start on Monday, 20th January and is expected to take around three weeks to complete. It will involve:

- The full closure of Kirby Lane for the duration of the works to allow two-way, unrestricted traffic flow on the A47;
- The A47 will also close for one full weekend from the evening of Saturday, 8th February to the morning of Monday, 10th February so that resurfacing work can take place at the junction;

A spokesperson for Leicestershire County Council said: “We are working closely to ensure that Tesco develop a traffic management plan which enables the works to be completed in the shortest timeframe possible.

“This is a complex job being carried out by Tesco which will cause a lot of disruption but we are doing all we can, as the highways authority, to minimise the impact on road users.”

Notes to Editors:

Diversions for Kirby Muxloe residents during the works:

Travelling to Kirby Muxloe from Leicester

Traffic will be diverted on to Ratby Lane at the A47 Hinckley Road/Ratby Lane junction and then via Ratby Lane, Main Street and Station Road to get to Kirby Lane. The arrangements are vice versa for motorists travelling to Leicester from the Kirby Lane area

Travelling to Kirby Muxloe from Hinckley:

Traffic will be diverted onto Leicester Lane (B582) at the A47 Hinckley Road/Leicester Lane B582 junction and then via Leicester Lane, Barns Way, Station Road, Desford; Desford Lane, Newtown Unthank; Desford Lane, Hedgerow Lane, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe. The arrangements are vice versa for those travelling to Hinckley from the Kirby Lane area

For the weekend closure (8th Feb to 10th Feb):

Leicester-bound traffic will be diverted on to the B582 Desford Road at the Hinckley Road A47/B582 Desford Road junction and then via the B582 Desford Road, B4114 Enderby to A563, A563 from B4114 to the A47 and vice versa for traffic leaving the city.

Local bus diversions:

During the closure of Kirby Lane, buses which normally run along Station Road and Kirby Lane to join the A47 Hinckley Road will divert via Main Street, Kirby Muxloe and then on to Ratby Road to join the A47 and vice versa. Buses that normally run along the Hinckley Road A47 will be unaffected.

For the weekend closure (8th Feb to 10th Feb), buses travelling from Kirby Muxloe will follow the above diversion. Buses travelling along the A47 Hinckley Road will divert via Kings Drive, Rushmere Walk and Stafford Leys and vice versa.

Diversion routes for HGVs which are available to view at <https://one.network>