

## UPDATE: 15 October 2021



### Progress

West Sussex County Council are working with contractors and specialists to try to resolve this issue as quickly as we possibly can.

We understand the impact that this closure is having on the local community and businesses so will continue to do all we can to get the road open as soon as practically possible.

Several contractors have been on site over the past few days as planned. Yesterday, the specialist teams, including a diver, attended the site to assess the underwater conditions. Other work has included the clearance of vegetation, trial pit, and CCTV investigations. Rather than a temporary fix, we want to ensure that this is a long-lasting repair.

We have undertaken work to significantly improve signage for the closure, which includes electronic variable message signs which have been placed at key locations to pre-warn road users of the closure. We are aware that there are still a few improvements required following feedback and we will endeavour to get this sorted as soon as possible.

Timescales for the works will only become clearer once the solution has been identified following the investigation works. We currently expect the works to take up to 3 months to complete, subject to any adverse weather or unexpected issues. We will of course however, do all that we can to open the road sooner if it is possible and safe to do so.

Businesses in Duncton have been able to open as usual throughout and will continue to do so. West Sussex County Council understands the impact this is having and we hope that the local community, now more than ever, pulls together to support all the businesses.

Seaford College half term begins today (15 October) for two weeks and from 1st November the current travel arrangements that they have in place will continue. This will continue to reduce passing trade for the local businesses and your local county councillor, Tom Richardson, in partnership with district councillor Alan Sutton, will be doing all they can to encourage local support.