

## UPDATE: 22 October 2021



### Progress

West Sussex County Council continues to work with contractors and specialists to resolve this issue as quickly as we possibly can.

The investigations and analysis are now largely complete and WSCC have an understanding of the problem and the constraints within the site that have to be managed.

At this time we have no reason to change our view that the works may take up to 3 months subject to any adverse weather or unexpected issues.

Our contractor has continued to prepare the site for the works to begin in earnest as soon as designs are complete and approved.

One diseased Ash Tree will be removed shortly on the site; checks have been made and no bats are present.

Significant improvements to the highway signage relating to the closure have been completed. Feedback suggests the signage has helped, but the county council is aware of the difficulties residents and businesses are experiencing in some of village lanes due to driver behaviour.

We are attempting to understand the issues and working with residents and businesses to help improve this situation.

Businesses in Duncton have been able to open as usual throughout and will continue to do so.