

Closure of the A414 in Danbury

From 11 April 2005, essential maintenance work on the A414 in Danbury will involve the road being closed for approximately 12 weeks.

With average traffic flows of around 22,000 vehicles a day, the A414 is a primary route across the county. Currently, the whole length of the road is in a very poor condition. The scheme is therefore vital, but for work to be carried out safely, closure of certain sections is necessary.

Phase 1 of the £2.7 million improvement scheme started in November and has involved replacing street lighting, resurfacing footways and installing new bus stops.

Phase 2 involves work to highways drainage systems, as well as essential resurfacing work on the majority of the carriageway.

Travelling in the area.

The map shows the different stages of the work. The first closure, which is due to last approximately 8 weeks, will stop traffic travelling along the A414 between the A12 interchange and Eves Corner. After this section is completed the second closure, which is due to last approximately 4 weeks, will stop traffic travelling between Eves Corner and the Royal Oak Roundabout.

Whilst these closures are in place all through traffic will be directed to the signed diversion routes. These follow north and south alternatives, and although they are longer than the normal route, they have been chosen as they are suitable for all types of vehicles, especially HGV's.

The **north diversion** from Maldon follows the B1019 through Hatfield Peverel to the A12.

The **south diversion** from the Royal Oak Roundabout follows the B1418 to South Woodham Ferrers, then onto the new A130 Southend Road via the A132 to Rettendon.

All traffic should expect delays and you should allow for longer journey times. If you are able to make arrangements, car sharing will reduce the expected congestion at peak times.

The closures will also have a significant effect on local public bus services and possibly cause longer journey times. The information on the other side gives more details of the revised routes.

Those students on affected school contract services will be contacted individually about how the work will affect them.

Further details about the work and how journeys will be affected are being made available locally, but if you need more information, including revised bus timetables, contact the **Essex Traffic Control Centre on 08456 000110**.

Changes to bus services

During the closure of the A414 in Danbury, bus routes will be diverted and temporary timetables will be in place for services 31, 31A, 31B, 31C, 31X and 36.

The red map refers to the first element of the closure between the A12 and Eves Corner. The blue map refers to the second part of the closure between Eves Corner and the Royal Oak Roundabout.

A travel guide containing all the revised timetables and route diversion maps is available by contacting the Essex Traffic Control Centre on 08456 000110

Other affected services

Shops and businesses within the affected area will be open as usual. At most times, customers will be unaffected, but may be required to enter the areas from other directions. Please contact either the shop or business if you are unsure of the alternative routes.

Residents along the affected route will be advised by the contractor about access arrangements as work proceeds.

We are working closely with the emergency services to make arrangements for access during the closure.

Refuse and recycling collection days will remain unaffected, although at certain times the pick ups may be revised because of route variations. Any missed collections as a result of the closure will be attended to at the end of the day or the morning after. Residents are requested to leave their bins by the property boundary as usual on the day of collection and are reminded to check for changes in collection over the May Bank Holidays.

If you receive other services such as homecare or meals on wheels, please contact your provider to find out how the work will affect you.

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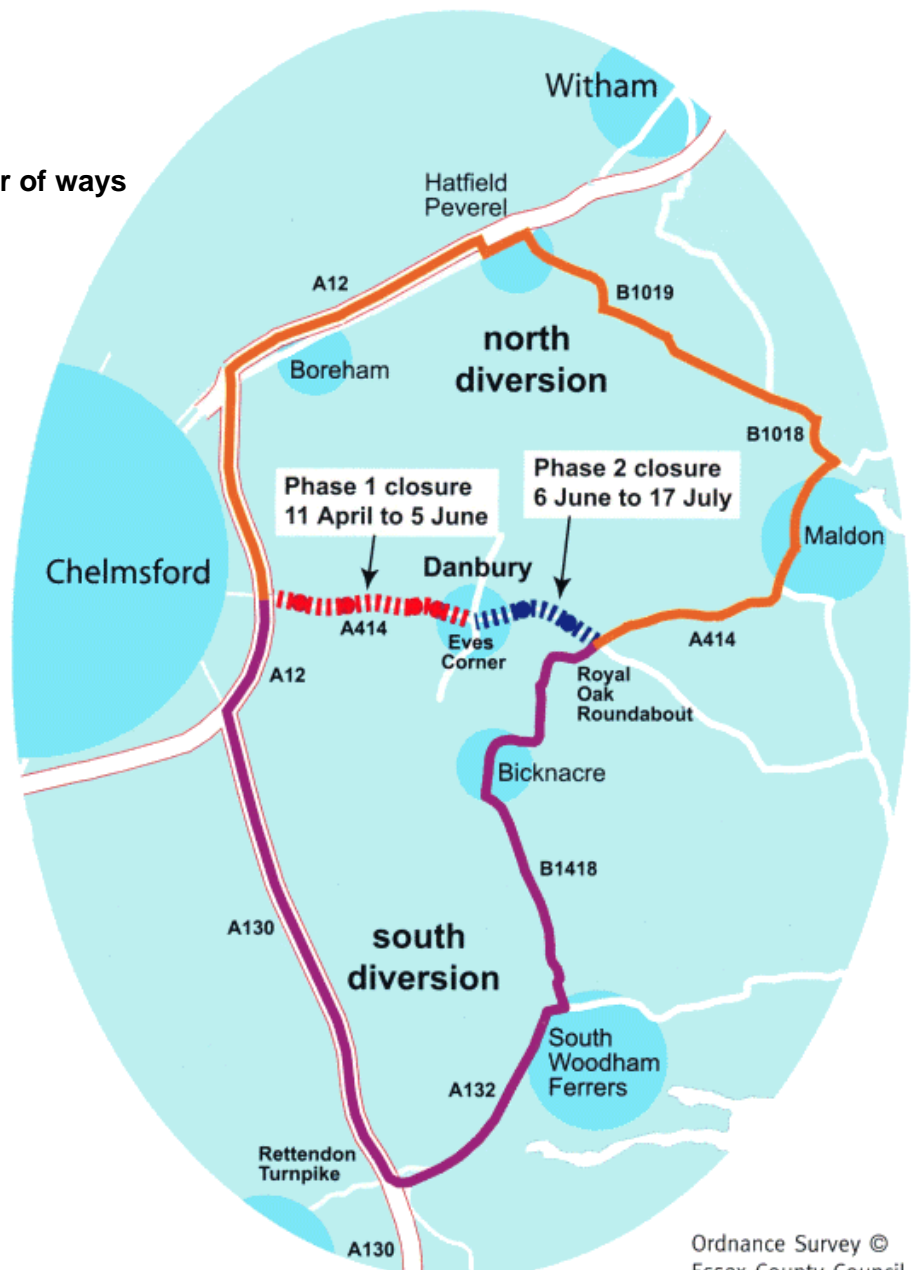
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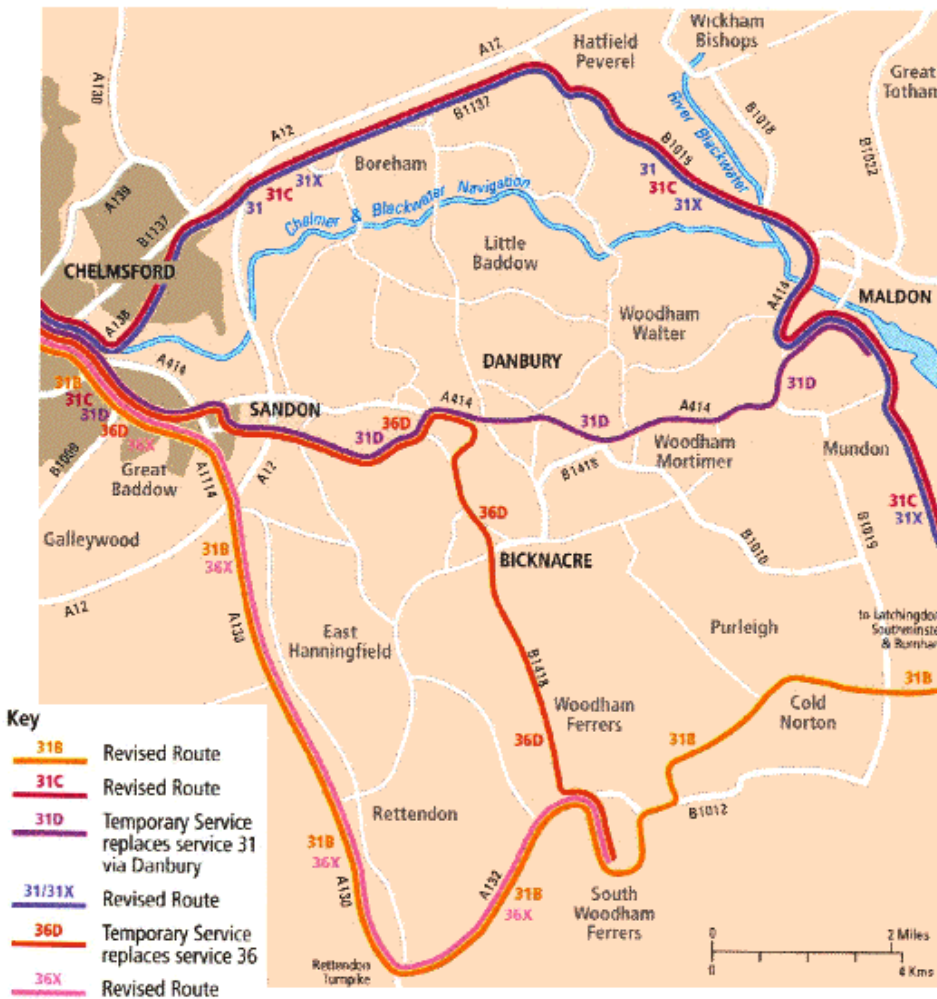
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**Phase-1 Closure
Bus Routes:
April-11 to June-5**



**Phase-2 Closure
Bus Routes:
June-6 to July-17**