

Leashaw landslip update

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Here is our latest update on the Leashaw landslip

Further movement of the landslip site

Following recent prevailing wet weather conditions, our engineers have noticed some new movement of the landslip area.

Unfortunately, alongside the visible slip, the road has sunk approximately 10mm in the vicinity of the crack next to the sandbags. Up until now this area hadn't shown any movement. In addition, the kerb line adjacent to the sandbags has dropped by approximately 15mm – this is movement we have been aware of but is new further movement.

We are also monitoring the presence of groundwater within the structure of the road.

We now need to continue to monitor the site for any further changes.

Reopening one side of the road

We've had hoped to re-open Leashaw on one side at some point early this year, but due to the new movement, unfortunately, we won't be able to do this at the current time. We will keep this under review.

We need to carry on monitoring the slip for another few months and it is unlikely to be before April before we can look again at the possibility of reopening the road on one side.

The independent road safety audit into the reopening plans also raised some concerns in relation to this further movement as well as ensuring safe access for all road users that we need to try to address.

We appreciate that this will cause all local residents and businesses real frustration. We are sorry for the inconvenience this situation continues to cause.

Cracks on Lea Road

We had some cracking reported on nearby Lea Road and have had our team look at this. They will continue to monitor this over the coming months. This depression is not on the area of the main slip repair, and it is believed this is a historic area of movement that we have registered so is one we will keep under review.

Long term solution

We have commissioned specialists to look at a long-term plan to carry out permanent repairs to the landslip and area which would enable the full reopening of the road. You may see their engineers on site as they start to look at the options available and carry out further ground investigations. This work can be done during any continued movement. We will keep you up to date with progress as this work develops.

Formal road closure

The formal road closure notice runs out at the end of January, so it has now been renewed for a further 3 months until the end of April 2024.
