

Rushmoor Borough Installation update

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Southampton to London
Pipeline Project

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Dear residents,

Thank you for your patience so far

My name is Tim Sunderland, and I am the Project Executive for the Southampton to London Pipeline Project. You may not have heard from me personally before, but I have been working on the project since it started in 2017.

I wanted to say thank you to all residents within the Rushmoor Borough for their patience whilst we install the replacement pipeline. We understand that whilst the construction is temporary and dotted across the borough, it is still not business as usual for residents, so I appreciate your patience.

I would like to reassure you that this is a once in a lifetime replacement project and our teams are working hard to install efficiently with as little disruption as we can manage. I have asked my team to put this information pack together to give you the information you may need as we complete the installation of the replacement pipeline in Rushmoor. This leaflet provides you with an update on our progress so far and provides an overview of our ongoing and future works.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team to discuss this with us. We welcome any and all questions, we want you to feel fully informed.

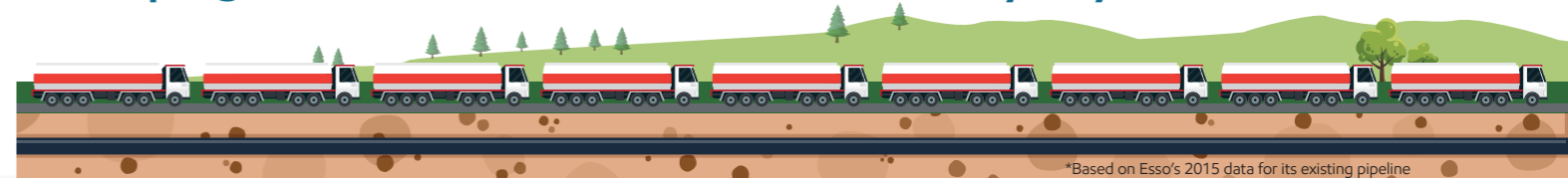
Yours sincerely,



Tim Sunderland, Southampton to London Pipeline Project Executive



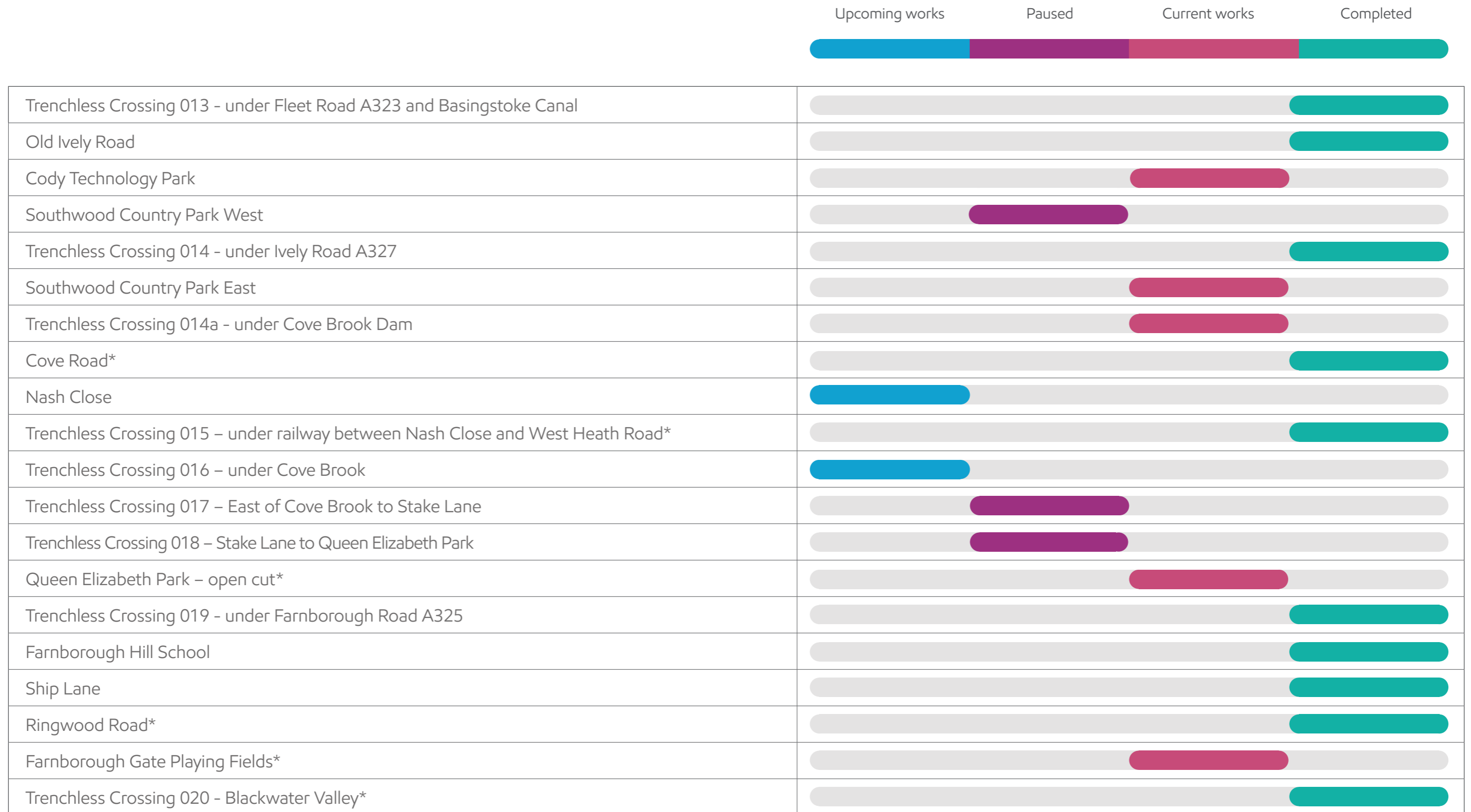
Keeping 100 road tankers off the road every day*



*Based on Esso's 2015 data for its existing pipeline



Overview of Installation Activity in Rushmoor



*tie-in works to be completed

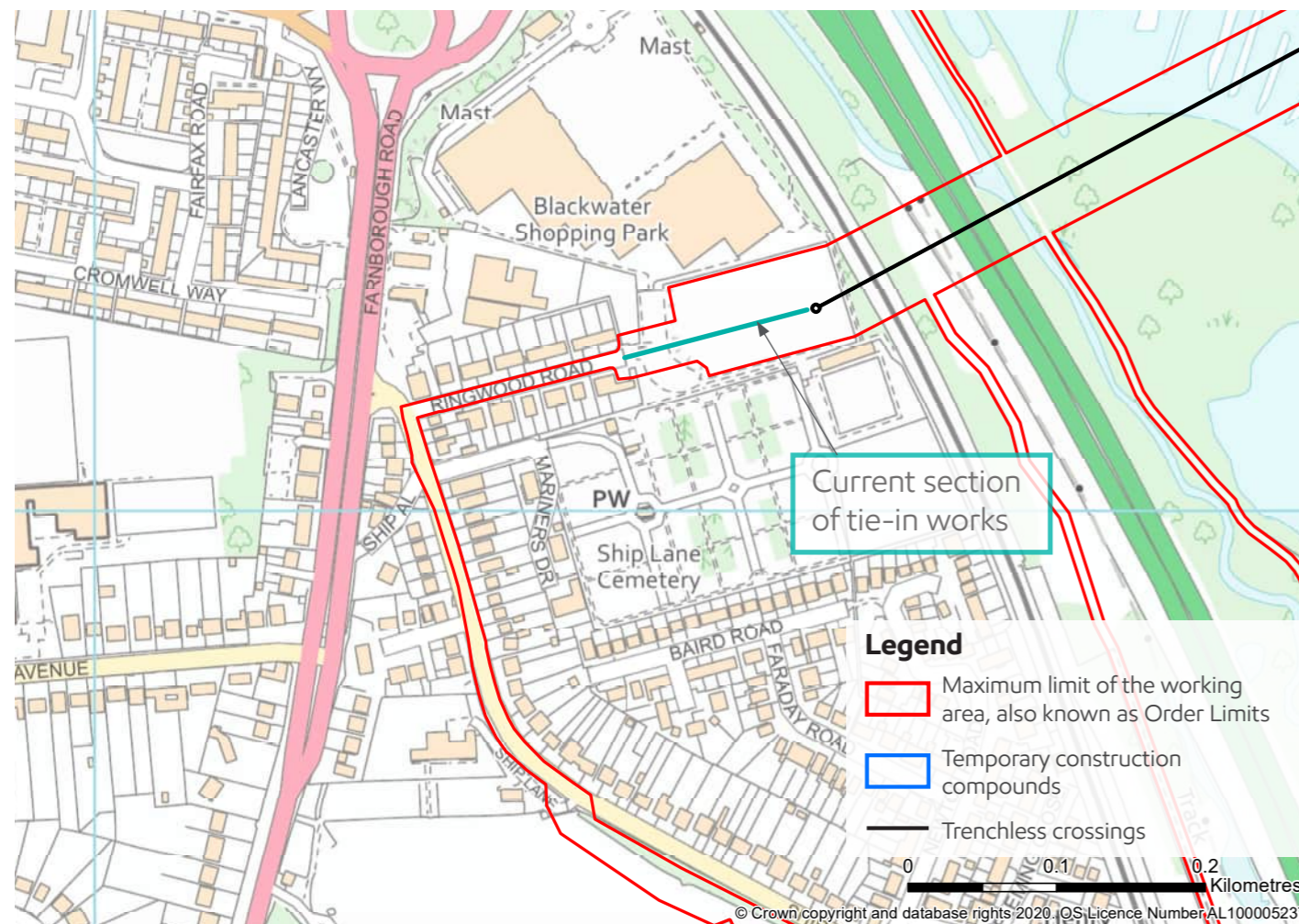


Streetworks activity in Rushmoor District

In five locations we will be working within roads. We have now completed three out of five street works locations: Old Ively Road, Cove Road and Ship Lane. We are still installing at the bottom of Ringwood Road and plan to install in Nash Close.

Ringwood Road

We have completed installation in Ringwood Road and have temporarily backfilled. We are currently undertaking installation at the bottom of Ringwood Road and within the Farnborough Gate Playing Fields. Once we have completed this section of installation, we will reinstate the football pitch. We will then fully reinstate Ringwood Road early next year.



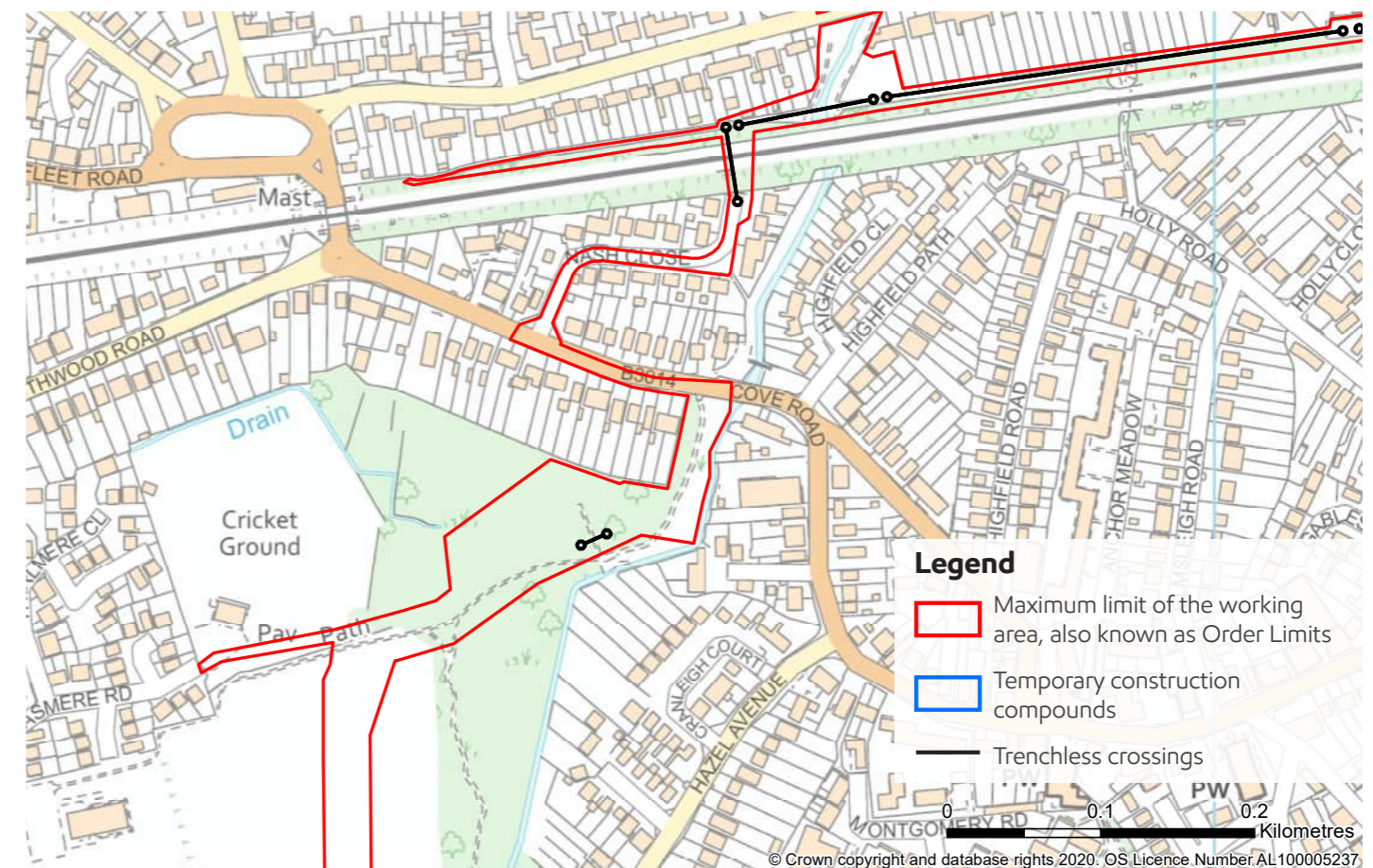
Nash Close

We have now completed trenchless crossing 015 works (TC015). We will demobilise the site and temporarily re-surface the road before the Christmas break.

From January we will be installing along Nash Close, to Cove Road. These works are estimated to take around four months to complete. Residents will receive a notification of works letter two weeks before works start. Works will start at the TC015 location and progress out to Cove Road. The work to replace the pipeline will require a full road closure for the duration of the works.

Pedestrian and footpath access will be always retained during the works, along with emergency service access.

We will be creating additional car parking spaces for residents of Nash Close on our access track next to Cove Road in Southwood Country Park.



We operate a weekly text update service for all streetworks locations.

- To sign up for Nash Close, please text 'ROADWORKS - NASH' to 60777.
- To sign up for Ringwood Road, please text 'ROADWORKS - RING' to 60777.



We will continue to write to residents before and during installation in streetwork locations to keep you updated on our works.

Southwood Country Park

We have been installing in Southwood Country Park, with the park remaining open throughout installation works. There are three main phases of work within the park:

- ✓ Trenchless crossing installation under Ively Road A327 (TC014) has been completed.
- 🕒 Trenchless crossing installation under Cove Brook Dam (TC014a) will be completed in January 2023. The bridleway by Cove Brook Dam will remain accessible throughout installation. The access area will also be used for parking for residents of Nash Close whilst we install in their road.
- 🕒 Open cut installation in the east and west of Southwood Country Park commenced earlier this year. In the west of the park we have maintained a circular footpath for members of the public to use. We have made a narrow working commitment of 15m to the northern-east section of the works to reduce our impact on the woodlands.

We have been working hard to prepare the pipe and the working area for open cut installation. During these preparations, we have observed a higher-than-expected water table which means that when we dig down, there is excess water in the trench.

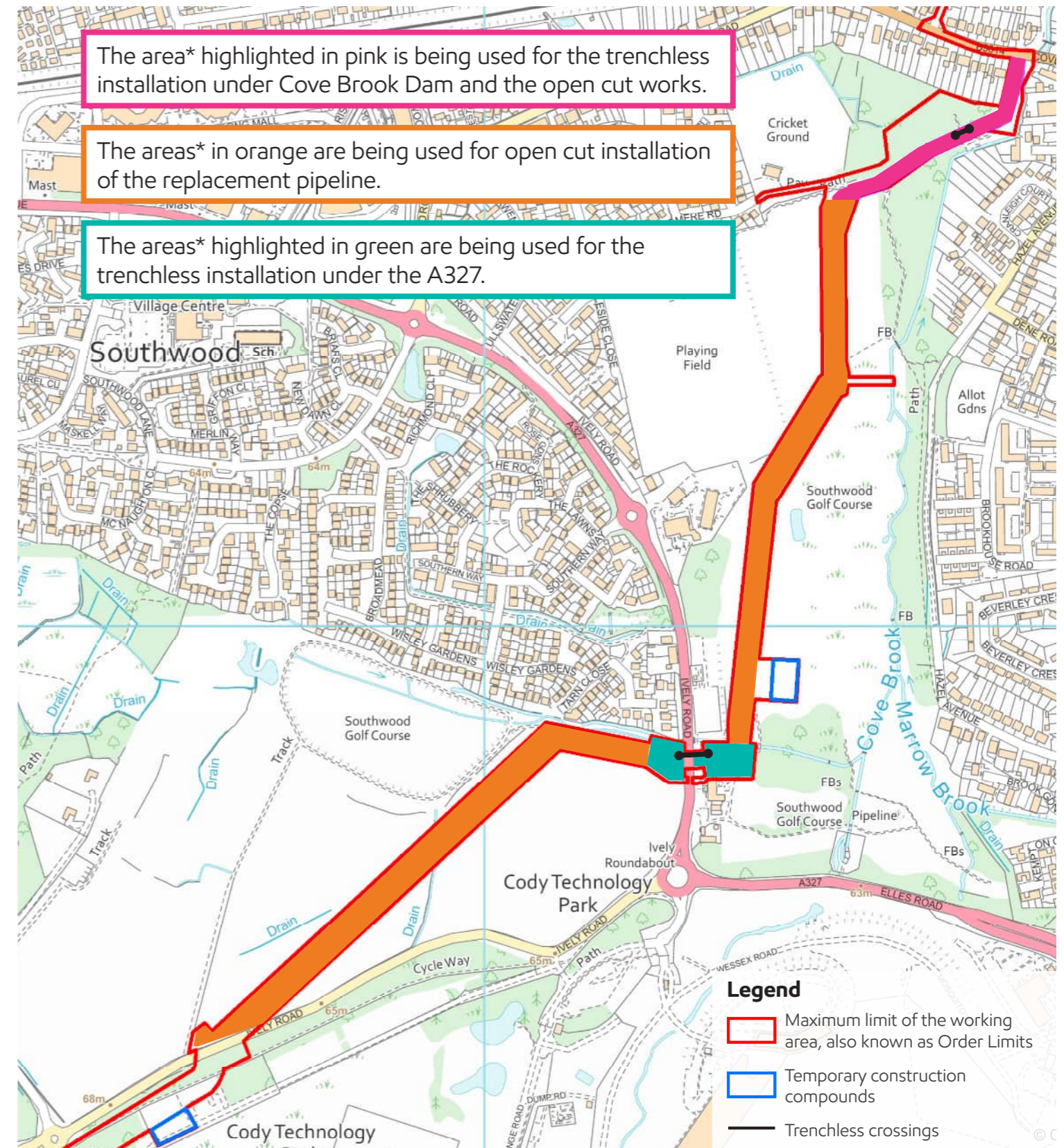
Due to this, we have decided to pause installation in the west of the park and within some parts of the eastern side of the park. Once the weather and ground conditions have improved enough to stabilise the water table, we will recommence the open cut works in these sections. This means, we will likely restart some sections of the open cut works in spring 2023.

Reinstatement

Once installation has been completed in Southwood Country Park, we will reinstate as per the reinstatement plans agreed with the landowner - Rushmoor Borough Council.

As a general rule for the project, reinstatement is undertaken on a like-for-like basis with tree replanting being undertaken on a one-for-one basis.

We will also be funding some additional work as part of the Environmental Investment Programme (EIP) within Southwood Country Park. Further details about this programme are available on page 16.



Queen Elizabeth Park

Installation in Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP) is undertaken in four phases of work:

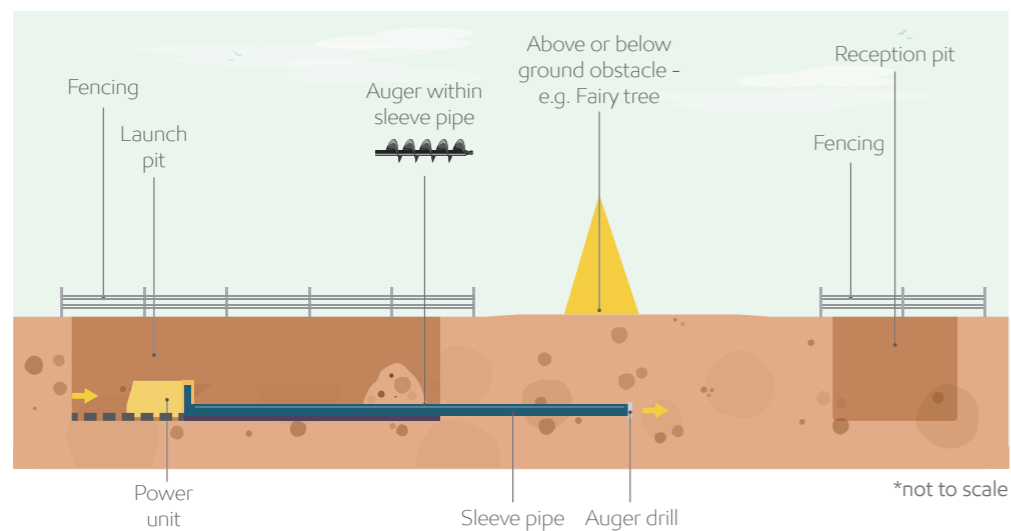
- ✓ The trenchless crossing to the north of the park under the Farnborough Road (TC019) has been completed.
- ✓ The open cut installation through the park has been completed*.
- ⌚ Trenchless installation under the Fairy Tree and nearby mature beech tree are ongoing and will tie-in to the completed open cut sections. Please see further information about what this involves below.
- ⌚ The trenchless crossing to the south of the park located within Cabrol Road car park (TC017/18) . Please see further information overleaf.

Cabrol Road car park will be closed until works are complete, but access for pedestrians and cyclists will be retained.

The most up-to-date information will always be on our website at www.slpandqep.co.uk

Trenchless installation under the Fairy Tree and retained mature tree

Through discussion with the Council, we agreed to use a mini auger (trenchless) installation under both the Fairy Tree and a nearby mature beech tree (see graphic below) this work as stipulated by the council could not be started until the open cut installation in the immediate area was installed and backfilled. This has meant that our works along the footpath have taken a little longer and will now be completed in January 2023. We will be doing the tie-ins to the open cut sections at the same time. All our work in the park will be overseen by an arboriculturist. This means the southern cycle path within QEP will be open from spring 2023.



Replanting and reinstatement of the cycle path in QEP



Reinstatement within the park will be completed on a like for like basis and subject to a five-year aftercare period. All reinstatement is agreed with the landowner- Rushmoor Borough Council.

- All trees will be replanted on a one for one basis.
- We will replant with native species.
- We will replant as close to their original location as possible.
- All vegetation is subject to a five-year aftercare period.
- We have proposed that the areas of rhododendron either side of the southern cycle/ pedestrian path will be replaced with a mix of woodland species, which will lead to an increase in biodiversity.
- We will reinstate the cycle path on a like for like basis. This includes reinstating the surface of the path.

Play Area

- We have removed the original play area to make space for our construction compound at Cabrol Road car park. Before removing the original play area, a temporary alternative play area was installed in the north of the park. Planning consent was granted for the temporary play area by Rushmoor Borough Council in January 2022.
- Once we have completed installation works in the park, we will replace the original play area with new equipment. We will consult the community on our proposals for the new play area. We have also offered to leave the alternative play area in place, even after the original play area is reinstated, should the community and Rushmoor Borough Council wish to keep it.
- The original play area will be reinstated once the works in the park are completed.
- Our reinstatement will be subject to a five-year aftercare period.

Installation update for TC017 and TC018 section

Trenchless Crossing 017/18 runs parallel to the railway line, behind West Heath Road, under Stake Lane, Prospect Road and beneath the allotments.

This summer, when undertaking the E-Power drill, the drill had a technical failure.

The E-Power drill is pushed through the ground to allow the drill head to operate. The pressure needed to push the drill increased significantly above the expected levels, reaching the limit of design of the machine.

We can no longer undertake this trenchless crossing as a combined drill, because the only trenchless method available that complies with the Network Rail standards, is micro tunnelling.

Due to the nature of micro tunnelling, this method wouldn't be practicable to extend over 500m to complete installation as one section and cannot be undertaken within the space of the Order Limits.

We will now be using open cut installation to install both sections:

- Section One – Cove Brook East to Stake Lane (previously TC017).
- Section Two – Stake Lane to Queen Elizabeth Park (previously TC018).

Within QEP we will be keeping Cabrol Road car park closed until installation between the park and Prospect Road is complete. Compound 4AD off West Heath Road and will remain in operation to service these works at TC017/018.

More information about this change is available on our website. You can also sign up to a text service to receive regular construction updates about this section of the replacement pipeline installation.

To register for our weekly text service, please text **WHRQEP** to **60777**.

These plans are subject to further approvals from Rushmoor Borough Council and others. This includes amendments to the Queen Elizabeth Park Site Specific Plan.

We will be in contact with all landowners and local residents impacted by this change in installation method.

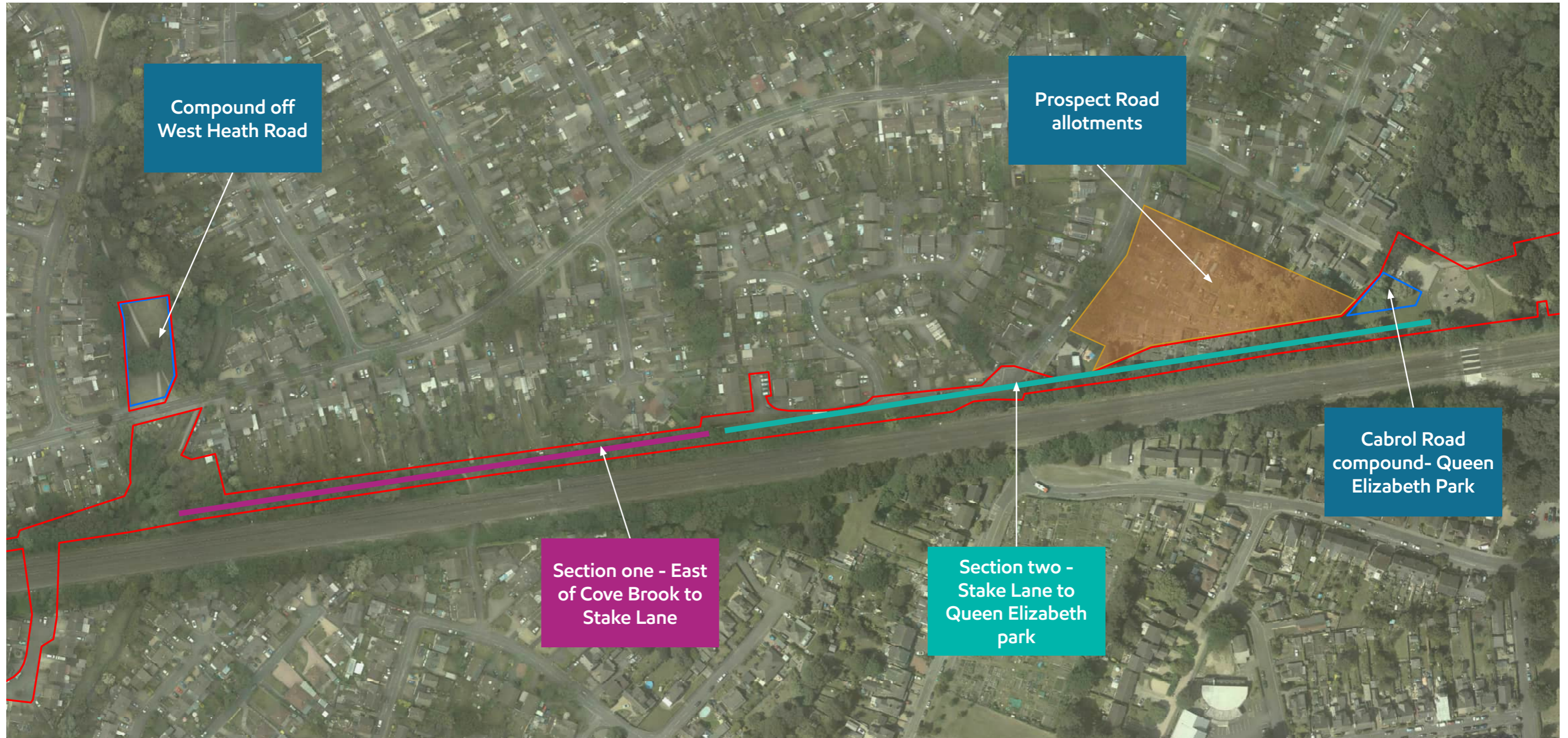
West Heath Road to Queen Elizabeth Park

Our installation in this area – summary of works

Section	Update
Trenchless installation under the railway, between Nash Close and West Heath Road – TC015	This crossing is currently being installed and will be completed before the end of this year.
Trenchless installation under Cove Brook – TC016	This work will be undertaken in January 2023 and take approximately three months to complete.
Trenchless installation parallel to the railway line, behind West Heath Road, under Stake Lane, under Prospect Road and beneath the allotments – TC017 and TC018 combined (E-Power)	We are now planning to open cut this section.*
Installation in Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are currently completing installation under the Fairy Tree and nearby mature beech tree using a mini auger drill. ▪ We have concluded the main open cut section within the park and once the auger drills are completed, we will tie them into the completed sections. ▪ Installation and the tie-ins to the open cut sections are due to be completed in January 2023. ▪ We are now due to complete TC018 using open cut installation. ▪ Please see our Borough installation update for more information or visit www.slproject.co.uk
Trenchless installation under the A325, from Queen Elizabeth Park to Farnborough Hill School – TC019	This crossing was completed in the summer.

* Subject to approvals from Rushmoor Borough Council and others.

West Heath Road to Queen Elizabeth Park



Environmental Investment Programme

The voluntary Environmental Investment Programme (EIP) comprises a range of activities along the proposed replacement pipeline route to carry out localised environmental improvements, such as enhancing local biodiversity within environmentally classified sites and/or areas of social/community importance.

We have been discussing activities with landowners across the route and in Rushmoor since 2019 and have agreed a programme of activities that we will fund. These EIP activities include:

Cove Brook Greenway Corridor

- Signage and interpretation board.
- Scrub and tree clearance.
- Bramble removal.
- Wildflower corridor creation.
- Otter survey.
- Simple in-stream enhancements.
- Project support via third party technical specialist.

Queen Elizabeth Park

- Localised rhododendron control.
- Signage and interpretation boards.
- Restoration and reed planting to the pond.

Southwood Country Park

- Encroaching birch removal.
- Encroaching willow/alder removal and tree thinning.
- Woodland/ copse creation.

Further details about the EIP for the full 97km installation route will be released shortly via our website.

Construction charter



Plenty of notice

We'll let you know at least two months in advance of any work starting and if our plans change, we'll let you know.



Here to help

Our local team will be available by phone or email to answer any questions you have.



Information directly to you

Our local area e-newsletter and alerts will let you know what's happening. Where we are working in streets or roads, we'll operate a dedicated text service to inform interested residents.



In your area

We'll make sure information about installation in your area is easy to find on our website, in a way that is easy for you to identify what's important to you. In some public parks, we'll hold pop up events to meet with those using the facilities and give out information about our installation plans.



Talking to landowners

All landowners affected by the installation will have a dedicated member of our lands team to contact to discuss our work.



Open and honest

We'll be clear about our works and any disruption that may take place.



Safe and secure

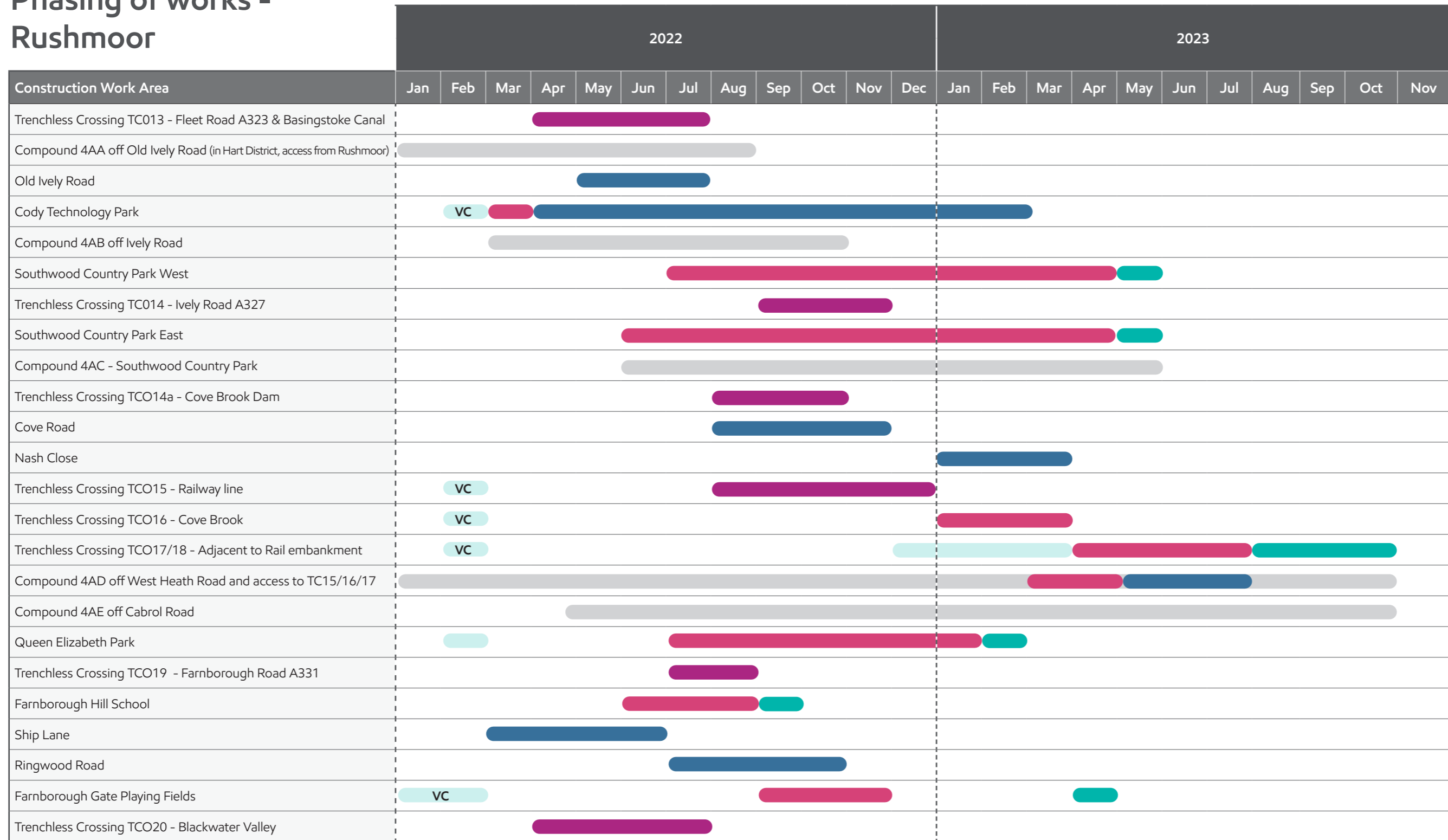
We'll keep our team safe, and we'll keep you safe. Our commitment to health and safety is at the heart of our business and we'll make sure your safety is not impacted by our work.



Well managed sites

Our sites will use fencing suitable to the location and we'll use things like wheel washing on our vehicles to keep the surrounding roads clean.

Phasing of works - Rushmoor



Key

- Advanced works / ecology mitigation
- ST** Strimming
- VC** Tree and Hedge Clearance
- Trenchless crossing including work area and access
- Open cut works rural / semi rural
- Open cut streetworks
- Compound in use
- Reinstatement

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We are now releasing a local, area specific timeline for installation. This gives an indication of when we expect to be working in each area. We'll let you know at least two months in advance of any work starting and provide further detail of expected duration. Since we are currently progressing detailed design, the timetable may be subject to some additional change as we finalise our plans and work to reduce overall disruption during construction. Please be assured that if our plans change, we'll keep you informed. Once the pipeline is buried, it will be a quiet neighbour.

If you have any additional questions email us at **info@slpproject.co.uk**, visit our website at:

www.slpproject.co.uk

or scan the QR code below:



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