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TRAFFIC TO BE DIVERTED BECAUSE OF SEWER WORKS

HARROGATE'S highway officers have been working with Yorkshire Water to try and alleviate traffic problems as Parliament Street, Harrogate closes on 7 February for a three-week major sewer upgrade.

Shops on Parliament Street will remain open as Yorkshire Water contractors carry out a £90,000 major sewer repair scheme. The company will also be ensuring that deliveries to businesses are maintained as will pedestrian access.

However, this is going to cause major disruption to the many hundreds of vehicles, which use Parliament Street each day and will instead be diverted down Montpelier Hill, Royal Parade and Crescent Road during the contract.

To try and ease the situation, as well as ensuring that Yorkshire Water coincided the contract with school half-term holidays, Harrogate Borough Council will be giving traffic travelling down Montpelier Hill priority at the Crown roundabout and will be monitoring the traffic lights at the junction of Ripon Road/Crescent Road/Kings Road/Parliament Street. The lights will have to remain operational because buses will still be using Parliament Street. However, extra time will be given for vehicles moving out of Crescent Road.

Councillor Julian Sturdy, Cabinet Member for Public Works, said: “There is no doubt that this will be a major upheaval but there is no other way Yorkshire Water could do this work without the road closure. Whilst we will do all we can to help traffic during this period, we must ask for people’s patience. This sewer work cannot be avoided and is essential to minimise the risk of flooding.”

Yorkshire Water will be positioning warning signs on the town’s boundaries and it is hoped that vehicles will try and take other routes to cross the town. ENDS

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Julian Sturdy is available for comment on 07836 692010. Further technical information is available from Mr Ray Wade, Group Engineer, Harrogate Borough Council 01423 556625 or Yorkshire Water 01274 692586.