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Dear Mrs Sheila Petherbridge

### **Improvements to water supply through Butleigh: village traffic impact**

I am writing to inform the Butleigh Parish Council of an upcoming mains replacement scheme in Butleigh due to start in 7 weeks' time (from Monday 26 April) for 9 weeks (until the end of July).

This scheme will be noticeable to residents, as it will run through the High Street, involving small sections of road closures through the High Street, including:

- Section 1: start of High Street (from Sub Road) to the junction of Water Lane
- Section 2: Water Lane junction to Baltonsborough Road
- Section 3: Baltonsborough Road and ending at 25 High Street

The exact timelines for the movement will depend on how the works progress but will fall in this order for the 9 weeks. The planned closures will have diversions running through residential areas. I am therefore looking to get advice from yourselves, as the experts of your parish area, on how best to inform residents and minimise disruption.

### **How are we going to inform people?**

At present we are planning to letter drop the whole of Butleigh 2 weeks in advance, send a small media release and put posts on social media. Standard highways warnings will also be in place. If you could reshare our posts, and let us know if we could use the village notice board to put the warning letter in. If you've any thoughts of suggestions of anything else we should do, it would be welcome.

### **Why will the scheme take so many weeks?**

We will be replacing 1.5km of water mains which have reached the end of its serviceable life. Due to the high volume of other utility equipment in the area based on

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our assessments, we must use a technique that takes slightly longer to lay the water main.

### **How often has the pipe burst / why does it need replacing?**

This section of water main has burst 8 times in the last 3 years, meaning a replacement is essential to keep the residents of Butleigh in a reliable and high-quality water supply. We have the lowest leakage in the UK, and schemes like this help us to prevent leakage and improve taste, quality and odour. The good news is this new main will last up to 100 years.

### **What about homes and businesses within the closure area?**

We will be maintaining access to any homes and businesses within the boundary of the closure. The post office will remain open at all times.

### **What about the bus route?**

We plan to maintain all bus routes, including routes 667 and number 8. We will divert number 667 down Water Lane to re-join Sub Road.

### **The school**

We will shortly be getting in touch Butleigh Church of England Primary School to see what actions we can take to make travel for teachers and parents manageable.

### **Next steps**

We'd really appreciate a call or email to let us know your thoughts. We are also very happy to attend any Parish Council meetings. I am from the external communications team, and the manager for the scheme is Ian Parish ([ian.parish@bristolwater.co.uk](mailto:ian.parish@bristolwater.co.uk)). Overleaf I have attached a map to make it a bit easier for you to see the work location.

Many thanks

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