

Reopening of Plumstead Road

Plumstead Road will reopen as soon as possible on Friday, 11th, but there has been a certain amount of delay, not least because of the recent weather, and the closure may not be lifted until the evening. The exact timing depends upon progress over these last few days, but please be assured that we will open the road as soon as we can, and will use all means to let people know if it is in time to help them on the way home.

Middle Road will close on Monday 14th, but will reopen from the 25th for a month because we need to close **Smee Lane**, for up to two weeks from 28th March, and then **Low Road**, for up to two weeks from 11th April. When Middle Road closes again in late April, this will be the start of the long-term closure for construction of the bridge over the NDR. I will let you know if there are any changes. We will be able to update the stakeholder group at the meeting on Thursday (10th) evening at County Hall.

Our exhibitions are underway and Spixworth attracted over four hundred visitors in the four hours from 3pm to 7pm. The **Great Plumstead exhibition** is a week today (15th March 3-7pm) at Great Plumstead Village Hall, Church Road. We are expecting another good turnout. These exhibitions are now about how we build the road and manage the disruption caused by closures – of which the Plumstead area has more than its fair share, you might think!

You may have seen that the Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin, visited the route of the NDR last Thursday. We do of course appreciate the interest and support of such a senior member of the Government, but this was arranged at the very last minute, so there was a certain amount of apprehension beforehand - and relief when all went well and the sun shone.

Best wishes
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