



FOREST ROAD, LYDNEY – GEOTECHNICAL REMEDIATION WORK UPDATE

Montel Civil Engineering Ltd have been appointed Principal Contractor by Gloucestershire County Council for the Forest Road, Lydney – Geotechnical Remediation Works. These works are required due to significant land subsidence on the B4234 Forest Road between Lydney and Whitecroft.

A full road closure will be necessary for the duration of the project. Access to properties and businesses will be always maintained, but access through the work area is not possible.

The signed diversion route was planned in consultation with local residents and businesses with the aim of reducing any disruption to a minimum. It was implemented on Monday 9th February 2026. We closely monitor the traffic and have added some additional information signage for local businesses to deter HGV's from using unsuitable alternative routes.



Once the road was closed, the site offices and welfare facilities were set up on the closed carriageway. The set up is powered by battery and solar power with a generator only required to top up the batteries when necessary, saving on fuel and emissions. All Montel's large plant on the project uses HVO fuel which is more environmentally friendly.

The initial site clearance, which included taking up road studs, bollards, removal of existing kerbs, vegetation and topsoil strip where necessary, has been completed.

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Work has started on the new drainage system, which will pick up all the new and existing gullies with one dedicated lined outfall which will protect the embankment from further erosion.

The existing BT cables will be diverted as part of the scheme as it currently clashes with the line of the proposed sheet piling required to retain the road. The new ducting for the diversion has been installed and Openreach BT are on site constructing new chambers in preparation to pull the new cables through the diverted ducting.

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Further ground investigation works are currently taking place within the closure on other known sections of this road which suffer from ground movement with the aim of carrying out any further works required to stabilise these sections while the road is closed to reduce the requirement for closures in the future.

GCC's highways team have also taken advantage of the closure to carry out maintenance works associated with the existing drainage and surfacing to areas outside of the remediation contract works boundary but within the limits of the road closure to save unnecessary traffic disruption in the future.

Regular stakeholder and resident communications are an important part of our community engagement. We are working closely with key local stakeholders and residents to ensure that they are consulted and kept informed about any changes. We are very grateful for their cooperation and patience during the works.

As part of our wider social values commitments, we will be working with local community groups, charities and schools. Much of our focus will be on the area closest to the site, but if there are any local community groups interested in working with us, please contact us on forestroadlydney@montel-group.com

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