



Forest Road, Lydney – Geotechnical Remediation Works Newsletter

Montel Civil Engineering Ltd has been appointed as Principal Contractor by Gloucestershire County Council for the Forest Road, Lydney – Geotechnical Remediation Works. The project is needed in response to significant land subsidence on the B4234 Forest Road between Lydney and Whitecroft.

Forest Road has been closed to through traffic for the full duration of the works but access to properties and businesses will be maintained at all times.

The signed diversion route was developed in consultation with local residents and businesses to minimise disruption as far as possible. It was introduced on Monday 9 February 2026 and has operated successfully to date. The diversion is under constant review and we listen to any comments received from members of the public which has led to additional signage being installed to provide clearer information for local businesses and to discourage HGVs from using unsuitable alternative routes.



Since our last newsletter, the original piling works have been completed through the area of the ground slip. The new drainage that had been installed either side of the piling works has been connected through this area and the affected carriageway reconstructed up to the underside of tarmac including kerbs and gully installation. All the verges have been reinstated with new post and rail fencing erected along the sheet piles to safeguard the risk of falls over the edge of the piles and a vehicle restraint system.

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While these original works have been in progress, a couple of other areas of subsidence have been identified within the closed section of carriageway. These have been surveyed and monitored during the works and it has been determined that essential stabilisation works are required. Therefore, Gloucestershire County Council have extended the current road closure on the B4234 Forest Road until summer 2027 in order to carry out these works in the most efficient manner. More information on this can be found on their website.



The resurfacing of the original section of work has been postponed to tie in with the resurfacing of the additional areas. This will eliminate the risk of the new surfacing being damaged by piling plant and equipment. Site clearance works on the first of the two new sections have been completed, crane platforms constructed for the piling operations and the actual piling works began in early September. The piling is being installed using the same Giken piling rig system as the original scheme.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation while the road closure is extended. However, we believe this is the preferred way forward to avoid prolonged disruption in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact us at customerservice@montel-group.com or Gloucestershire County Council at majorprojects@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Thank you for your patience while we carry out these important improvements.

Kind regards,

Montel Civil Engineering Team

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