What are we doing?

We are carrying out investigation work in North Bristol ahead of a £45m scheme to build a new relief sewer.

Over the next few months, we are conducting surveys and investigations, as well as consulting with local authorities and landowners so we can establish the exact route for the sewer.

Why is this work necessary?

The relief sewer is needed to ensure the sewerage network can cope with ongoing and future development in North Bristol and South Gloucestershire. This forms an essential part of our long-term sewerage strategy. A 6km pipeline will be tunnelled under the M5 motorway and Network Rail’s Henbury Loop railway. It will link to the new Frome Valley relief sewer we are currently building from Frampton Cotterell to Bradley Stoke. Once connected, these new sewers will direct sewage around North Bristol to our water recycling centre in Avonmouth.
How will it affect local residents and businesses?

Where possible the pipework will be built deep underground. However, in some places this will not be possible, but we will do everything we can to minimise disruption to the local community.

As soon as we know the exact route of the sewer following our investigation work, we will be in contact with local residents and organisations who may be affected.

Construction is expected to start at the end of 2019 and will take approximately two and a half years to complete. We will be working with contractors J Murphy & Sons Ltd to construct the tunnel and lay the pipework.

Need to know more?

Further information can be found online at:

wessexwater.co.uk/North-Bristol-relief-sewer

Or you can call us on 0345 600 4 600 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

Our map overleaf shows the proposed relief sewer route. This is subject to change following current investigation work.

North Bristol relief sewer
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