

## **Briefing for Area Committees re: Road Closure Information for Running Events**

Further to the establishment of a Task and Finish Group by the Strategic Overview & Scrutiny Committee to look in to the Impact of Road Closures in Ipswich, the following briefing is designed to focus specifically on the Great East Run 2018 and how this event will impact on Ipswich.

The Great East Run had its inaugural event in 2017, bringing a nationally recognised brand in the form of The Great Run Company on board to deliver a half marathon distance event, that would become synonymous with Ipswich.

With 3,000 participants in 2017 the event was a success with runners and spectators alike, having said this the event was not without its issues when it came to the effect that the route and the subsequent road closures had on residents and businesses.

The Great East Run 2018 was chosen to be the case study for the Task and Finish Group given its size and impact on so much of the town.

The 2018 event will take place on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018** between 10:30am – 2:00pm and will allow up to 4,000 participants to take part; attached is a copy of the 2017 route map (the 2018 version is yet to be published) which shows the same route that will be used in 2018.

All events of this kind are subject to the submission of an application to close roads that are affected by the event, this is submitted to Network Assurance and must go through their vetting process before being approved, the Task and Finish Group has suggested a joined up approach by Network Assurance and the Ipswich Borough Council Safety Advisory Group (SAG) to ensure that all considerations are taken in to account including the effect on the public not involved or taking part in the event.

All road closures for the 2018 event are designed to be for the minimal time required to make the event safe for both participants and the public, all roads will reopen as soon and safe to do so once the race passes through and normal usage will be resumed.

The closure of all road and the management of this process is undertaken by a fully trained team of operatives who will ensure that access to the route for Blue Light Services are maintained throughout the timings of the race.

Below is the list of road closures that have been applied for in preparation for The Great East Run 2018, the list indicates the extent of the closure and the roads to which it is linked:

Russell Road	Full Closure	Entire length
Constantine Road	Full Closure	Entire length
Chancery Road	Full closure	Entire length
Princes Street	Full closure	Between Chancery Road and Civic Drive
Princes Street	Full closure	Between Civic Drive and Cornhill
Friars Bridge Road	Full closure	Entire length
Civic Drive	Full closure	Between Handford Road and Franciscan Way

Elm Street	Full closure	Black Horse Lane to King Street
King Street	Full closure	Entire Length
Museum Street	Full closure	Entire Length
Tavern Street	Full closure	Entire length
Carr Street	Full closure	Entire length
Northgate Street	Full closure	Butter Market to Carr Street
Upper Brook Street	Full closure	Entire length
Butter Market	Full closure	Entire length
Queen Street	Full closure	Entire length
Coytes Gardens	Full closure	Entire length
Friars Street	Full closure	Entire length
St Nicholas Street	Full closure	Falcon Street to Cromwell Square car park
Falcon Street	Full closure	Entire length
Old Cattle Market	Full closure	Entire length
Dogs Head Street	Full closure	Entire length
St Stephens Lane	Full closure	Entire length
Lower Brook Street	Full closure	Entire length
Star Lane	Full closure	Entire length
Foundation Street	Full closure	Entire length
Smart Street	Full closure	Entire length
Shire Hall Yard	Full closure	Entire length
Wingfield Street	Full closure	Entire length
Lower Orwell Street	Full closure	Entire length
Fore Street	Full closure	Entire length
Tacket Street	Full closure	Entire length
Orwell Place	Full closure	Entire length
Upper Orwell Street	Full closure	Orwell Place to Upper Barclay Street
Eagle Street	Full closure	Entire length
Bond Street	Full closure	Star Lane to Rope Walk
Rope Walk	Full closure	Bond Street to Grimwade Street
Grimwade Street	Full closure	Rope Walk to Fore Street
Key Street	Full closure	Entire length

Slade Street	Full closure	Entire length
College Street	Full closure	Entire length
Duke Street	Full closure	Entire length
Fore Hamlet	Full closure	Duke Street to Pownall Road
Coprolite Street	Full closure	Entire length
University Avenue	Full closure	Entire length
Myrtle Road	Full closure	Duke Street to Holywells Park entrance
Unity Street	Full closure	Entire length
Holywells Close	Full closure	Entire length
Cliff Lane	Full closure	Dereham Ave to Landseer Road
Draymans Way	Full closure	Entire length
Holywells Road	Full closure	Entire length
Patteson Road	Full closure	Entire length
Orwell Quay	Full closure	Entire length
Neptune Quay	Full closure	Entire length
Wherry Quay	Full closure	Entire length
Regatta Quay	Full closure	Entire length
Albion Wharf	Full closure	Entire length
St Peters Dock	Full closure	Entire length
Foundry Lane	Full closure	Entire length
Bridge Street	Full closure	Entire length
Dock Street	Full closure	Entire length
Stoke Quay	Full closure	Entire length
New Cut West	Full closure	Entire length
Bath Street	Full closure	Entire length
Hawes Street	Full closure	Entire length
Vernon Street	Full closure	Entire length
Rapier Street	Full closure	Entire length
Station Street	Full closure	Wherstead Rd to Hawes Street
Wherstead Road	Full closure	Hawes Street to Sinclair Drive
Wherstead Road	Full closure	Hawes Street to A137 Bourne Hill
Grafton Way	Full closure	Entire length

Commercial Road	Full closure	Entire length
Princes Street	Full closure	Burrell Road to Commercial Road
West End Road	Full closure	Portmans Walk to Chancery Road
New Cardinal Street	Full closure	Entire length
Chalon Street	Full closure	Entire length
Franciscan Way	Full closure	Princes Street to Cutler Street
Grey Friars Road	Full closure	Entire length
Cutler Street	Full closure	Entire length
Wolsey Street	Full closure	Entire length
Cecilia Street	Full closure	Entire length
Quadling Street	Full closure	Entire length
Portman Road	Full closure	Princes Street to Sir Alf Ramsey Way
Sir Alf Ramsey Way	Full closure	Entire length
The Strand (B1456)	Full closure	Entire length
Freston Hill (B1456)	Full closure	Entire length
Freston Street	Full closure	Main Rd to unnamed road on right

One of the biggest areas identified for improvement for this event for 2018 was the need for vastly improved engagement with residents and businesses affected by the event and especially the road closures.

Ipswich Borough Council has worked closely with the Great Run Company and Suffolk County Council, as the 2 lead partners in the organisation of the event, to ensure this engagement is both detailed informative and thorough.

Ipswich Borough Council has also facilitated communications between the event organisers and the Local Bus companies to promote detailed and effective dialogue to ensure that services are maintained or diverted where possible to ensure the impact on the public is minimal; these meetings continue to take place to ensure the best possible outcomes and encourage timely promotion of any changes to bus timetables.

The traffic management contractor has been tasked with distribution of all information and providing concerned residents and businesses a direct contact to gain additional information, timings and diversions.