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# **Multi-million pound signals upgrade heads to Chard**

Somerset County Council's Highways Team is set to begin work in Chard as part of its £11 million county-wide traffic signals refurbishment programme.

Work begins in Elizabeth Way Monday 28 June 2021, and will include the upgrade of pedestrian crossing signals and resurfacing work.

The signals have reached the end of their working life and are no longer operational. They therefore need replacing urgently.

To undertake the works safely, a temporary road closure of Elizabeth Way is needed which will be in force 24/7 for the duration of the works. The work scheduled to be completed in five weeks.

Advanced warning signs will be in place and diversion routes will be clearly signposted. Access to all properties and businesses will be maintained throughout and pedestrians and cyclists will be able to continue to use this route.

The Council's contractor Griffiths will remove the old equipment and replace it with new signals which are more efficient, eco-friendly and provide better access for pedestrians and cyclists.

"We understand these works will have an impact and our team is doing everything possible to minimise any disruption," said Councillor John Woodman, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

"But doing nothing isn't an option – this programme is about ensuring our road network is fit for purpose for years to come.

"We'd encourage motorists to start planning ahead for when the scheme does commence and perhaps avoid this area whenever possible."

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