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Ash Dieback – in collaboration with Openreach & National Grid

Dear Sir/Madam

What: Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road** for essential Ash Dieback tree work.
Where: **A424 – Stow-on-the-Wold to County Border (nr Burford)** (see overleaf for details of the exact location)
When: **5-16 October 2026 inclusive** (excluding weekends) **from 09.30 to 15.30 daily.**

On behalf of Gloucestershire County Council, we advise you that we are due to be conducting essential work at the above location to remove unsafe trees infected with Ash Dieback.

Ash Dieback disease causes Ash trees to become unsafe; trees could shed limbs or collapse on to the road causing harm and injury. This work must take place for health and safety reasons, to protect road users and pedestrians, and make sure the carriageway remains clear of debris.

ROAD CLOSURE:

As part of our Ash Dieback project, we will be conducting essential tree works at the above location for health and safety reasons, to protect users of our Highways and County Council land. To ensure the safety of you and of our workforce, we have, under Sections 14, 15 & 16 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as amended, made a Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road**.

Due to the type of activities required with tree felling and maintenance works, road closure can cover an area greater than where work is taking place. This is to allow safe movement and placement of machinery and material.

We appreciate road closures are inconvenient, but it is necessary to keep you and the team working on the road safe. We have planned the work so we can be in and out as quickly as possible and have tried to do it within a period that will minimise any inconvenience.

ACCESS:

In accordance with the Temporary Traffic Order, we are not permitted to allow any person or vehicle to proceed along the closed roads; the exception being emergency vehicles or statutory undertakers responding to an emergency. We will endeavor to always keep the public foot path open, if it is necessary to close it at any point it will be for a limited time and fully supervised by our trained banks man.

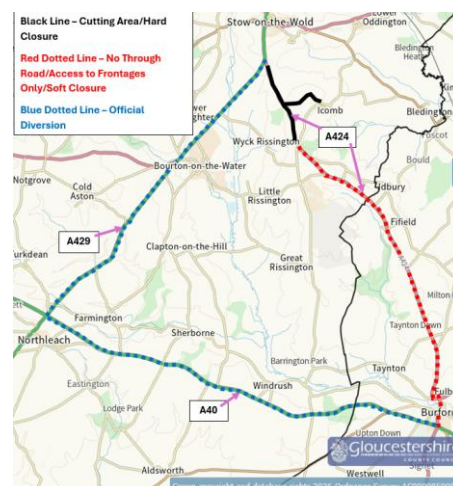
*****During this period, 5-16th October 2026 inclusive, there will be NO THROUGH ACCESS between Stow-on-the-Wold to Burford using A424. Essential Ash Dieback work is to be completed on A424 between the junction of A424 and A429 near Stow-on-the-Wold and the**

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Upper Rissington/Icomb junction. We will have a rolling closure in operation, starting from A429 jct to Icomb Hill Jct and then Icomb Hill jct to Upper Rissington/Icomb junction.

Closure times are between 09:30 – 15:30 daily. The closure points are supervised continually by our fully trained banks man. Once on site, our workforce Supervisor will communicate with residents who are directly affected by the essential Ash Dieback works, living within the designated cutting areas/hard closure, as indicated in **black** on the map. NO though traffic will gain access at this point. Access for residents, deliveries and for access to frontages only will only be permitted where it does NOT impact on our ability to conduct the work as required and only where it is safe to do so. Any access during this time would be at the driver's own risk as it is a works site. Therefore, if you normally drive into or out of this area during the hours when the road closure is in place, we ask you to please make alternative arrangements. Access is permissible into the 'soft closure' area for accessing frontages and businesses. This is the road leading up to the actual cutting area as indicated in **red** on the map.

DIVERSIONS: We have created an official diversion route which will be signposted and is suitable for all vehicles that would normally use the closed 'A' road. This is indicated in **blue** on the map. We appreciate you know an alternative route, however, please be aware that alternative routes which are outside of the road closure area are used at driver's discretion and at their own risk. Below is the map showing the extent of the road closure.



PARKING: If you usually park within the cutting area, you will need to find alternative parking nearby during the hours of 09:30-15:30.

CONTACT US:

If you have any queries, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on our web page link; **Ash Dieback Road Closure FAQ/Highways**, contact us on 08000 514514 or email AshDieback@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation.

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