

Dear Sir/Madam,

Tour of Britain (cycle race) - Road Closure Information - Pershore & Surrounding Areas

Worcestershire's Vale & Spa Stage 6 of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain will be showcasing 120 of the world's best cyclists in Worcestershire on **Thursday 12 September 2019**. The Time Trial stage will see riders racing one at a time against the clock over a 9 mile route that starts and finishes in Pershore Town Centre.

To accommodate the start & finish line gantry, barriers, hospitality, podium and all the team vehicles, **Full Road Closures** (except emergency services) will be in place **to all vehicular traffic** (see attached map A). These closures are also required for rider & spectator safety and endorsed by West Mercia Police and Worcestershire County Council.

Pershore Town Centre Closures

B4084

- **High Street/Bridge Street** from the Cherry Orchard Junction (High St) to the Pensham Hill Junction (Bridge St) will remain **closed from 09:30 until 18:00**. Roadside **parking** will also be **suspended from 07:00 until 18:00**.
- North and Southbound traffic will **not** be able to travel through the town centre. Access will be available to frontages in Head St, Priest Lane, Cherry Orchard and King Georges Way (via Worcester Rd/Station Rd).
- The High St **entrance to ASDA car park** (opposite Church St) will be **closed for 24hrs from 22:00 on Wed 11 Sept** and approximately 40 spaces in ASDA car park suspended.

Broad Street & Church Walk will be **closed 05:00 until 19:00**. However, from 17:00 northbound 'evening peak' traffic will be able to travel up Bridge St, access Broad St (Westbound only) and exit via Defford Rd. All roadside/bay parking suspended from 01:00 until 19:00.

Church Street and Church Row will be **closed 09.30 until 18:00** and all roadside parking suspended from 07:00 until 18:00. Priest Lane will therefore become a 'no through road'. To ease congestion on Priest Lane, roadside car parking will be suspended from the High St Junction to St Agatha's Close.

Abbey Road & Newlands will remain open as normal but a **two way traffic light system** will be in operation at the roundabout from 09:30 until 18:00. Abbey Road and Newlands will also have roadside/bay car parking suspended (near each traffic light) from 07:00 until 18:00.

Abbey Park Car Park will be **closed** and all vehicles must be removed by **19:00 Weds 11 Sept**. Car park will reopen at 18:00 (12 Sept).

Wychavon Refuse Collection

For both domestic and commercial properties in **Church Walk** and **Broad Street** that would normally have a collection on the Thursday, your waste will be picked up on the following day, Friday 13 Sept instead due to the full road closures. **All other roads affected by road closures**, that have a collection on a Thursday, please place your waste ready for collection on the Wednesday evening as collections will start from 05:00 on Thursday 12 Sept to accommodate the road closures. If you use another provider, please contact them.

Time Trial Route Closures

Starting on Broad Street, riders will set off individually and exit onto Bridge Street, turn right onto Pensham Hill and head towards Great Comberton. The route then passes through Little Comberton and Bricklehampton before heading back to the B4084 during a scenic anti-clockwise loop. Riders will then whizz past Wick and sprint finish onto the High Street.

For riders and spectators safety, part of the 14.5km / 9 mile **time trial route** (see map B) will require a full road closure from **11:00 until 15:30**. Which means there will be no vehicle access in either direction of the route (except emergency services) and 'no waiting' restrictions in operation throughout the race route.

It is estimated that 5,000 spectators are expected in Pershore Town Centre and lined along the route. With the extensive road closures in place, residents and businesses, in the Pershore and surrounding areas, are advised to:

- **Plan your route, allow plenty of time to travel/park** and where possible walk, cycle or use public transport.
- **Check your diaries for any scheduled deliveries and appointments** and pass on this letter/map onto anyone planning on visiting you.

An interactive map showing the full route can be found at www.tourofbrtain.co.uk/stages/stage-six

ITV4 will be providing television coverage and Worcestershire's Vale & Spa Stage 6 – Pershore Individual Time Trial highlights are scheduled to air on Thursday evening (12 Sept).

All road closure information is subject to change, for up to date details about the closures, route, timings, public transport, spectator parking and key locations please visit: www.wychavon.gov.uk/tourofbrtain

Yours faithfully

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