

The following update is from Severn Trent's Community Communications Manager, Laura Holloway. Laura's contact details are at the end and she is always happy to receive questions from individuals.

4 March 2026

With regards the meeting next Monday 9th March, I've discussed with the project and design teams and they've asked that we provide a written update today, with an apology and request to attend the next Parish meeting in person.

Whilst we're making good progress on the investigative activities that will inform the final solution on the location of the new rising main; we'd like to be able to provide you with a fuller and more accurate picture than we would be able to next week. Some surveys have shown that we need to check and test in more locations throughout March, April & May.

As an overview, our current progress is as follows:

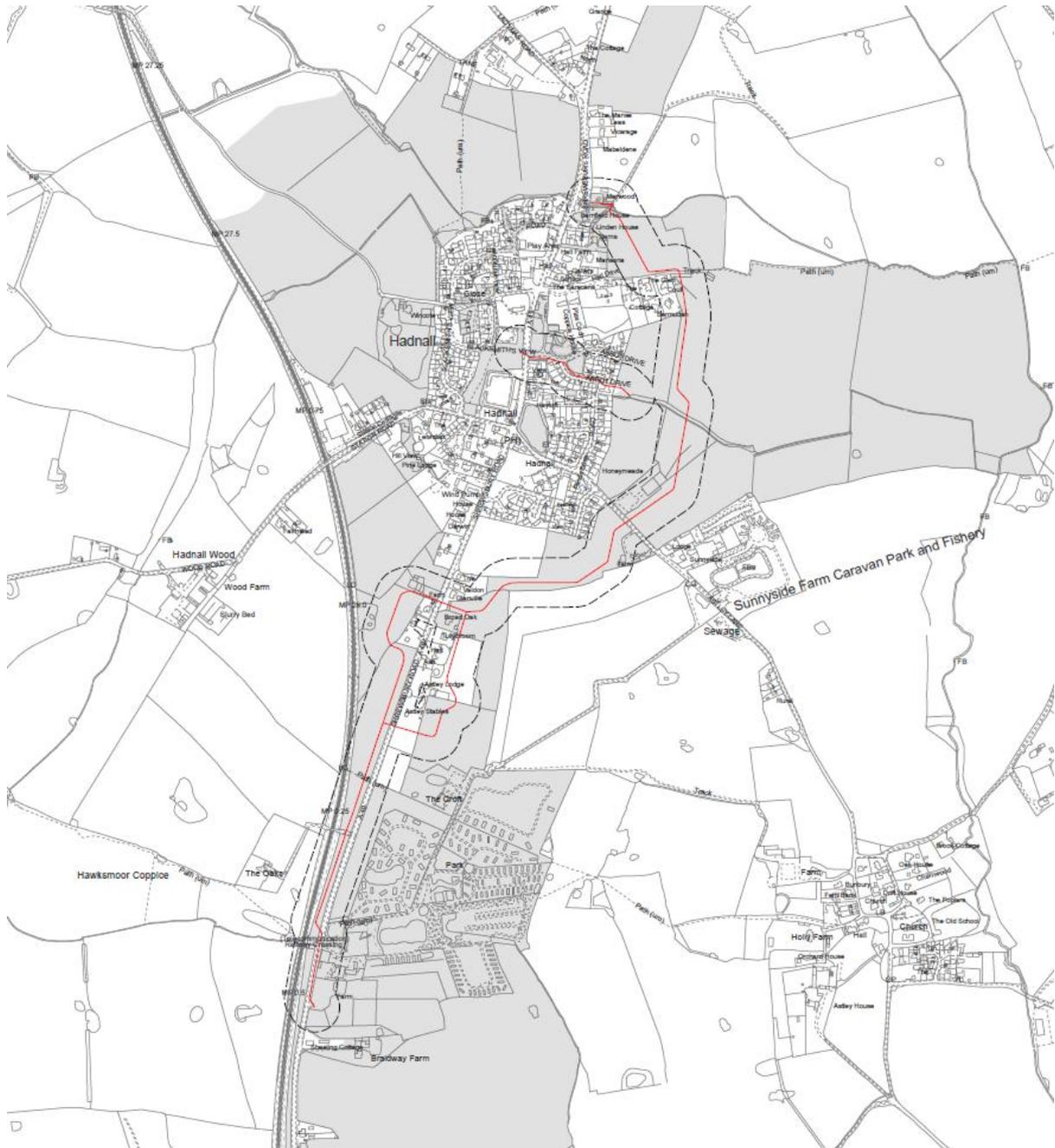
Surveys:

- **Flow surveys:** Ongoing and extended into later months to give a robust data range for analysis throughout different seasons and conditions.
- **Manhole surveys:** First phase completed; additional manholes identified for a further round of surveys.
- **Connectivity surveys:** First phase completed; further surveys planned. Individual property owners will be contacted.
- **CCTV surveys:** First phase completed; more surveys scheduled.

We aim to start all these surveys at the end of March running through to May. Where any of the above requires traffic management, road signs, traffic lights etc – we will let you know.

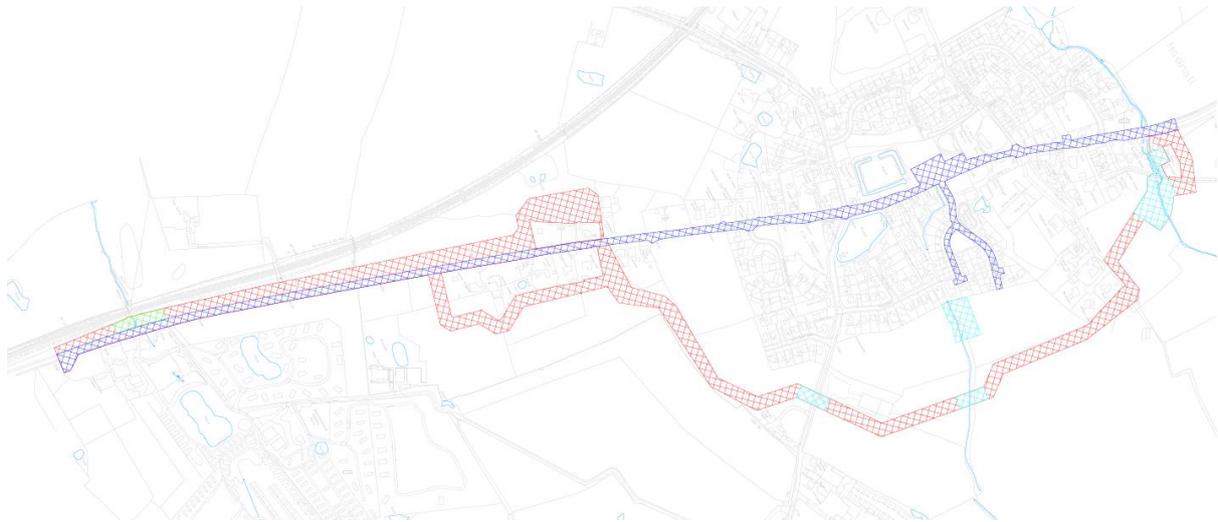
Ecology Surveys

- Initial walkover planned for 17th–18th March, with further ecology surveys to follow. This will mostly be to the east of the village and to the south along the A49. Indicative plan below showing study area (the red lines with 50m buffer zones either side). Gardens do not need to be entered as part of this surveying activity.



Topographical Surveys

- Planned for **Spring 2026**, subject to traffic management measures. We will keep you updated. An indicative plan of where the topographical survey will be carried out is provided below. It is similar to the area considered for ecology but will also include the A49 through the village.



Ground Investigation (GI)

- Boreholes will be required to understand ground and groundwater conditions. Locations and specifications are still being confirmed. Some will need to remain in situ for groundwater monitoring, others will be more temporary.

Pumping Station Survey

- Survey planned on our existing pumping station. Within our own site. During April 2026.

Milestones

- Site walkover with landowners for potential new rising main route planned over the coming months.
- Construction is still due to start: **Spring/Summer 2027**
- Construction completion is still due to be: **Spring/Summer 2028**
 - There may be an opportunity to complete some works before the Grampian Condition expiry in **Dec 2027**, but we can only confirm this once a contractor is appointed next year.

Current items under negotiation

- Landowner discussions and walkovers with private landowners.
- We're looking at the logistics of the new rising main running under the A49.

- There's also resurfacing requirements for this road we need to consider, to ensure we can meet the regulations.
- Highway drainage / third party assets require surveying for condition and capacity .

I remain committed to keeping you all informed, and hope you understand that although we aim to engage early; we don't always have all the answers quickly as there is a lot of investigation that needs to happen to inform the solution. Some of what goes on is also dependant on external and third parties and we are working as quickly as we can without compromising on the quality of the solution.

Thank you very much for your understanding. Please let me know if you would like any interim information in the meantime.

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