Frome Valley relief sewer

We are investing £15 million in building a new sewer which will ensure our system copes with ongoing and future development in North Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

The first sections of the Frome Valley relief sewer were laid in areas of North Bristol and Yate in the 1980s and 1990s.

The next phase is to construct a 5km long, 1.8m diameter sewer pipe that will run from Cog Mill, near Iron Acton, north of Frampton Cotterell, then westwards to Bradley Stoke. Most of the work will be carried out in fields rather than roads.

Once built, the sewer will divert waste water flows from South Gloucestershire to Bristol sewage treatment works in Avonmouth via a route around the north of Bristol, rather than alongside the Frome Valley and through the centre of Bristol.

Diverting the flows will provide additional capacity for new developments and significantly reduce the risk of sewer flooding in the area.

The Frome Valley relief sewer is one of many projects included in our £2 billion investment programme to maintain and improve services between 2015 and 2020.

How will the work affect you?

There will be localised works within the Three Brooks local nature reserve. This will consist of excavating a large shaft that will enable us to tunnel under the M4 motorway. A temporary footpath will be in place and access will be maintained at all times. Heavy construction plant and machinery will also have access to carry out the work which will start on Monday 24 April 2017 for six months.

While we carry out the work we will take care to protect the natural habitats and environment of the local wildlife. Once our work is complete we will return the local nature reserve to the condition we found it.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience our work may cause.

For updated information on the progress of our work visit: www.wessexwater.co.uk/FromeValley or call 0345 600 4 600