

**Somerset Council
Parish of Taunton**

**Temporary Closure of Matthews Road Footpath and Footway Between
Matthews Road And Newbarn Park Road**

Somerset Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, intends to make an Order, the effect of which will prohibit all pedestrian traffic from proceeding along; Matthews Road Footpath - from outside property number 1 Matthews Road to outside property number 5 Matthews Road and Footway Between Matthews Road And Newbarn Park Road- from outside property number 5 Matthews Road to outside property number 7 Matthews Road. A total distance of 38 metres. This Order will enable Openreach to lay duct for a new customer connection.

The Order becomes effective on 28th January 2026 and will remain in force for 6 months. The works are expected to commence on 4th February 2026 and last until 6th February 2026 between the hours of 09:30 - 17:00 for a total of 3 days. There is no alternative route for this closure. The works promoter will contact residents and businesses directly to discuss access arrangements. Please visit <https://one.network/?tm=GB146610798> for further information. For information about the works being carried out please contact Sunbelt Rentals on telephone number 0370 050 0792 quoting reference number tto653877W(TD).

Duncan Sharkey, Chief Executive
Dated: 14th January 2026

Statement of Reasons for making the Order

- a) because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the road; or
- b) because of the likelihood of danger to the public, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to such works.