

'Road closed signs were disastrous'

● Part of A592 is closed for sewerage work

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SIGNS that could have been 'disastrous' for business in Windermere and Bowness have been replaced.

A stretch of the A592 is currently closed for sewer works being carried out by United Utilities and the utility company put up a number of signs that implied traffic could not get into Bowness at all.

A diversion is in place towards Kendal and along the A591 to Windermere.

Adrian Faulkner, secretary of Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade, said: "They put up some signs saying the road was closed right the way

from junction 36 of the M6 which gave the impression that Bowness and Windermere were closed for business.

"We were, as a Chamber of Trade, slightly concerned that the signs were misleading."

However, following a call to the contractors, the signs were quickly replaced to make it clear that businesses were open as usual.

Mr Faulkner said: "I certainly can't praise contractors enough for getting it sorted out. As a chamber it was a brilliant success. It's what the chamber is all about, solving problems on behalf of the business community."

A spokesperson for United Utilities said: "Following feedback around the signage we had in place, which some felt was implying the road was closed fur-

ther back than it was, we immediately made some changes to address this matter.

"Unfortunately, the laying of the new sewer will result in some traffic disruption, but the key message is Bowness and Windermere are open for business as usual. The section of road closure we have in place will be lifted during the school half term February holidays, and then reinstated until Easter 2017."

United Utilities is working to install a new 6.5km wastewater pipeline from its pumping station in the car park at Glebe Road, along the A592 to Windermere Wastewater Treatment Works (Tower Wood).

The starting point for the work is near Tower Wood and is progressing along in sections of around 300m towards Low Moor Crag.