

CLASSIQUE
CYCLE RACE

Road closure information

**Uttlesford, Braintree,
Colchester and Tendring,
including Saffron Walden
and Colchester city centre**

Friday 26 May 2023

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Information for residents and businesses

Stage One of the Ford RideLondon Classique will travel from Saffron Walden to Colchester on Friday 26 May.

So the event can go ahead safely, some road closures will be required. This leaflet provides information about how you can plan your essential travel in advance.

About the Ford RideLondon Classique

The 2023 Ford RideLondon Classique is a three-day road race, part of the UCI Women's WorldTour, and will feature some of the best female cyclists in the world.

The Classique has been part of RideLondon since its first edition in 2013 and was added to the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar in 2016.

Free to watch

We'd love you to come and support the event in Saffron Walden, Colchester and the surrounding areas. It's free to watch and no advance booking is required.

There will be a big screen in Castle Gardens in Colchester to watch the race and join in the fun.

King Street and Market Square in Saffron Walden will host the Start Area of the race where everyone is welcome to watch the riders roll-out from the historic town square.

The team buses will be parked in Swan Meadow Car Park before the race starts at 11:00, so you can even come down to catch a glimpse of the world's best women riders as they warm up for the day ahead.

The riders will race 150km during Stage One of the Ford RideLondon Classique before it finishes on Colchester High Street (Grey Friars) in what's sure to be a thrilling finale after the climb of East Hill.

To find out more, visit ridelondon.co.uk/the-classique/the-stages/stage-one

Stage one route

Market Square in Saffron Walden will be closed to vehicles from 05:00 to 14:00 to host the Start Area of the event. Colchester High Street (Grey Friars), East Hill and Lewis Gardens will be closed from 05:00 to 20:00 to host the Finish Area. Grey Friars Car Park will be closed all day.

Once the race starts at 11:00, riders will leave Saffron Walden and head towards Audley End House where they will continue to Littlebury Green and Clavering. The race will then head back to Saffron Walden via Wendens Ambo for approximately 11:40.

The race will then pass through Finchingfield and Halstead shortly before entering Dedham Vale. From this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, riders will travel to Manningtree and the banks of the River Stour before the race finishes on Colchester High Street at Grey Friars between 14:45 and 15:00.

Temporary road closures

Police officers on motorcycles will travel along the route ahead of the race to make sure the road closures are in place and all vehicles are off the road for the safe passage of the riders.

The roads will re-open once the police travelling at the rear of race have signalled that the entire race and race convoy has passed. Please follow the instructions of police officers and event stewards at all times.

Emergency services

Emergencies will be treated as a priority in the usual way. If you require the emergency services, call 999. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained and prioritised throughout the race.

Major roads

The M11, A120 and A12 will be open to vehicles as usual on Friday 26 May.

Non-999 emergencies

If you have an urgent and critical need to cross the event route, but it is not a 999 emergency, please speak to an event steward and follow the instructions of police officers who will facilitate access when it is safe to do so.

Parking restrictions

If you usually park on a road that will be closed for the event, please move your vehicle the night before. Vehicles cannot be parked on the event route from 05:00 on Friday 26 May until the roads reopen. Any vehicle left on the route or parked in a suspended parking bay will be relocated.

Public transport

Due to event road closures, some bus services will need to be diverted, suspended or terminated earlier than usual. Some stops may also be temporarily relocated. For up-to-date bus travel information, please visit essexhighways.org/getting-around/bus

There may be some planned engineering works taking place on the Greater Anglia rail network on Friday 26 May. For more details, visit greateranglia.co.uk/travel-information/service-alterations

Pedestrian crossing points

The race will pass through areas with pedestrian crossings, which will be temporarily suspended when necessary. Please follow the instructions of stewards, motorcycle marshals and police officers at these crossing points.

Plan ahead

Where possible, please plan ahead to schedule any journeys and deliveries during the event around the road closure timings.

Need help?

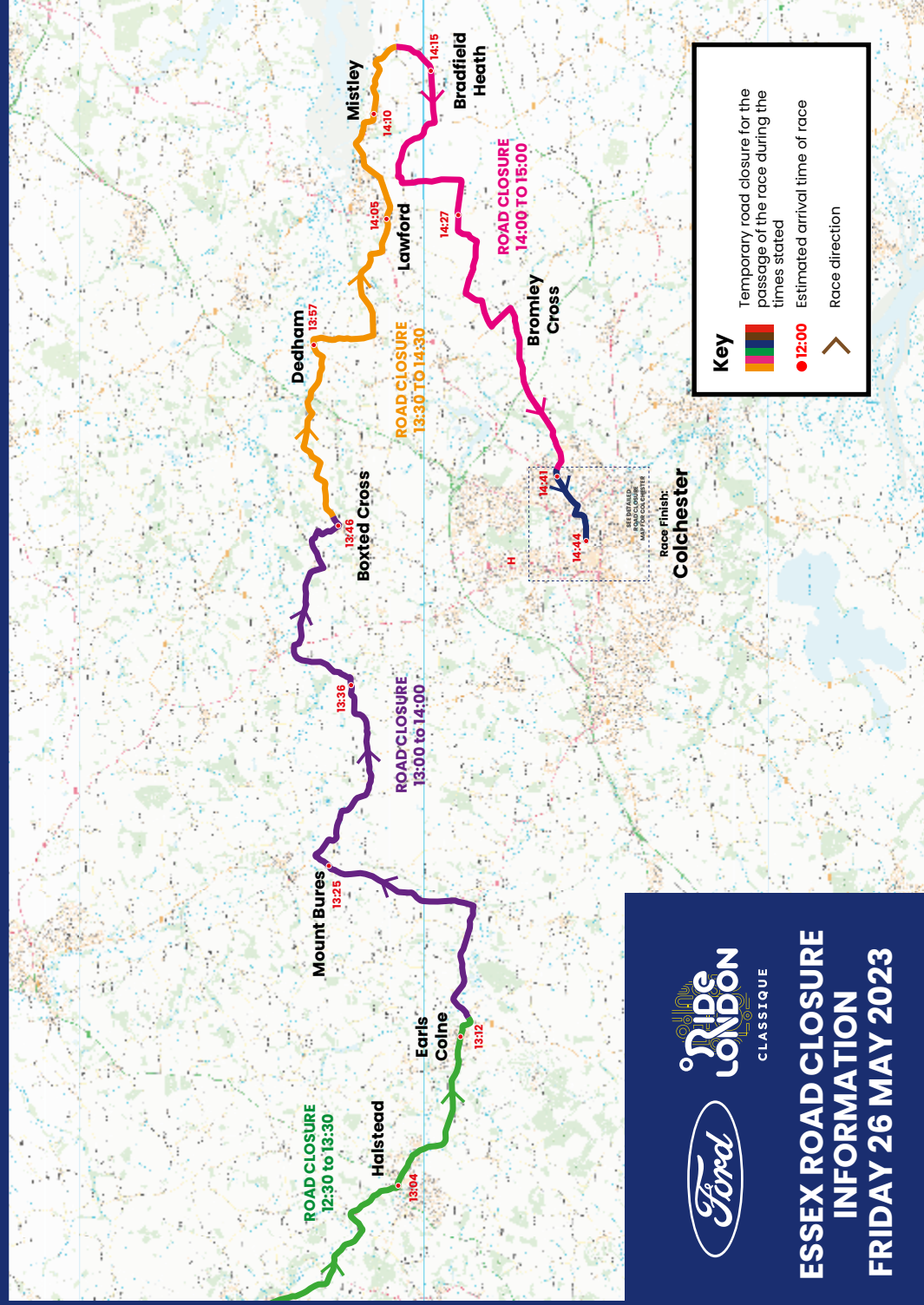
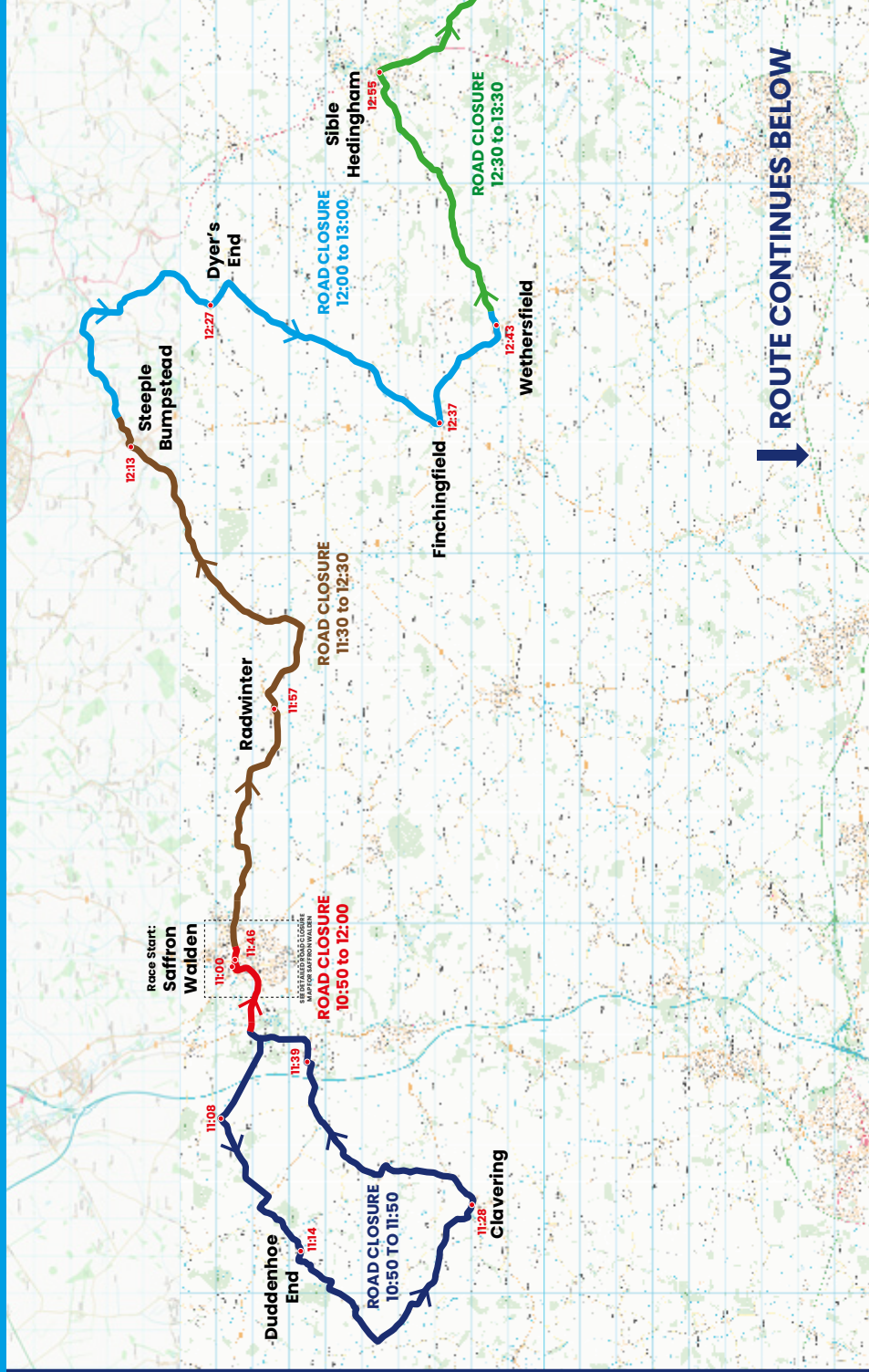
To be emailed Ford RideLondon-Essex road closure information, please register at ridelondon.co.uk/road-closures-updates if you have any queries or need assistance, please visit ridelondon.co.uk/help/contact-us

Thank you

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding in the run-up to the Ford RideLondon Classique. Your support will help make it a successful event.

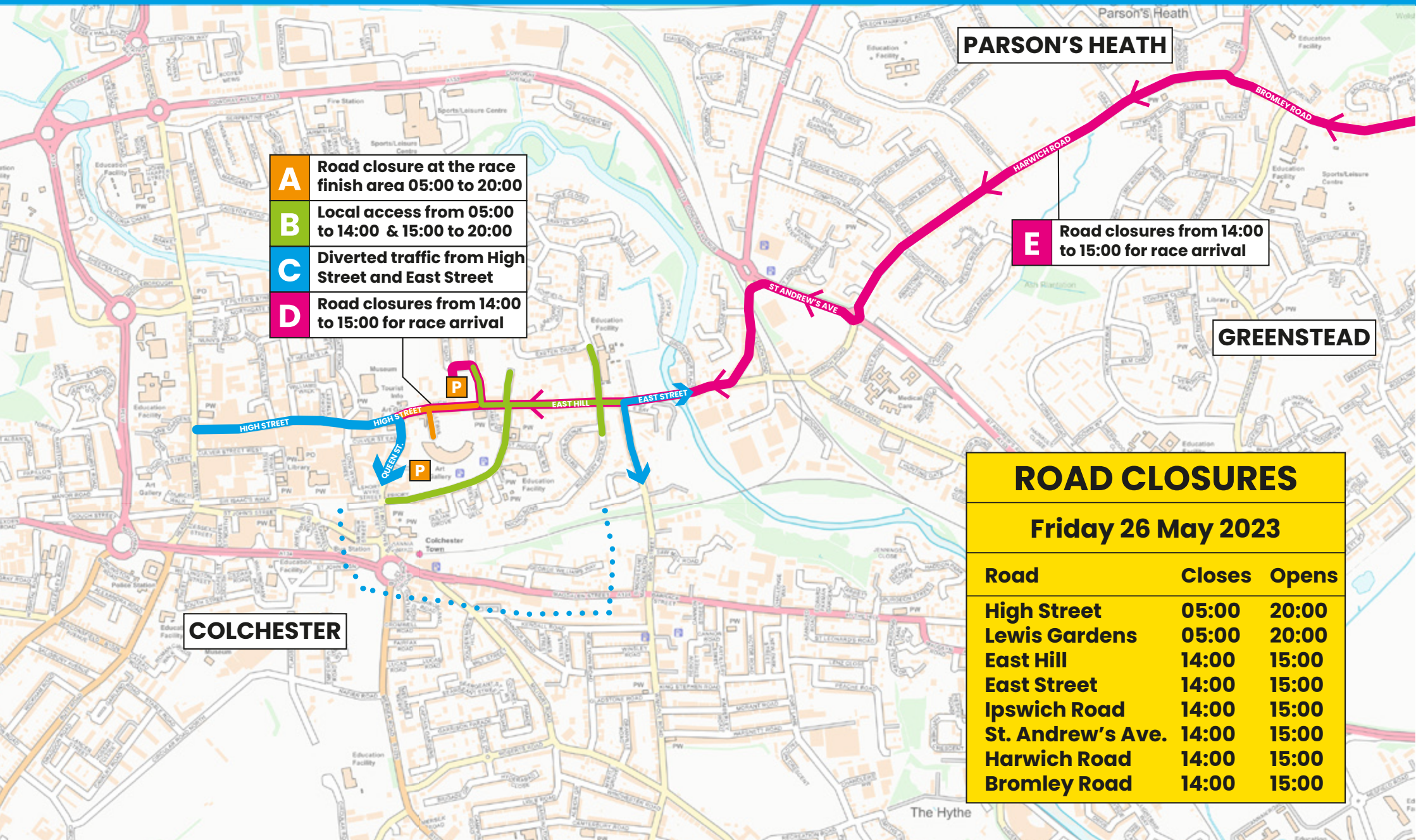


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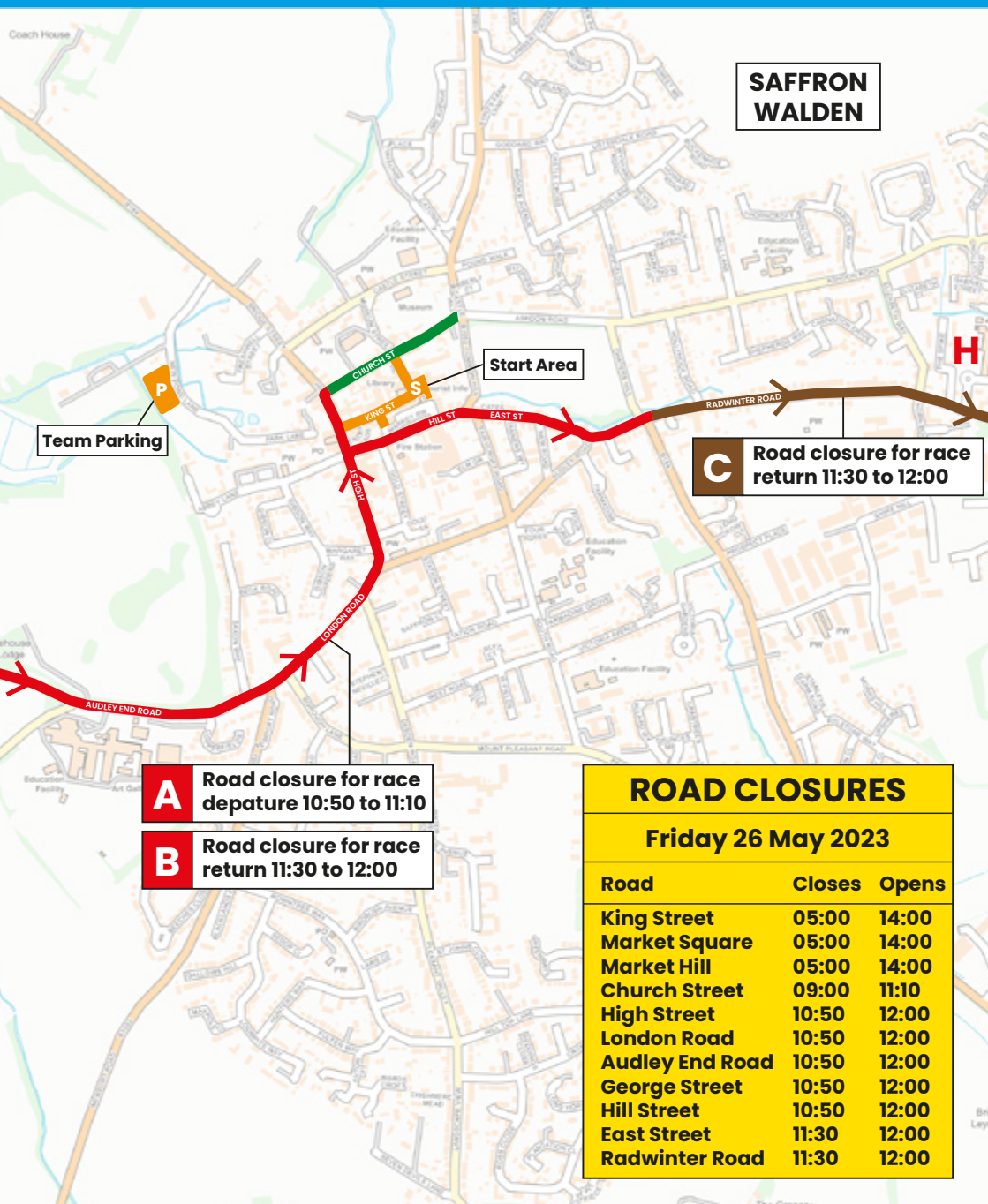
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