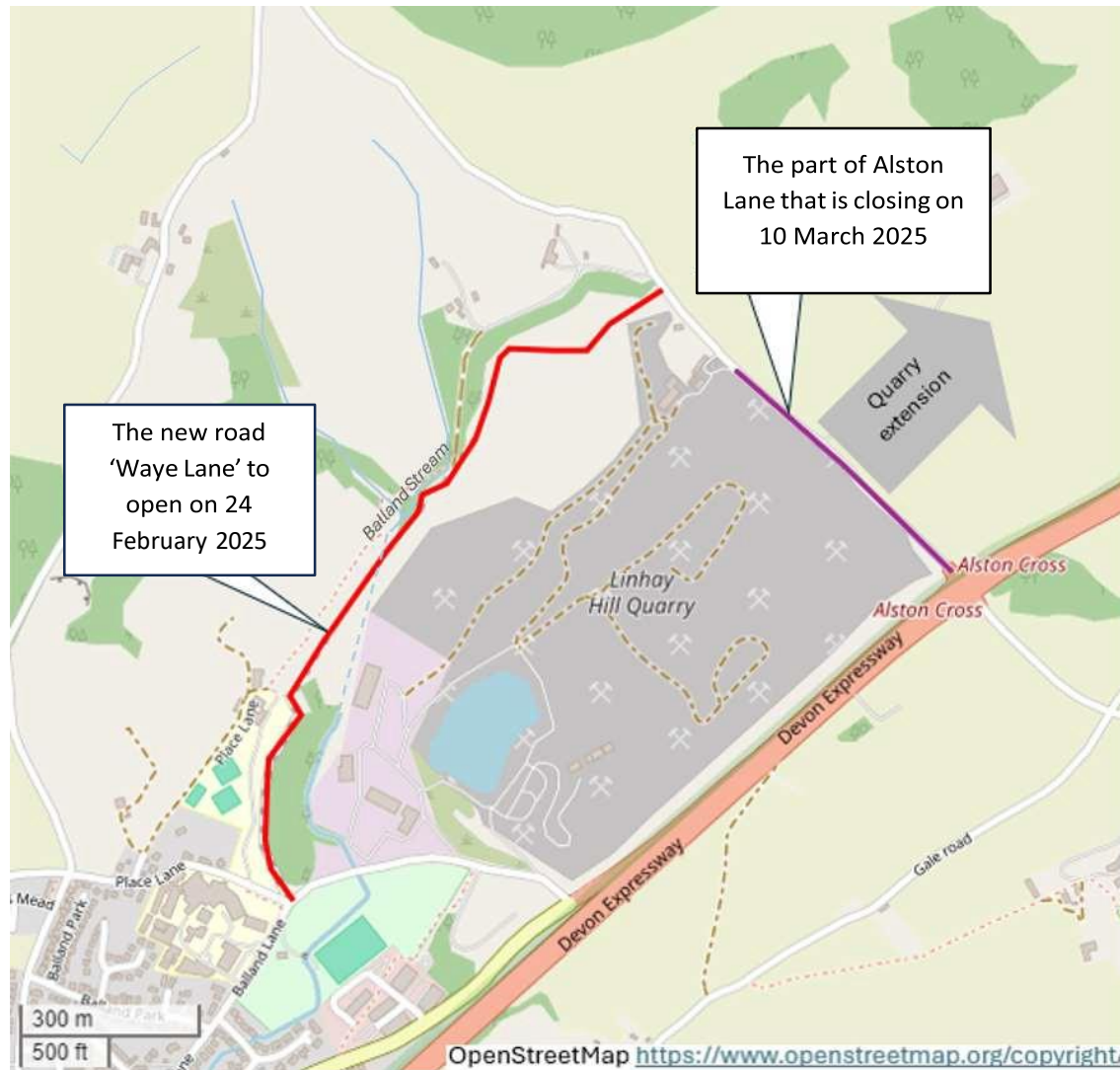


New road to replace part of Alston Lane

Due to plans to extend Linhay Hill Quarry, the local road network to the north of Ashburton is changing. The Alston Junction with the A38 and the lower part of Alston Lane will be closed. Glendinning has built a new road to provide a replacement route for drivers who need to reach properties in the TQ13 7ET postcode area. The new road will be adopted by Devon County Council and become part of the local highway network.

The new road starts off Balland Lane a short distance beyond South Dartmoor Community College and connects to Alston Lane a short distance above the section that is to be closed. It is locally called Waye Lane. See map below.



Three quarters of the new road follows the former route of the public footpath. The footpath was diverted onto a temporary route whilst the new road was being built so that the original footpath could be upgraded. The upgraded footpath, which now runs beside the new road, will be reopened at the same time.

Glendinning has installed an elaborate surface water drainage scheme to serve the road and also help reduce the risk of flooding further downstream in the eastern part of Ashburton. Although many trees had to be felled to build the road, nearly 30,000 have been planted beside its route, including several blocks of woodland, and nearly 2km of new hedge bank to help it to fit into the landscape.

Neighbours, sat nav companies and local services, such as Royal Mail and The ambulance Service, have been informed.

The opening day for the new road is 24 February, and Alston Lane's closing date is 10 March.