



Winterstoke Road Bridge - Newsletter

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Dear Neighbour,

Works are continuing on site in preparation for the replacement of the Winterstoke Road Bridge. Some of these works are delayed due to discovery of slow worms. As they are a protected species it is important that they are relocated by an experienced ecologist, to an area where they are not going to be disturbed. A location has been identified and we are going to be working with local schools to construct new habitats and monitor their relocation. If you are interested in reading more about slow worms, then pop along to www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/reptiles/slow-worm



Social Value

At the beginning of June, a team of six volunteers from the Octavius Project Team spent a few hours at Weston Hospice carrying out some well needed gardening. At the end of the day, they had filled four large sacks with clippings and donated some gardening tools to the hospice so that they could carry on with this lovely work. The hospice are always looking for new volunteers so if you are interested then please have a look at www.westonhospicecare.org.uk



The A Team



What's happened so far?

- Works are underway to install the hoarding on site.
- The diversion of the footpath on the Haywood Village side has been put into effect with diversion signage in place.
- The end of Bronte Close has been closed, play park removed and piling platform constructed.
- Piling operations on the North side of the bridge for the temporary service bridge are now completed.
- Enabling works to install the piling platform on the South side for the temporary service bridge have commenced.



As part of our support for the local community we now have a donation bin in our site office in Ashton Yard to collect food for Weston-super-Mare Foodbank. Items they are in urgent need of are instant noodles, savoury snacks, tinned pasta or spaghetti, fruit juice or squash, tinned custard or rice pudding, dried rice or pasta, dried noodles, tinned and instant soup, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, washing powder or tabs, washing up liquid and nappies size 5 (and more). Learn more about the foodbank here:

www.westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk



Traffic Management

Traffic lights remain in place on Winterstoke Road to ensure safe a workspace for our teams and secure access to the construction site.

Starting this September, we will begin installing a temporary footbridge, a project expected to take around two months. At certain stages, road closures will be necessary. Pedestrian access will be maintained through all road closures, (for the main closure this will be over the temporary service bridge). Once specific dates are confirmed, affected households will receive notification letters. Clear diversion signs will be posted in advance any works, including guidance on heavy goods vehicle restrictions.

We understand these changes may be inconvenient, and we truly appreciate your patience. Our team is working closely with North Somerset Council and other partners to keep disruption to a minimum. That said, please allow extra time for journeys while works are underway. A map showing the planned diversion route is included on the next page for your reference along with proposed diversionary route.



Our commitment during this project delivery:

We are committed to delivering sustainable infrastructure, making a commitment to give value to society and the communities in which we work. We will:

- **Engage with residents** by providing clear and up to date information to the local community
- **Improve the environment** by measuring CO2 emissions, consult wildlife experts and dedicate training and staff hours to increase biodiversity
- **Increase sustainable employment** with employment opportunities for local people
- **Support the growth of local business** by spending with local suppliers and SMEs
- **Improve opportunities for young people** by supporting local education providers and charities offering engagement activities
- **Support local community initiatives**

Throughout construction we will endeavor to maintain traffic management, signage and fencing to the highest standards for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, to ensure minimal disruption to the people surrounding Winterstoke Road and those passing through. The management of noise, dust and nuisance is a priority to us, and we will do all we can to minimise this at every phase of the project.

Winterstoke Road Traffic Management Programme – July 2025.
Please note this is subject to change

| Operation | Duration | Traffic Management |
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| Compound installation works | July to August 2025 | Lane Closure |
| Temporary bridge installation works | Weekend of 13/14 th September 2025 | Road Closure |
| Openreach & Bristol Water – temporary diversions | Ad hoc throughout October & November 2025 | Lane Closure |
| Bridge demolition and reconstruction works – full | 15 th December 2025 – Summer 2027 | Road Closure |

Diversionsary Route During Full Closure of Winterstoke Road Bridge



Want to know more?

Periodic updates will be issued to keep our neighbours informed of the progress of works, upcoming works, and the social value and community engagement activities that we will deliver within the local community.

If you have any queries or concerns about our construction activities or social value delivery, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach the Octavius Infrastructure Winterstoke Road Replacement Bridge Project Team via:

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Project Website:

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/business/regeneration-development/winterstoke-road-replacement-bridge-scheme>



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