



Winterstoke Road Bridge - Newsletter

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Dear Neighbour,

Works on Winterstoke Road Bridge have been picking up pace as we prepare for the demolition of the bridge.

In this newsletter we have outlined a breakdown of the works we have completed in preparation for this and a summary of the work we will do in early 2026, once the demolition works are finished.

Social Value

This Christmas the Winterstoke Road Bridge project team were keen to make an impact in the local community and so organised a toy donation for the ‘For All Healthy Living Centre’ in the South Ward Community.

We were excited to donate Teacup sets and Spider Man puzzles along side other items to this project!



For more information on the ‘For All Healthy Living Centre’ please see this link:
<https://www.forallhlc.org/>



What’s happened so far?

In the run up to closing Winterstoke Road Bridge to traffic, we were working to complete the access ramps to the temporary footbridge and started diversions of the BT, water and gas services that cross the bridge. We have completed works to the railway to allow us to realign it after Christmas and we have also been carrying out some enabling works to the structure to reduce the time we need during the Christmas railway closure. Behind the scenes we also have been carrying out in depth planning of the works needed during Christmas.

December

As works progress in December, we will open the temporary footbridge over the railway, this will be complete with lighting and CCTV and will be accessible 24/7. This will open mid-December, before any works on the existing bridge take place. Up until Christmas we will be undertaking enabling works during the week and on Saturday nights.

Over the Christmas break we will complete the demolition of the bridge and works to realign and monitor the rail track. This work take place 24/7 from 10pm on 24th December until 5am on 27th December and then on night shifts following until 10th January - 2026.

We recognise that this will create some disruption and have worked with our supply chain to produce a robust plan to minimise noise and vibration, however we recognise that the nature of this work means it will be noisy at times, and we apologise for this in advance. Demolition works must happen over Christmas because this is when Network Rail have said we can close the railway.





Road Closures / Traffic Management

January

In January groundworks will progress on site and the approach roads be removed and reduced in height to allow for the next stage of construction. This work will require us to remove and deliver material to and from the building site, and we are working with our suppliers to ensure we minimise dust and mud on the local roads, including providing a road sweeper.

In January we will also work to install the stone platforms to allow us to start installing the 35m deep piles into the ground that will support the new bridge foundations. Most of the work after New Year will take place during midweek days, with some Saturday daytime shifts required depending on site progress and occasional Saturday night shifts where we need to undertake work with the railway closed.

February

We will see the start of realigning the culvert on the north side of the railway and see the piling works start on the south side of the railway. This work will take place with trains running during the day with strict controls in place to ensure our workforce and trains running aren't placed in any danger. We will complete works to the railway track as well on Saturday nights.

Spring 2026

On site works will continue to install the new culvert on the north and piling works on the south, once this work is complete the project will move the piling rig and crane on to the north of the railway and start the concrete supporting structure on the south of the railway. We will also be commencing building sections of steelwork off-site for the new bridge spans, prior to them being painted and transported to site later in the year and having another supplier cast 50 parapet wall sections and 78 retaining wall sections that will form the foundations for the new highway. These are made off-site with specialist suppliers and transported to site as required.

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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