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Dear neighbour,

Railway improvement work: Iron Bridge replacement, High Street, Staines

I'm writing to let you know we need to carry out essential work near your property.

We're planning the replacement of the 'Iron Bridge' railway bridge near Staines High Street, and we expect this work to take place from **February to April 2022**. We'll also hold a community drop-in meeting to explain how we will deliver this work and the local community will have the opportunity to ask questions. Invitations to the meeting will be sent to you in January 2022.

We understand that our work will cause disruption for the local businesses and community, I would like to assure you that the planned work, roadblocks, and traffic diversions will be widely publicised in the area through leaflets, posters, social and local media and press releases.

The bridge is approaching the end of its operational life, and its condition means that there is currently a speed restriction for trains passing over it. We understand the communities' views on the condition and visual appearance of the current bridge, and we are pleased to share our plans to replace the bridge and improve the appearance and visual amenity for the community. To carry out this work there will be a **19-day full road closure from 21 March to 8 April 2022 and a 2-day single lane road closure with diversions in place as detailed in the table below.**

Work is planned to take place as follows:

Date	Work to be carried out
Tues 8 Feb to Fri 29 April 2022	Work starts, site set up, traffic increase of deliveries.
Sat 5 March to Mon 7 March 2022	Single lane road closure (Mustard Mill Road) and Installing scaffolding and foundations. With access to shopping centre and car park. Noisy works
Mon 21 March to Fri 8 April 2022	Full road closure (Mustard Mill Road and South Street), traffic lights, install protective covers.
Sat 26 March to Sun 27 March 2022	Full road closure (Mustard Mill Road and South Street) Bridge removal, replacement using cranes and large lorries.
Mon 28 March to Fri 8 April 2022	Full road closure, complete brick repairs; remove site fencing. Re-open road
Sun 10 April to Mon 11 April	Follow up work: tamping to level/firm new ballast on track.
Mon 11 April to Fri 29 April 2022	Site clearance and snagging checks. Works complete.

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Road closures and traffic diversions

We're also working with the local authority to plan this work and install appropriate signage of road closures for shoppers. There will be road closures and traffic diversions from 5 March to 8 April 2022 to allow us to remove the existing structure and lift a new bridge into place. For the full road closure, we will close the junction at London Road, Mustard Mill Lane and South Street to traffic. The pedestrianised High Street will also remain open allowing the footpath to the Two Rivers shopping centre to remain open.

We have taken into consideration the impact to the local community and revised the traffic management to maintain access to the shopping centre and carparks from Mustard Hill Lane for the 5 March to 7 March single lane road closure. Access to the Premier Inn carpark is also maintained for both closures, however no right turn will be available when leaving this carpark.

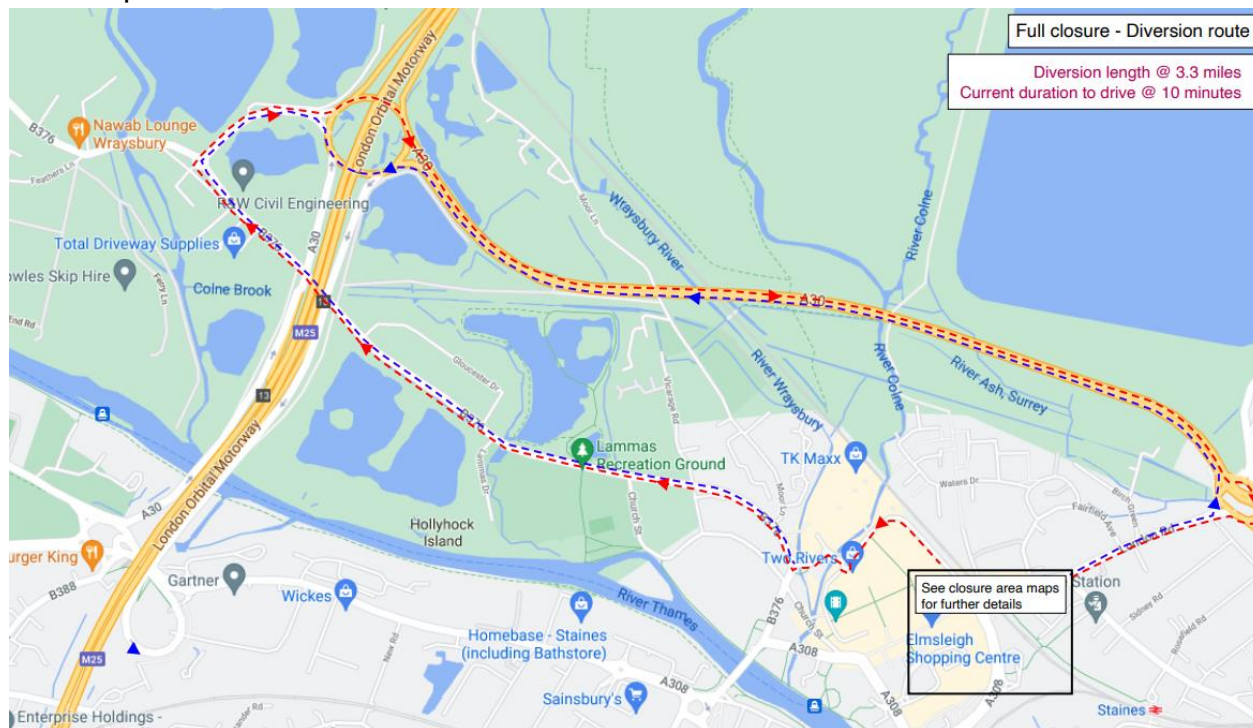
The maps below show the road closure (marked in red) and pedestrian diversion (marked in yellow) during the bridge replacement work. We're sorry for the quality of the maps, we'll have clearer maps and diagrams at the community drop-in meeting.



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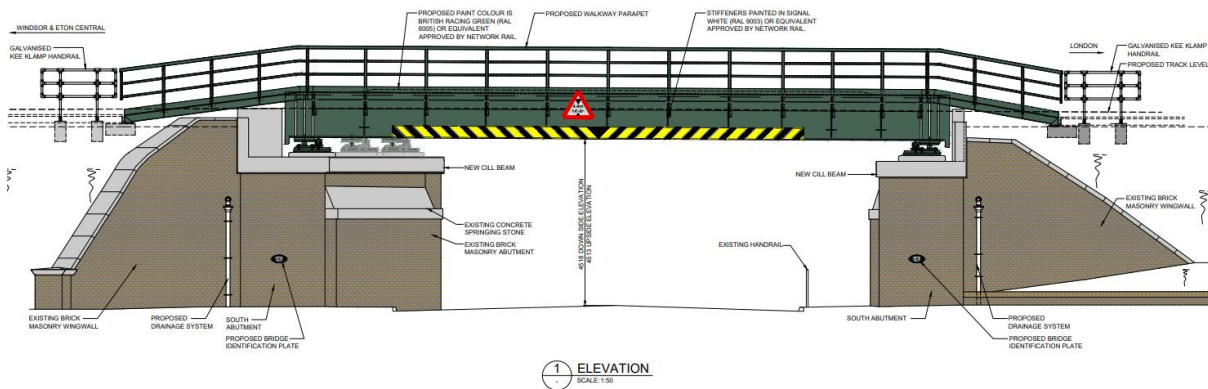


This map shows the diversion route for vehicles via the A30 and B376



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The illustration below shows what the new bridge will look like.



We'll use specialist equipment designed to minimise the noise we create, however some of our equipment will cause some disturbance. Every effort will be made to minimise any excessive noise while this work is carried out. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

We aim to keep you updated with our plans for this work and details of the community drop-in meeting will follow. If you would like more information, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk or telephone our **24hr helpline on 03457 11 41 41** quoting "Information request – Replacement of the Iron Bridge, Staines"

Yours sincerely

Community relations, Wessex