

Berkeley New Bridge Replacement

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much will the scheme cost?

A. The total cost of the scheme is £2.5 million

2. Where is the money coming from?

A. The money is coming as £1.99M from GFirst LEP Growth Fund and the remaining amount is coming from Gloucestershire County Council.

For more information about the Growth Deal, see www.gfirstlep.com

3. What are the benefits of replacing the bridge?

A. The replacement bridge will bring long term stability to this important route through the county. The A38 is a strategic diversion route for the M5 at junctions 13 and 14.

Replacing the bridge will help reduce congestion in the long term.

The new bridge will also support the future additional housing and employment planned for the Berkeley area, including major redevelopment at Sharpness Docks.

4. When will Phase 2 of the scheme start and finish?

A. The work started on 2nd January and will finish on 30th June 2017. The complete closure of the A38 will be from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 23rd February 2017.

5. Will the extents of the closure be the same as the closure in September?

A. This time the Breadstone Lane junction with the A38 will also be included in the closure to allow for the resurfacing of this junction.

6. What are you going to do to reduce disruption?

A. The signing will be improved as compared to the previous closure.

The signed diversion will again take traffic along the A46.

7. The A38 is going to be closed for 10 days – what will happen if the M5 is also blocked?

A. We have consulted with Highways England concerning the M5 motorway, and should an incident occur they have plans in place to avoid diverting onto the A38. The diversion will be via the A417/A419

8. What is happening about bus routes?

A. GCC have been in consultation with the bus companies to allow sufficient time for plans to be put in place. Diversion routes have been planned and tested.

9. What level of delay will I experience through the temporary traffic lights?

A. There will inevitably be delays but our contractor will be working to minimise these by adjusting the lights as necessary. Jumping red lights will cause delays for other motorists

- a safety feature allowing emergency vehicles to pass results in all lights going to red and resetting.

10. How will the railway be affected?

- A. The railway will be closed on Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 February 2017 with bus alternatives arranged by Network Rail. At other times the railway will be fully operational. Please check www.networkrail.co.uk for more details and timetables nearer the time.

11. Will there be a lot of noise/dust etc, especially at night?

- A. The contractor will work to keep disturbance to a minimum. However there will be overnight working involved from time to time, and from Friday 17 to Monday 20 February 2017 there will be continuous work to remove the old bridge and lift in the new one. During this time a certain amount of noise will be inevitable.

12. How will these works affect local businesses?

- A. We hope that local businesses understand that this work is necessary to keep the traffic flowing in the long term. All road works will have some effect on local businesses, but signs will be erected to say 'Businesses Open as Usual'.

13. Will there be a footway on the new bridge?

- A. There will be a 2m wide footway on the north side of the new bridge.