

# A52 Clifton Bridge

August 2021 newsletter

## Welcome to the Latest Edition of the A52 Clifton Bridge Newsletter.

### More lanes to open in September and November

Work is progressing well on strengthening Clifton Bridge. Towards the end of September we hope to open another lane, which will allow us to re-open the slip road from Queens Drive. We then aim to have all lanes open by the end of November.

Highways England's Head of Service Delivery, Adrian Oulds, said: "Work is progressing well, and we'd like to thank motorists for their continued patience while we carry out these repairs.

"While the work we're carrying out is complex our ambition is to open an additional lane across the bridge around the end of September and to restore the bridge back to its original traffic layout around the end of November.

"As part of this stage of repairs, we're putting a new strengthening system in place on the

exterior of the structure which will make it much easier to access for any future maintenance."

"While we have lanes closed, we're also taking the opportunity to carry out other maintenance work which would have been needed at some point in the future. By doing this additional work now, it reduces the risk of water damaging the structure and allows our teams to work safely away from passing vehicles."

### Works in August and September

To achieve the opening of additional lanes in September and November, we will need a series of short closures during August and September. These closures will be a mix of lane closures over the weekend, and some complete overnight closures. We will update the scheme web page and HE Twitter with details of upcoming closures.

## Materials Used

The A52 Clifton Bridge Repair has been a large and complicated project. During the repair, our principal contractor VSL Bouygues, will have: drilled 9,000 holes, cut and bent 75 tonnes of steel reinforcement bar, mixed 12,000 bags of concrete, fitted 2,000 metres of ducting and hung 90 tonnes of steel tensioning cable.



Steel Tensioning Cables



The new strengthening system



## Nottinghamshire MPs Visit Our Site

Throughout the A52 Clifton Bridge Repair Scheme, we have been keeping your local MPs updated on our progress. However, with most of the work being conducted underneath, or inside the bridge structure, it was difficult to adequately describe the complexity of the repair.

During July, three local MPs were able to join Highways England and VSL for a close up tour of the work. Lillian Greenwood, Tom Randall and Ruth Edwards donned their PPE, before joining us for an afternoon of climbing up and down scaffolding staircases. On one of July's hotter days, the MPs experienced first hand, the difficult working conditions our contractors have been working in every day.

Representatives of VSL were on hand to explain the difficult and time consuming process of fixing strengthening cables to the outside of the bridge structure.



Explaining the Clifton Bridge Repair Scheme to Local MPs



Then, Highway's England managers explained how we are making good use of the closure, by conducting waterproofing and resurfacing work on top of Clifton Bridge. These two pieces of work will mean that Clifton Bridge can remain open for many years to come. Bringing forward the resurfacing work has prevented the need for another closure in the coming years. Fixing the strengthening system to the outside, rather than burying it inside the concrete structure, will allow for much more effective inspection and maintenance than the previous design.



## Nottingham Outlaws Rugby League Club

Early in the first Covid 19 lockdown, our contractors were looking for somewhere to place their site compound. Our Public Liaison Officer found the ideal location at Nottingham Outlaws Rugby League Club, on Lenton Lane. The 2020 lockdown ban on sports events put the club in a precarious financial position, with rent and rates to pay, but no income being generated. Our contractors took over payment of the rent and rates, and also made some much needed improvements to the car-park, security and club house.

When sport was able to re-start, and our need for space increased, we moved our compound to open land further along Lenton Lane. We were also able to help Dunkirk FC by renting some parking space from them.

When the MPs visited us in July, we returned to Nottingham Outlaws club house as a base for their visit. Club representative Andrew Shaw welcomed the MPs to Lenton Lane and told them how important our help had been to the rugby club's survival.



Hosting local MPs at Nottingham Outlaws Rugby League Club



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