

Introduction

Oxford City Council continues to work with Stantec and the Oxfordshire County Council Engineering Team on the refurbishment and strengthening of the Gasworks Pipe Bridge.

We appreciate the difficulties caused by the bridge closure and the safe reopening of it, as quickly as possible, remains the key priority of the project.

Update

- Stantec and Oxford City Council continue to liaise with Oxfordshire County Council (The Technical Approval Authority) to ensure the detailed designs are finalised and approved.
- Following the Council's procurement processes, the project to refurbish the Gasworks Pipe Bridge has now gone out to tender for a contractor to undertake the work. This has started at the earliest opportunity to allow the bridge to be reopened as quickly as possible.
- On the 16th November the Council Cabinet approved the funding and delegation to appoint a contractor upon completion of the tender process.
- Oxford City Council's legal team are now preparing the contract ready for the successful contractor.
- The diversion routes continue to be regularly inspected and checked to ensure they remain in a good condition including items such as signage and that routine leaf clearance is being undertaken. Additional fencing has also been installed to improve safety.

The Next steps include:

- Sign off of the detailed designs – mid December 2022
- Contractor appointment – mid December 2022 (Subject to contractor availability)
- Commencement of works – mid March 2023 (Subject to contractor availability)
- Anticipated reopening of the Gasworks Pipe Bridge – late May/early June 2023

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