

Introduction

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

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

Update

- Oxfordshire County Council (as the Technical Approval Authority) have agreed the Approval in Principle to refurbish the Gasworks Pipe Bridge.
- Oxford City Council's planning team confirmed that the proposed work would not require planning approval as it constitutes refurbishment works.
- Oxford City Council's consultant Stantec continue to work on design detail for the project.
- The Tender process has been started with Council procurement to identify and procure a Contractor for the works.
- The diversion routes continue to be inspected and checked to ensure they remain in a good condition with items such as signage and leaf clearance.

The Next steps include:

- Stantec to provide the next stage designs for approval by County late September 2022
- Sign off of the Interim detailed designs – Mid October 2022 (Subject to approvals)
- Design out to tender – Mid October 2022 (Subject to approvals)
- Contractor appointment – Mid December 2022 (Subject to Contractor availability and Cabinet approval)
- Commencement of works – Mid March 2023 (Subject to Contractor availability and Cabinet approval)
- Anticipated Completion of works and reopening – late May/early June 2023 (Subject to Contractor availability and Cabinet approval)

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