

Grosvenor Bridge, Tunbridge Wells

Pier Replacement Works



From the 3rd January 2017 Kent County Council will be carrying out essential maintenance on Grosvenor Bridge in Tunbridge Wells. We will be reconstructing the large concrete piers which support the bridge and the road that it carries. These works are vital to ensuring the structural integrity of the bridge and the safety of the highway now and in the future.

The road is expected to be closed until early Autumn 2017 and will be closed to vehicles. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the works.

Where are the works taking place?



Grosvenor Bridge is located to the north east of Tunbridge Wells town centre. The Bridge connects Upper Grosvenor Road with Quarry Road and crosses the London to Hastings railway line.

The vast majority of the works will take place below the bridge, to the side of the railway tracks.

Why are the works necessary?

Grosvenor Bridge is supported by two abutments and four piers – two concrete piers and two brick piers. Over the years the condition of the concrete piers has deteriorated and they have now reached the end of their serviceable life.

To ensure that the bridge remains safe and able to accommodate the volume and type of traffic that uses it, the two concrete piers need to be replaced.



What do the works involve?



Firstly temporary supports will be put in place to support the bridge until the new piers are fully reconstructed. These supports are not strong enough to support vehicular traffic but pedestrians will be able to continue using the bridge safely throughout the duration of the works.

Once the bridge is fully supported the piers will be demolished; new piers will then be constructed. When it is safe to do so, we will work on both piers at the same time to minimise the duration of the works.

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A proportion of the work will need to be carried out at night. This is because we need to work on the railway line and cannot do so when the train services are operational. We have been working closely with Network Rail to arrange the times and dates of the rail possessions and to ensure that train services are not affected by our works.

When working at night, every effort will be made to keep the noise and disruption to local residents to a minimum.

In addition to the above, we are investigating the possibility of replacing the surfacing to the bridge and subject to agreement, this will be undertaken prior to the bridge being re-opened. This will not require the duration of the road closure to be extended.

Where will traffic be diverted during the works?

During the works traffic will be diverted from Grosvenor Bridge onto Upper Grosvenor Road, Grosvenor Road, Victoria Road, Camden Road and finally on to Quarry Road. The diversion route will be clearly sign posted to avoid any confusion.

Where can I find our more information about the works?

If you have any questions, queries or comments before, during or after the works you can log your enquiry in two ways:

Call **03000 41 81 81** and speak to a member of our Contact Point Team. If one of our agents is unable to help you they will log an enquiry and arrange for a member of the Bridges, Tunnels and Structures Team to contact you directly.

Log an enquiry online using our Fault Reporting Tool: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>.

Simply plot your enquiry on the map, select the Fault Category “Roadworks” and the Fault Type “Information on Roadworks” and then tell us about your enquiry.

A member of the Bridges, Tunnels and Structures Team will then contact you directly if you wish to discuss your enquiry further.

Finally, why not follow us on Twitter [@KentHighways](https://twitter.com/KentHighways) . We will be tweeting up to date information about the works including photographs as the works progress.

Until the works are completed it is inevitable that residents and businesses near to the site will experience some disruption but we will try to keep this to a minimum.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation whilst we complete these essential works.