

Dear Customer

Re: A5 School Footbridge replacement scheme

I'm writing to inform you of some upcoming maintenance works on the A5, near Atherstone. This work will be carried out by our contractor, Kier, on our behalf.

What we're doing and why? What are the benefits?

We'll be replacing the footbridge that crosses the A5 at Atherstone. The old footbridge no longer meets the requirements in accordance with current standards, this will be replaced with a bridge that is suitable for both pedestrians and cyclists. Our new footbridge will be built in close proximity to the already existing structure. Once built, this will continue to provide a safe crossing point over the A5 for pedestrians, cyclists and school children. This will also reduce the need for any future maintenance to be carried out to the bridge itself for many years to come.

When will this work take place?

To reduce disruption to customers, the work will be delivered in phases as follows;

Phase 1, 15 February 2021 to 17 March 2021, these are our advanced works which will include vegetation clearance, and the installation of the contraflow which will be used throughout Phase 2. During this time, our traffic management will be in place from Holly Lane roundabout to Mancetter roundabout as follows;

Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February, lane 1 closure A5 eastbound and westbound, 9am to 5pm.

Full closure A5 eastbound and westbound, see below. Outside of these times, there will be a 24/7 lane 2 closure with 50mph speed enforcement;

- 8pm on Friday 19 February to 6am on Monday 22 February
- 7am on Saturday 27 February to 7pm on Sunday 28 February
- 8pm on Saturday 13 March to 6am on Monday 15 March

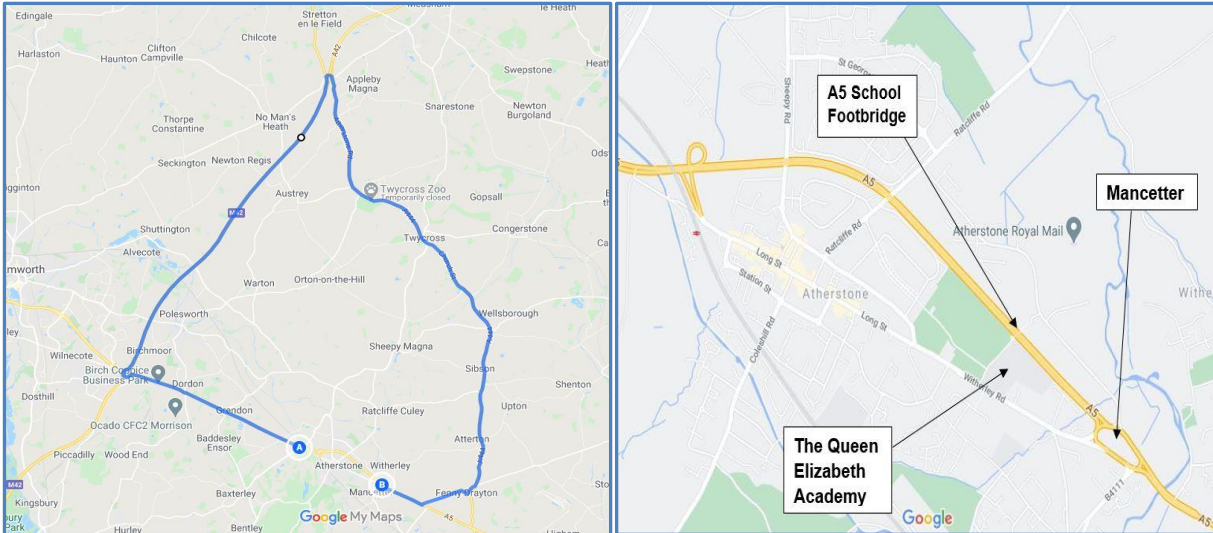
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Phase 2, July 2021 to December 2021, these are our main works which will allow us to build the foundations and supports for the new steel footbridge. Once these are in place, we'll then be ready to install the new steel footbridge which spans across the A5. Most of our work will be carried out under lane closures and via the use of a contraflow, this will ensure the A5 remains open for the majority of our works, resulting in less disruption to our customers. However, there will be times when we have to close the A5 to install the new footbridge. For further updates, we would request that

customers sign up to our A5 mailing list by emailing noreplyA5WMids@highwaysengland.co.uk. We'll provide additional information and traffic management bulletins as the works progress. Further to this, we'll also write to customers again once the specific dates have been confirmed. The old pedestrian footbridge will be demolished at a time that is convenient to do so, resulting in minimal disruption to the local community.

What does this mean for you

During closures, we'll provide a fully signed diversion route (M42 J10>J11>A444>A5).



I'd also like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption to those living close to the work. We'll make every effort to carefully manage noise levels and additional lighting to minimise the impact. We're following the latest government guidelines and will incorporate any new measures, including social distancing guidance, into our safe workplace planning. All our sites have strict safeguarding measures to prevent the spread of COVID19 and none of our sites are open to the public. All major construction projects are closely monitored, and the situation is kept under constant review.

Find out more

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know more about our work, please call us on **0300 123 5000** or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You can also visit our website at highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/ or write to us at Highways England, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF. Please leave your feedback by completing our online survey. Just scan the QR code below.

Yours faithfully
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Customer & Correspondence Manager

