

We have summarised key concerns about this project below and hope that you find the information provided useful

What works are taking place?

We are undertaking works to repair and strengthen the existing 'Ansford A Overbridge', which is located on the A371; between Castle Cary rail station and the B3153. The existing structure has several elements that have reached the end of their life expectancy, these works will allow the structure to safely pass modern traffic loading; ensure the safety of trains and reduce the number of reactive works required in the future.

When will these works be taking place?

These works will commence on Monday, 8 July 2013, running through to the end of November 2013. A full road closure will be required to undertake the works from Monday, 8 July to Friday, 15 November 2013 (19 weeks). This will be followed by 2 weeks of follow up works under temporary traffic lights. The bridge will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Why does the road need to be closed for 19 weeks?

The existing bridge deck needs to be removed and replaced. Due to it's original construction this cannot be done in two halves. Additionally, in order to keep the railway line below the bridge open, the scaffolding required to access the outside of the bridge girders will be mounted on the bridge deck. The only method of reducing the programme significantly would be to replace the structure entirely. This would require a significant additional level of funding, and following enquires within Network Rail; and by the wider community, this funding has not been made available.

What have you done to reduce the duration of the works?

We are planning to undertake works 7 days a week. Additionally, through negotiations with Somerset County Council, we have already reduced the original road closure from 24 weeks by investing in a 'crash deck', which will allow us to work during the week while trains are running.

How are you informing the local and wider community?

As well as this literature, we will be communicating project information via local newspapers, posters at Castle Cary Station, and the Castle Cary Town Council Website. We will also be holding a drop-in meeting on **Saturday, 11 May 2013** at Caryford Hall, Ansford. This will run from **10am to 2pm** and will be an opportunity for members of the community to speak directly to representatives from Network Rail and to have any queries or concerns answered.

Can I claim compensation for economic loss caused by these works?

Claims for pure economic loss attributed purely to these bridge works and to road closures, which are a necessary element of these works, whereby no property damage has been caused, nor personal injury sustained would be defended. The Courts have stressed that cases of pure economic loss will only succeed where a contract is in place between the two parties concerned.

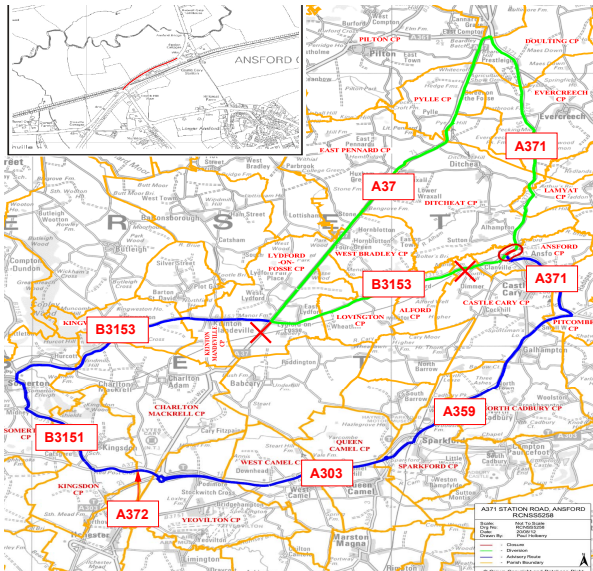
What are you doing to reduce the impact on local businesses?

We have committed to carrying out and funding advertising in the local newspaper to explain that local businesses are still open. If you wish to take this opportunity, please contact us on 08457 11 41 41 or visit www.networkrail.co.uk

Ansford A Overbridge

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The green line on the above map shows the standard diversionary route which will be in place and the bridge itself is marked with a red circle. The blue line shows the alternative route which will avoid low bridges (marked with a red cross). Please note that it will still be possible to access the A371 towards Castle Cary from the B3153, and also the B3153 towards Somerton from the A371. Pedestrian access over the bridge will also be closed during the works; the diversionary route for foot traffic will be via Castle Cary Station, and will be signposted. This path will be cleared of overhanging vegetation to make it more accessible, and we are also investigating options to install lighting.

Contact Us

We hope that this information has provided you with an understanding of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. However, should you have any further queries or concerns, please call our 24/7 national helpline number:

08457 11 41 41

Alternatively, you can use the webform at www.networkrail.co.uk and your query will be responded to directly.