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WORK TO REPLACE THE BRIDGE AT THE OLD MILL SITE IN BEXLEY VILLAGE STARTS JANUARY 2016

Plans have been announced for works to the road bridge at the Old Mill site in Bexley High Street, which is old and weak and needs to be replaced.

Work to remove the existing bridge and rebuild a new stronger and slightly wider one will begin on 7 January and is expected to last until July 2016. The work will be funded by Transport for London.

Preparatory work, including the installation of a temporary foot bridge over Mill Pond, will start in November 2015. There will be no traffic disruption during this pre-Christmas stage.

From 7 January until the end of February, two way traffic lights will be in place on the existing bridge whilst the utility companies divert pipes and equipment to the temporary foot bridge.

The road will then be closed from the end of February for a five week period whilst the old bridge is dismantled and the first phase of the bridge is built. During this time traffic will be diverted in both directions via the A2. The northbound diversion will be via Vicarage Road, Dartford Road, Old Bexley Lane, the A2 and Bourne Road. The southbound diversion will be via Bourne Road, the A2, Old Bexley Lane, Dartford Road and Vicarage Road.

As soon as the first phase of the bridge is built, which it is anticipated will be during April, the road will re-open to southbound traffic to allow traffic to travel from Bexley Village towards North Cray. During this time northbound traffic will continue to be diverted via Vicarage Road, Dartford Road, Old Bexley Lane, the A2 and Bourne Road, whilst the remainder of the new bridge is built.

If the work is not carried out as planned the bridge could fail. The main work has been scheduled to start after the busy Christmas period.

Given the conservation status of Bexley Village and the effectiveness of the current 7.5 tonne weight restriction, this will continue once the new bridge is in operation. The diversion for large vehicles to avoid the bridge will also continue and buses and

coaches will remain exempt from this weight restriction.

Residents and businesses in the area will be sent a letter with more detailed information in November. Discussions are ongoing with London Buses regarding changes to bus routes during the road closures.

For more information on the work email engineeringervices@bexley.gov.uk or visit www.bexley.gov.uk

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A map of the area affected is attached.

Attachments

- Bexley Village Bridge Works Map [Bexley Village Bridge Works Map](#)



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