Caerleon Road Railway Bridge, Newport
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are you refurbishing Caerleon Road Railway Bridge?
Caerleon Road railway bridge, originally built in 1905, requires strengthening and refurbishment works to restore it for years to come. This is essential work to be undertaken as part of our commitment to maintain a safe and reliable railway. The railway bridge, which carries the South Wales mainline, is located near the Church Road junction in Newport, is part of the Maindee Triangle and crosses the B4596 Caerleon Road (giving it the name Caerleon Road Railway Bridge).

2. How long will it take for you to carry out this work?
This essential work to the 113 year-old bridge will be completed in two phases. This decision was made together with Newport City Council and other partners to avoid having to close the road for any extended period of time to complete these works, minimising disruption to the local community and road users. The first phase of the core works will be undertaken between Friday 20 July and 30 November 2018 when the first half of the bridge will be refurbished. The second phase of the work will be undertaken between January 2019 and March 2019, when the other half of the bridge will be refurbished (exact dates TBC).

3. Where will you set up site?
During these works a site compound will be located at Maindee Railway Depot, which can be accessed from Caerleon Road (B4596), directly opposite Newport Locksmiths which is located adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the B4596.

4. Who is working with Network Rail on the project?
Alongside Network Rail, the Principal Contractor working on site will be Centregreat.

5. What does the construction programme involve?
The preparatory works will include completing structural inspections and setting up site for the core works to commence. The bulk of the essential refurbishment work will include steel work repairs to strengthen the bridge, stone work repairs to the bridge abutments, plus deep cleaning and painting.

6. Why will there be single lane traffic management in operation on Caerleon Road during these essential works?
The railway bridge crosses the busy B4596 Caerleon Road and to complete these essential works safely and effectively a single lane traffic light management system will be in operation throughout the duration of the
works. We understand that reducing the road to single lane may be inconvenient and we thank the local community and road users for bearing with us during this time. Our advice to road users is to plan ahead and allow additional time for travelling. **Access for pedestrians and cyclists on the B4596 Caerleon Road will remain open throughout the duration of our work.**

We will keep the local community and road users informed of progress and dates as we work to deliver this vital project.

7. **Will the road be temporarily closed at all during these works?**

Whilst setting up site we will be required to temporarily close the road overnight from 11.30pm to 7am on Friday 20 July and Saturday 21 July and overnight from 9pm on Sunday 22 July to 5.30am on Monday 23 July. A temporary diversion route will be clearly signposted. As the project progresses we may be required to seek further temporary overnight road closures and we will continue to work closely with Newport City Council and our partners to ensure any potential disruption is kept to a minimum. We will ensure any additional temporary closures are communicated in advance to the local community and road users.

8. **What steps are you taking to reduce the impact of the work on people and the local area?**

We are working closely with Newport City Council and other partners to carry out this essential refurbishment work in as short a timeframe as possible to minimise disruption to the local community and road users. We are undertaking the work in two phases to avoid a complete road closure, with a traffic light management system in place reducing the road to single lane for the duration of these works.

Throughout the duration of the works Network Rail and our partners will endeavour to work responsibly in the local community, ensuring the site is managed effectively. We will be completing these refurbishment works using methods which minimise the impact to the local community by minimising noise, dust and vibration, and by managing deliveries to and from site so they do not add to congestion at peak times.

9. **The road closure will affect me, can I receive compensation?**

Network Rail will be working to minimise disruption to communities as much as possible throughout the duration of this essential renewal work. However the nature of some of our work means that some disruption is unavoidable.

As a company we do not have an obligation to provide compensation for either loss of earnings as a result of works that we are carrying out on our infrastructure (unless the loss results from damage or personal injury), or for inconvenience caused. Additionally, the project has not been funded to provide compensation payments. In the case of a road closure, we apply for legal road closures through the correct channels. However, if a business feels that it is entitled to a claim, it can submit this via our Claims Department (via the National Helpline - 03457 11 41 41). All claims would be considered on their own merits. Compensation is a complicated subject and any individual who believes their business is affected is strongly recommended to consult a legal professional and/or consult the citizens advice bureau.

10. **Are you carrying out any other railway work in the area?**

We have recently been carrying out work in this area to prepare for electrification. Following our work to reconstruct a number of bridges, we are continuing with preparatory work ready for the overhead line equipment which will power the new bi-mode trains. Part of this preparatory work is piling, which is currently being carried out in this area and will continue in the coming months. Up to date information on when and where we are piling can be found on our website: www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/wales/south-wales-electrification/

11. **Who can I contact if I have further questions?**

For more information, please call our 24-hour national helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email us at CRWales@networkrail.co.uk.