

HOLMSLEY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

July 2021



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Knights Brown and advise you we are the principal contractor responsible for the construction of the Holmsley Rail Bridge replacement. Maintenance to strengthen and increase the lifespan of the structure has been ongoing, however the structure is now deemed uneconomical to repair. As such, the only safe and viable solution is a replacement. The new single span bridge, which will be built alongside the original, will ensure safer travel for all road users through the New Forest on this important route. The works will be complete by late June 2022.

WHO ARE KNIGHTS BROWN?

We are based locally in Ringwood. Our roots are firmly established in the New Forest, the business having been founded by Raymond Brown back in 1953. We are a proudly independent, regional, multidisciplinary construction company. Our focus is on professionally delivering our contracts and deploying our insight and expertise in our characteristic, straightforward style. Please visit knightsbrown.co.uk to find out more about us.

UPCOMING WORKS

As we prepare to get work underway next month, we'd like to give you visibility of our schedule and the traffic management arrangements, which are as follows:

Monday 16 August 2021

We will mobilise to our site compound, which will be installed in the Osmonds Bushes car park comprising offices and welfare facilities. These will be powered by a super silenced generator until we're able to connect directly to a cabled power supply to be installed by SSE. This will keep noise to a minimum and reduce carbon emissions compared to a traditional diesel generator setup.

Once the compound is established we will secure the permanent works area with temporary fencing and locate all underground services. We will be installing water pipe ducting underneath the carriageway and are obliged to remove five non-native trees. This will require singles lane closures of the A35 between 17 – 18 August 2021. These will be managed under two way traffic lights to keep our team safe.

Wednesday 1 September 2021

After the bank holiday weekend, we will take possession of the highway and the bridge replacement scheme will get underway.

The traffic management arrangements up to the end of this year will be phased as follows:

- 1 September – 17 December 2021: Single lane closure on the A35 managed with two way lights
- 1 September – 16 October 2021: Full road closure of C10 Station Road
- 1 November – 17 December 2021: Full road closure of C10 Station Road

Please refer to the enclosed drawing for the designated diversion route:

- B2286_19_48 (diversion route during closure of C10)

We will release details of the arrangements between January – June 2022 towards the end of this year.

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The Old Station Tea Rooms will remain open for business as usual throughout the construction period.

However, please note cycle route NCN2 will be closed for the duration of the works. A temporary diversion route is being prepared in collaboration with Sustrans and New Forest National Park Authority.

Likewise, the undesignated bridleway running under the north span of the bridge will also be closed.

We're sorry for any inconvenience these closures may cause.

Hampshire County Council will be issuing scheme updates on their website, which you can find as follows:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/holmsley-rail-bridge-replacement>

CONTACT DETAILS AND WORKING HOURS

Our team for this project comprises:

- Contracts Manager, Rob Hayman
- Senior Site Manager, Matthew Lonnon
- Assistant QS, George Minards
- Health & Safety Advisor, Claire Bithrey
- Site Administrator, Karen Coddington
- Community Liaison, Jayne Gilbert

We would encourage you to speak to us, just to say hello, or tell us about any concerns so that we can work with you to resolve particular issues at the earliest opportunity.

Email: holmsleybridge@knightsbrown.co.uk

We will monitor the email address during working hours and aim to respond to all enquiries within 48 hours. Outside of these times, we will monitor calls and respond to emergency situations.

We generally like to operate on an open door basis and you are very welcome to call at our site offices while maintaining social distancing and if entering the cabin, wearing a face covering.

Our standard site working hours are Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 6.00pm. We will take care to avoid any noisy operations prior to 8am.

As an exception we may introduce Saturday working where there is a need to make up lost time but generally we aim to preserve rest days for the well-being of our team. Occasionally particular tasks may require long or unusual working hours. Where this is the case we will give notice of what to expect.

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

The project will be registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme, which will provide an external and independent assessment of our performance. We regularly receive above average scores, 'performance beyond compliance' certificates and annual national awards. For more information visit ccscheme.org.uk.

IN THE EVENT OF A COMPLAINT

If a situation arises where you are unhappy with our management of the scheme, please contact us in the first instance using the details provided. You may also log a complaint through the Considerate Constructors Scheme website.

STAYING IN TOUCH

We look forward to keeping you up to date with our progress via a monthly newsletter. If you'd like to receive these electronically please drop us an email. Likewise, if you'd rather not hear from us, just let us know.

COVID-19 MITIGATION PROCEDURES

Please be reassured that all our site work continues to be carried out in accordance with the operating procedures set out for our industry by The Construction Leadership Council and in compliance with Government guidance for construction operations.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Lonnon

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