

Berkeley Bridge replacement

Photographs showing trial erection of bridge structure in November 2016

A brand new bridge will soon be installed to replace the existing structure, which is no longer safe for traffic.

Work to replace the bridge will take until May 2017, with a road closure planned from 14th to 23rd February to allow for the old structure to be removed and replaced.

Last year the county council undertook work to prepare the old structure for removal, also carrying out resurfacing and strengthening to enable it to be lifted out.

Once complete, it is anticipated that the improved road will help trigger additional investment in the area.

Cllr Nigel Moor, cabinet member for fire, planning and infrastructure, said: "Solid progress is being made on the replacement of Berkeley Bridge - 2017 has opened with a strong start as we resume work to bring this local road up to speed.



"Last year saw complex preparations to move the existing bridge: engineers worked to reinforce the structure after investigations showed significant weaknesses that would have caused problems during removal.

Replacing this bridge is an extremely technical operation requiring time and skill. I would like to thank road and rail users for their patience during this time, and look forward to the A38 being 'business as usual' once the project is complete in May this year."

