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Dear Resident / Business Owner

Advance notice: Oasis Bridge refurbishment, Springfield Road/Chelmer Road, Chelmsford

We are writing to provide you advance notice that Essex Highways are planning to refurbish Oasis Bridge, located on the B1137 Springfield Road in Chelmsford from 19 April 2021.

Activities will include replacing the bridge bearings and carrying out surveys to assess and repair defects to the concrete abutments. Expansion joints will also be renewed and the bridge will be re-waterproofed. These works are necessary to maintain the integrity of the structure.

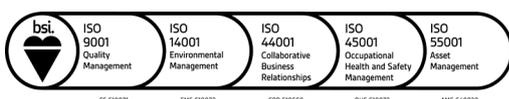
New vehicle safety barriers will also be installed and inspection platforms created to support future surveys.

The work will be challenging due to site's limited working area and close proximity to utility services, however we have programmed the work to take approximately eight months to complete, subject to weather being suitable and no unexpected issues arising.

Our work has been scheduled to minimise local traffic disruption as we recognise this is a traffic sensitive area. We will be co-ordinating our activities with other schemes in the vicinity including the Boreham interchange improvements, which are managed by Countryside.

Prior to the main works some advance vegetation is anticipated to accommodate the site compound, prior to the bird nesting season.

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Throughout the various refurbishment phases, carriageway restrictions will be adjusted to manage traffic flows and to ensure the safety of the public and the workforce. While efforts will be made to limit inconvenience, traffic delays should be expected.

Single carriageway closures will be necessary on the B1137 Springfield Road, allowing traffic to flow in each direction during the day and night.

A temporary contra-flow will also be in place on the A138 Chelmer Road during certain aspects of the scheme. A limited number of overnight road closures will also be required.

Advance notice of key traffic management changes will be made available on our webpage www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes by searching '**Oasis Bridge, refurbishment, Springfield Road/Chelmer Road Chelmsford**'. Information will also be available on the @essexhighways twitter feed and One.network.

If you have a general highway enquiry not already answered on our webpage please contact the Essex County Council customer service team via the online form www.essex.gov.uk/enquiries, or contact 0345 603 7631 if you have an urgent highway matter you wish to alert us to.

We would like to apologise in advance for any local inconvenience likely to be caused by these works and thank you in advance for your co-operation during these essential works.

Yours faithfully

Essex Highways