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Please ask for Ben Dodds

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reconstruction of Barnard Gate Bridge

Oxfordshire County Council are planning significant reconstruction work to Barnard Gate Bridge, programmed to start 12th August 2024 and lasting an estimated 19 weeks.

The bridge carries the main road through Barnard Gate over Chil Brook. The bridge deck has been found to be in poor condition and needs to be replaced. The proposed works will require closure of the road with no vehicular access across the bridge for the duration of the works. Local vehicles will be diverted via the A40 as shown overleaf.

Unfortunately, due to its proximity to excavations required for reconstruction work, the private road immediately northwest of the bridge will not be accessible from the main road throughout the works duration. Residents to the north of the carriageway will need to use the alternative route shown overleaf. Access to properties to the south of the carriageway will be maintained.

The bridge carries the cycle path between Witney and Eynsham. Pedestrian and dismounted cyclist access will be maintained across the bridge throughout the works duration. This continued provision means the demolition and reconstruction will need to be completed in phases. This is one reason for the extended programme duration. Unfortunately, the presence of numerous utilities over the bridge means access cannot be maintained for vehicles despite completing the works in phases. We will endeavour to complete the works as quickly as possible and will open the road as soon as it is safe to do so.

Oxfordshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience this necessary work may cause.

If you require any further information about the works, please do not hesitate to contact the project engineer, Ben Dodds, by e-mail: ben.dodds@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call Highway Enquiries on 0845 310 11 11

Yours faithfully,

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