

Exceat Bridge Replacement Scheme

Stakeholder update meeting – July 2026



Meeting Agenda

- ☐ Progress update- Michael
- ☐ Current project timescales – Michael
- ☐ Traffic Management update - Michael
- ☐ Concerns and questions – Michael and Pippa
- ☐ Rushey Hill Bid Update – Pippa
- ☐ AOB







Current project timescales

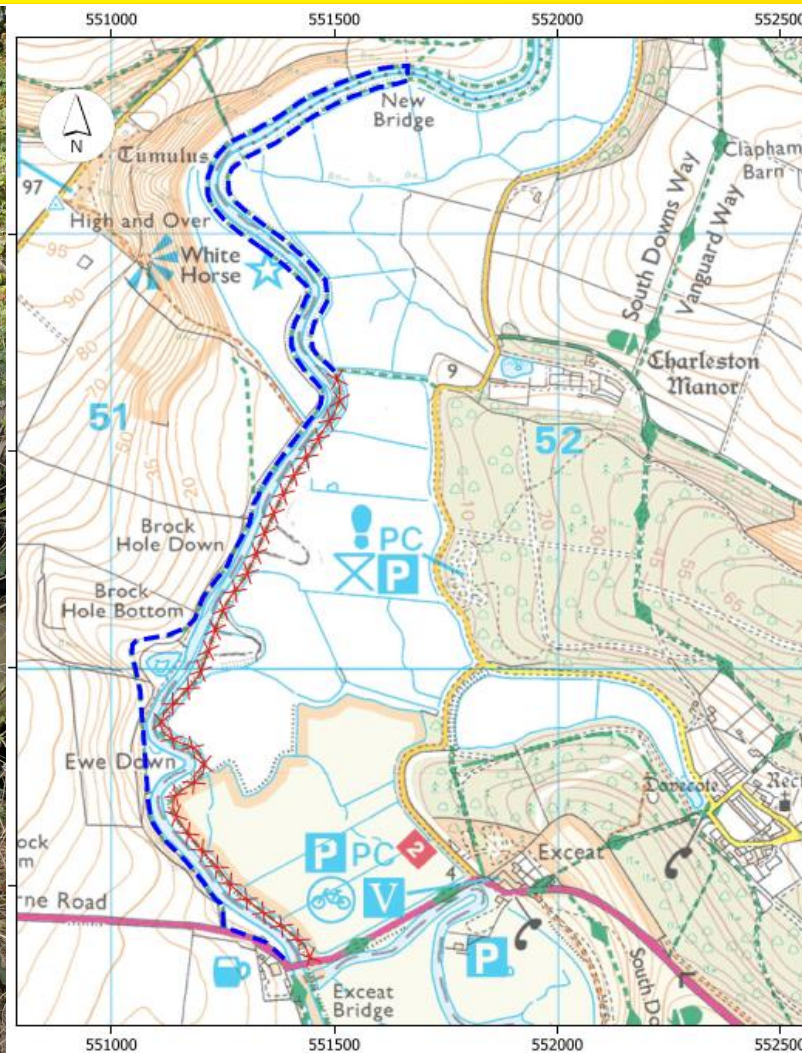
- Arrival on site: June 2026
- Construction of working platform and site welfare: Summer 2026
- Sheet Piling installation: Summer 2026
- Bored Piling installation: Autumn 2026
- Reinforced Concrete works: Winter 2026
- Bridge beam installation and deck construction: Spring 2027
- Drainage works, retaining wall and road works on west side of the bridge: Summer 2027
- Drainage works, embankment construction and road works on east side of the bridge: Autumn 2027
- New bridge to open – end of 2027
- Demolition of existing bridge and completion of works: early 2028



- Discussions ongoing with Network Management team
- Piling sheets are arriving on site, more construction vehicle movement expected
- Abload movements through Eastbourne and Seaford in the coming weeks, exact time or date of the deliveries depend on variables.
 - Progress of the piling as we cannot congest the site with too many deliveries at one time, and piles are used up before more piles are brought in.
 - Breakdown of the plant & equipment,
 - Weather
 - Shoreham Ports logistics which might change delivery times – such as off-loading boats with the Port's crane.



PROW pedestrian access



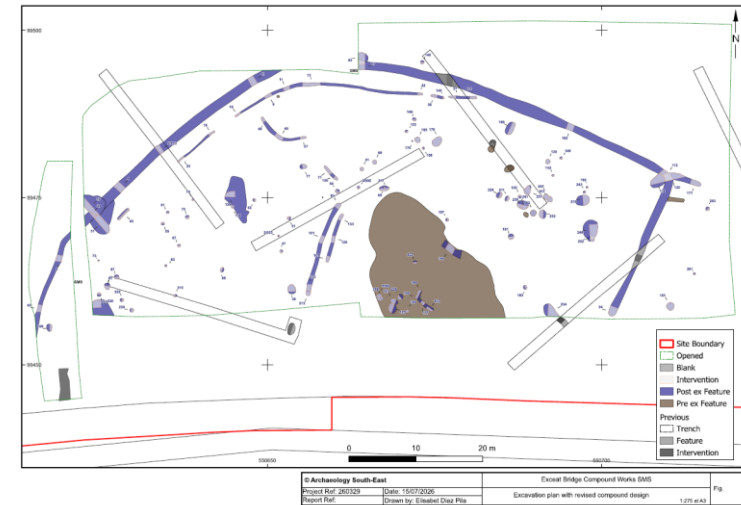
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GOOD WORKS

Archaeology at the site compound

- It is early days in interpreting the site, much will become clear when all artefacts and soil samples have been processed and assessed. However,...
- Findings suggest a small cremation cemetery, with 3 probable cremations of Bronze Age or Early Iron Age date, and a small enclosed Iron Age settlement, probably later in date than the cemetery.
- Artefacts include pottery, animal bone, loom weights and quern stone, all of which indicate a bustling little settlement, one that is producing its own textiles and grinding/processing its own grain.



- East Sussex County Council is preparing a bid to the Government's Structures Fund.
- The bid is for funding to stabilise the Rushey Hill embankment on the A259 between Newhaven and Peacehaven. **At this stage, funding has not yet been awarded, and many details of the project are still to be developed, should we be successful in getting the funding.**
- 1.2km of embankment - funding to repair and strengthen would reduce the need for ongoing reactive repairs and reduce the risk of more significant disruption to the network in the future.



- We expect to hear whether the bid has been successful in **autumn 2026**
- If funding is awarded, we will:
 - undertake further investigations and surveys
 - engage with stakeholders
 - develop detailed designs
 - assess construction and traffic management options, and
 - provide further information before any construction work begins



Concerns and actions discussed

- ESCC has installed bollards along the C120 to discourage parking.
- Resilience Forum to be included in future updates to ensure all factions of emergency services receive traffic management information.
- Pedestrian behaviour - More signs to be installed to show the correct footpath to and from Seaford and discourage walking in the road or using the verge along the A259 as a footpath.
- Traffic lights phasing to be monitored and possibly adjusted to suit, as the bridge works continue.

