

Exceat Bridge Replacement Scheme

Stakeholder update meeting – August 2026



Meeting Agenda

- ☐ Progress Update- Micheal
- ☐ Current project timescales – Micheal
- ☐ Traffic Management update - Micheal
- ☐ Concerns – Micheal and Pippa
- ☐ Social value update - Juliet
- ☐ AOB

- Sheet piling works now completed, and the piling subcontractors demobilized from site.
- The bored piling subcontractor is currently on site to start the test piling until mid September. After that, the main bored piling works will start and is anticipated to run through the autumn months.
- Site compound still under construction, now due to finish in September.









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GOOD WORKS



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



Concerns

- **Traffic lights and tailbacks** – This is an ongoing concern, however we are monitoring daily traffic conditions and working with the traffic management contractors to mitigate delays where possible.
- **Water supply for site dampening** – We are aware of the current drought. We are using water economically for the intermittent dust suppression required at site.
- **Trees and shrubs removal on site** - Plans are in place by ESCC to replace trees and shrubs removed post-bridge completion. We have erected raised hedges on the east side of site as dormice habitat, and our construction activities strictly adhere to the ecological procedures set by South Downs National Park, ensuring the protection of local habitats and wildlife. Also, a donor site near Litlington village will offset the loss of habitat caused by the works.



Pedestrian access signage

Pedestrian access – We have put up signs directing people to the footpath from Cuckmere Inn car park to Chyngton Lane for safe access to Seaford and the Seven Sisters Country Park.



- **Info-hub at Seaford Library** – We are setting up an Info-hub at Seaford Library to ensure more people know about the bridge works. We will regularly post project updates and traffic management plans on the information board as well.
- **Emergency services** – We have now established contact with the Resilience Forum. We will continue to liaise with all stakeholders involved and will keep them informed of traffic management plans and closures when they're confirmed.
- **Bus services and local businesses** – We continue to liaise regularly, responding to concerns and taking feedback.

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SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - IN PERSON		DAY 2 - ONLINE
THURSDAY 24 SEP	&	FRIDAY 25 SEP
12:30 – 2:30 PM		10:30 – 12:00 PM
Seaford Town Council Chambers 37 Church Street, BN25 1HG		Live on Microsoft Teams Details on registration

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BUILDING SKILLS | **BUILDING CONFIDENCE** | **BUILDING FUTURES**

Part of our community engagement and social value commitment for the scheme is volunteering for the employability of local people.

We are facilitating a workshop focused on helping people wanting to get back to work to feel more confident when navigating today's job market.

Highlights of the workshop include:

- How to create a strong CV, turning strengths into skills.
- Career advice - case studies and real-life examples of careers pathways and how to pivot.
- Simulated interview scenario



- **Pedestrian access** - Signage prohibiting pedestrian access via the main road will be in place throughout the duration of the works. ESCC and PROW will look at potentially making it permanent after the bridge works.
- **Potholes and obstacles on the C120** – ESCC will instruct stewards to look into concerns, following formal report via the website.
- **Upcoming road closure** – We will give plenty of notice to everyone for the closures and advertise across all East Sussex Highways communication channels. We also encourage local councils to help share our updates to their constituents and parishioners.
- **Bridge design** – To help people better understand how we are building the bridge, we will provide drawings to clarify the design (including footway and cycle provision), and technicalities of the bridge works during the next update meeting.