

Environmental Services & Community Safety

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Some people have asked why it was necessary to close Wightman Road bridge following congestion in the area over the past few days. The bridge closure was necessary because of the deteriorating state of the bridge which would have posed a safety risk had we not taken action.

Sadly Network Rail and Haringey Council have no option but to close the bridge while we carry out these essential works. Given the nature of the repairs and the work to electrify the Gospel Oak to Barking rail line mean it is not possible to keep the bridge open. Our focus is on ensuring that the work happens as quickly as possible and working with residents and businesses to minimise disruption.

We have worked hard to provide alternative travel routes for residents and people from outside Haringey who use the road and information about the closure. A temporary footbridge is being constructed for pedestrians and cyclists. Signs warning motorists about the road works have also been put up on all approaching routes including the Archway Gyratory and the A10/Roundway. We will also be providing regular updates via our website and social media. You can see this at www.haringey.gov.uk/wightman-road.

We know how frustrating this and apologise for the disruption it causes but we hope people will understand that safety has to be our number one priority.

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