

20 May 2021

Works Notice

Week Commencing 7 June: Parkland Walk Bridge Repairs Vicarage Path Footbridge and Upper Tollington Park Footbridge

Dear Resident or Business,

The Council will shortly be undertaking bridge repair works on two footbridges on Parkland Walk:

1. Upper Tollington Park (located between Florence Rd and Lancaster Rd)
2. Vicarage Path (located near Crouch End former railway station)

Work is scheduled to start week commencing 7 June and is expected to last for 18 weeks.

Work on the Upper Tollington Park footbridge will involve construction of a new bridge deck which will provide waterproofing and drainage to the structure. The existing bridge parapet walls will be taken down and rebuilt. These works will also include structural repairs to the brickwork, along with removal of graffiti and general cleaning.

The Vicarage Path footbridge project will include repair works to the brick abutment walls, repainting of the steel footbridge; parapet and railing repairs; cleaning and graffiti removal.

While the works are in progress, there will be suspension of resident parking bays along Upper Tollington Park Road, Blythwood Road and Waverley Road, to provide space for storage of materials and equipment. Contractors' vehicles will be permitted to travel along the Parkland walkway between the access at Blythwood Road and the work site at Vicarage Path under the supervision of a banksperson. However, extra care should still be taken by users of this section of the Parkland Walkway.

Temporary traffic signals will be in place along Upper Tollington Park Road during the repair works. There will also be two three-day periods when Upper Tollington Park Road will be closed to motorists during which time a temporary diversion will be in place.

Pedestrian access to and along Parkland Walk itself will be maintained at all times.

The traffic and pedestrian management arrangements will be in place at all times while the works are in progress.

As part of these works the contractor will have to cut back some of the recent low level (less than 500mm high) vegetation regrowth to facilitate access.

These works will repair and maintain the bridges in these locations to be fit for purpose as part of the Council's overall vision to ensure the continuity of the Parkland Walk for future generations.

No fundamental changes to the structures or access arrangements are included in these works, and therefore the works are not included in our wider consultation or engagement process.

Please find attached a letter that provides some more information that will next week be delivered to residents and business within the vicinity of Upper Tollington and Vicarage footpath bridges.

I am writing to update you on the upcoming Parkland Walk bridge repairs to Upper Tollington Park bridge and Vicarage Path footbridge.

The repair works are being delivered as part of the Parkland Walk Bridges project and were recently (March 2021) given Cabinet approval to award the construction works contract.

You will already be aware that the Council has been working with local groups to consider the replacement of the Stanhope Road Bridge.

Where the Council does replace rather than repair a bridge, the Council will also explore opportunities to improve access for all residents by providing ramp as well as step access. Overall, the repair and replacement of the first three bridges represents an investment of £3.6m.

Work is also in progress on four other bridges to consider their repair or replacement needs. Once completed the works will ensure the Parkland Walk Local Nature Reserve can be enjoyed by many generations to come.

Yours faithfully

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