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A66 Surtees Bridge Replacement

Newsletter Issue 1 – Winter 2006

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for the A66 Surtees Bridge Replacement.

This newsletter and further issues will tell you about the replacement works and how they will affect you. We'll tell you what we are going to be doing and how we are going to do it.

During the works, if you have any questions or concerns about the scheme, please use the contact details overleaf.

Construction work can be disruptive to people's daily lives and we will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum. Despite this there may be times when we have to do noisy work. Our commitment is to advise residents in advance of this type of work to avoid surprises.

I hope that you will find these newsletters interesting and helpful.

Arun Sahni, Highways Agency

Why the bridge needs replacing

The existing bridge currently does not meet all the engineering standards required to take the latest 40 tonne heavy goods vehicles. Studies have also shown that there are problems with the concrete bridge supports below the water line and with ground conditions on the east embankment. If left this could become serious in the longer term.

The new bridge (illustrated below) will be wider than the existing one and will give direct access to the A66, in an easterly direction, from the Boathouse Lane interchange.



Timeline of the Work

The work will be carried out in four phases.

- **Phase 1** is already underway moving utilities and services.
- **Phase 2** marks the start of the major works on site. In February the contractor, Edmund Nuttall Ltd, will set up their offices ready for the start of construction a few weeks later. The southern half of the existing bridge will be taken down and part of the new bridge erected in its place.
- **Phase 3** will take place later on in the construction timetable, when traffic will be switched onto the newly constructed southern half of the bridge. Demolition of the northern half of the existing bridge can then be carried out.
- **Phase 4** will see construction of the remaining half of the replacement bridge. Once complete, traffic will be moved back onto this part of the bridge.

During phases 2, 3 and 4 there will be narrow lanes and a 30mph speed limit on the A66. Some overnight and weekend closures will also be necessary and the slip roads to and from the A1045 Thornaby Road will be shut. Details of closures and diversion routes will be posted in advance in local and national media. The reduced speed limits are necessary to ensure the safety of both site workers and motorists. Vehicle speeds through the area of the work will be monitored.

As an additional safety precaution during construction, cyclists and pedestrians will not be allowed to travel over the bridge. A free minibus service with space for bicycles will carry those users affected by this restriction through the works area.

All the work is due to be complete by early Summer 2007.

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Stay safe on the roads this winter



In winter, our weather can change quickly. If there is severe weather don't travel unless your journey is essential. If you must drive, make sure you are prepared for bad weather.

- Before you set out, check local and national weather forecasts. Listen to travel information on the radio. Make sure you're equipped with warm clothes, food, water, boots, a torch and a spade.
- It can take ten times longer to stop in icy conditions. Allow extra room to slow down and stop.

Remember that tiredness kills. Take regular breaks from driving.

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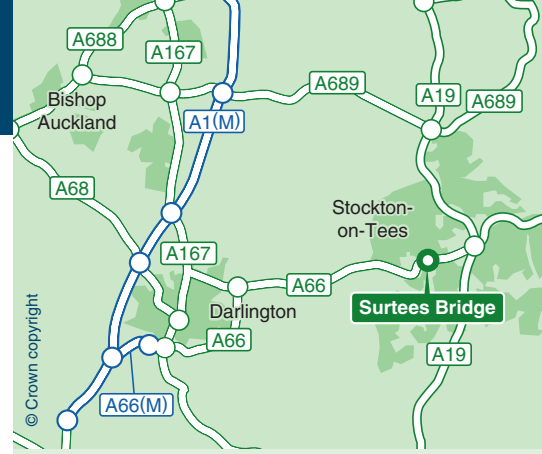
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Where the works will take place

The map above shows the location of Surtees Bridge.

Public Exhibitions

To allow you to find out more about the construction phases and to meet representatives of the project team, public exhibitions are being held.

Please come along and discuss any concerns that you may have about the work that will be taking place.

The exhibition will be held at:

**Spring Suite,
Swallow Hotel,
High Street,
Stockton-on-Tees,
TS18 1AQ.**

on:

- **Tuesday 7th March**
5.30pm to 8.30pm; and
- **Wednesday 8th March**
10.30am to 5.30pm

A-one Integrated Highways Services will be acting as the Highways Agency's site representatives.

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