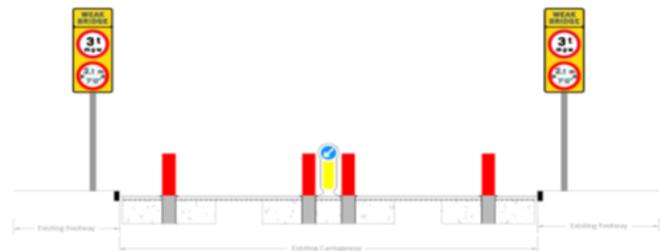


### Weight limit of North Bridge

The 3 tonnes weight restriction signage to Oundle North Bridge has been installed to prevent any further deterioration to the condition of this historic Grade II listed structure. However, a considerable number of heavy vehicles have been caught ignoring the 3 tonnes weight restriction signs. We have a camera in place to monitor vehicle movements.

The restrictions on North Bridge will only apply to vehicles in excess of 3tonnes and all standard car/motorcycle traffic will not be affected. The 3 tonne restriction still allows 2-way car traffic to continue over the structure, minimising traffic disruption and delay, only vehicles with a gross weight greater than 3tonnes are excluded.



### Strengthening & Repair

The strengthening the seven understrength arches i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 along with the repair to the 'shear' crack to the spandrel wall emanating from the crown of arch 7 in a westerly direction is to be carried out during the latter part of this year. The works will also include minor civil works consisting of repairs to the cutwaters, the spandrel walls and voussoirs along with the resurfacing of the carriageway over the bridge.

We don't have a firm start date yet but would like to be on site for June. This will, however, depend on getting the EA licence (currently underway), the Listed Building Consent (application underway) and land access agreements in place.

We have had meetings with representatives of both the Ashton Estate and the Creed Trustee's land with regards to drawing up the agreements to access their land to carry out the strengthening and repair work.



South Elevation of arches 5, 6 and 7



South Elevation of arches 11 and 12

The Feoffees or Town Estate at Oundle has given us permission to use of the Feoffee's land to carry out the repairs on the arches adjacent to their land.

The sequence of work will depend on the contractor but will also involve direct discussions with the people most affected by the works i.e. The Oundle Wharf and both Oundle Boat Clubs in order to accommodate them as best we can whilst carrying out the works. The works are to be completed by the end of the year.

### **A605/Barnwell Road Junction Signalisation**

The A605/Barnwell Road Junction signalisation is to be fully operational by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

### **Traffic Restriction**

The works for the width restrictions to Oundle North Bridge are due to start on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and take approximately 6-days. There will be a 'stand down' day on Thursday 28th March to facilitate events at Oundle School.

### **Rat runs**

The traffic on the rat runs should subside once the works to install the permanent traffic signals at the A605/Barnwell Road junction is completed and the lights switched on. The permanent lights will manage the traffic a lot better as they will be two phase and demand lead, as opposed to the three phase temporary lights.

We are going to wait until after the traffic signals on the A605/Barnwell Road junction are up and running before we carry out a new set of traffic surveys on the rat runs to compare the before and after effects.

### **Updates**

We will continue to update on the Northamptonshire.gov website and provide updates on twitter @nnhighways.

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