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Dear community member,

Our reference: BGK 17M 88yds / Bridge replacement work / Murphy

Replacement of Nazeing New Road bridge information session: 25 May 18:00

I am writing to update you about the work our contractor, J Murphy and Sons Ltd, will soon be undertaking to the bridge on Nazeing New Road, that crosses the railway. I know that since we initially announced we'd need to close the bridge, on the 6 June many of our neighbours have raised concerns about the necessity of the work and the impacts it will have.

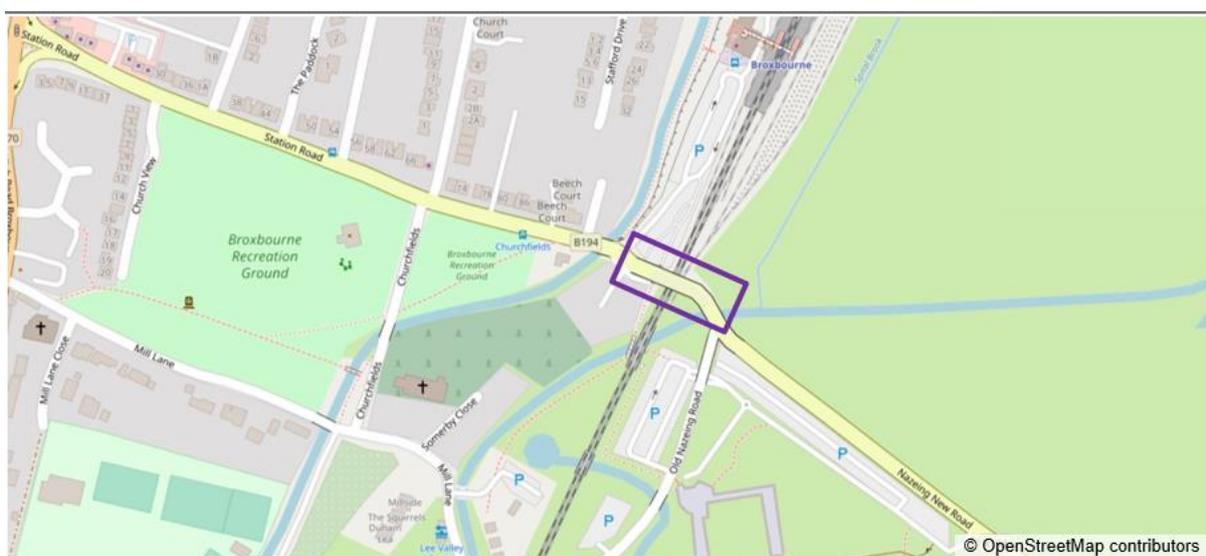
We have listened to those concerns and have been working with our partners and other stakeholders to try to mitigate some of them. We thought it would be helpful to provide an update on our plans and invite you to a briefing event at which we can go into more detail. Please find more information on this below and how to register and access the update.

Reason for the work

The New Road bridge is in poor condition and requires regular maintenance and inspection. Our engineers have assessed that replacing it is the only option to keep bridge and rail users safe. Doing this now means we can do it a planned way and won't have to impose long-term weight limits or traffic flow restrictions. We are also strengthening the bridge and doing a small realignment to the bend in it to make it safer. As a result, the new bridge is expected to last 120 years and require minimal maintenance.

The site

For clarity, the below map illustrates the location of the two spans of the bridge well be replacing.



Community briefing event

I know any closure of the New Road bridge will cause disruption to the community. We've been working with our project partners and other stakeholders, such as local councillors, the highways authorities, bus services, schools and businesses to explore mitigation measures.

I wanted to invite you to a community briefing event at which we will provide an update on our work and revised project timescales. We will let you know any mitigation we have been able to provide. We also would like to answer any questions you have about the work. In particular, we'd like to understand whether there are any additional mitigation measures we should consider beyond those we're already progressing.

This event will be held on 25 May at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams (Free software available online at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/download-app>). In the Teams meeting you can submit questions during the call and if we cannot answer them immediately, we will get an update to you. You can join the call by using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/380IPLL>

If you cannot join the call but would like to ask a question, then please email us at the email below and we will try to get an answer to you:

cranlia@networkrail.co.uk

I'm sorry for any disruption this work may cause, but we hope this information at this briefing will be helpful. We will be updating our website as the project progresses but if you have any questions or concerns, please telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on **03457 11 41 41** or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus.

You can also follow us on Twitter @networkrailANG

Yours faithfully,



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