

November 2007

Riverside foot and cycle bridge

A briefing note from the Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery Team

Introduction

Works to build this new foot and cycle bridge started in April 2007 and are progressing well. Riverside has been closed to traffic as part of the works for safety, and a consultation is now taking place on whether the closure should become permanent.

When it is completed, the bridge will be the first new river crossing in Cambridge since the Elizabeth Way Bridge was opened in 1971 and the quality design by artist Gerry Judah will add to Cambridge's outstanding architectural legacy of excellence.

The bridge is on schedule to open to the public in Spring 2008.

What's happening next on site?

Much of the bridge can now be seen from Riverside, and people will soon be able to see the bridge's design in full when the main span of the bridge is lifted into place in early December.

The 80-tonne main span of the new bridge is due to be lifted into place on Wednesday, 5 December, but this could change if there are high winds.

A 400 tonne capacity "crawler" crane will be in place on the Chesterton side of the river several days before the lift is due to take place. The crane is being delivered in thirteen different parts and will be assembled on site.

For the safety of the travelling public, the river will be closed to navigation for one day.

What is the programme?

November 2007 – December 2007

- A consultation by Cambridge Transport Projects on the road closure of Riverside is currently taking place.

December 2007

- Riverside ramp sections (which will form the approaches to the bridge) to be craned into position on Tuesday, 4 December.
- The main span of the bridge is due to be lifted into place on Wednesday, 5 December.
- Traffic Management consultation closes on Friday, 14 December.

January 2008

- Painting and finishing works on site.
- Construction of the footpath from the bridge to St Andrew's Road.
- The Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint Committee will decide on Monday, 28

January 2008 on whether the road closure on Riverside should remain a permanent feature.

Spring 2008

- The new bridge opens to the public.

Please note, the timescales given are indicative and may be subject to change.

Who is managing the construction of the bridge?

The Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery Team, based in the Office of Environment & Community Services at Cambridgeshire County Council, is managing the bridge's construction. Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd is building the bridge.

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