

Selkirk Flood Protection Scheme

Dear Sir / Madam,

Work Section 13 – Bridge St Footbridge Replacement

Work on the Selkirk Flood Protection Scheme is progressing on budget and to programme with the main construction works due to be finished by the end of 2016.

One of the operations involved in the Scheme which will affect a significant proportion of the community is the replacement of Bridge Street Footbridge. This work is being undertaken as the existing structure is in a poor condition and, even with significant and costly remedial work to tie it in to the Scheme, would need to be replaced within thirty years.

From Wednesday 13th of May 2015 the footbridge will be closed to all pedestrian traffic during construction of the new bridge. During this work a diversion will be established across the main Selkirk Road Bridge. The new footbridge will open in late September.

The new footbridge will be a three-span timber bridge sitting on the same alignment as the existing footbridge and utilising the existing foundations. The new deck will sit approximately two metres above the deck on the existing bridge and will be above the 1 in 200 years flood level – the bridge will therefore be able to remain open during all but the very worst flood events and there is no need for flood gates at either end.

St Mary's Mill Footbridge is also currently closed due to ongoing works in this area and will re-open at the beginning of August.

The Project Team appreciates that the closure of these footbridges will have an impact on the community. Please be assured that the duration of both closures will be kept to an absolute minimum and that diversions will be clearly sign-posted.

The Main Works Site Compound and Offices are now fully established at South Bridge Street on the site of the former Bridgehaugh Dyeworks. The Public Information Centre within the offices is currently open weekdays 09:00 – 17:00 for general enquiries and displays information as well as updates on the Scheme.

If you have any queries regarding the above or any other aspect of the Scheme construction please contact the following personnel:

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