

Tannery Bridge (Downton) Replacement Scheme

WCC Bridge Number C12/217

Progress Report: Weeks 25 – 27

This report details progress for the period 25th August – 14th September 2007

Summary of progress

- The piling operations have been completed by the piling sub-contractor.
- The eastern abutment of Span 1 has been cast.
- The western pile cap to the central triangle has been cast. Three of the six pile caps have been completed
- Excavation/clearance works have continued to Spans 3/4 in readiness for the casting works to the pile caps
- Nine of the fifteen pre-cast deck units have now been cast at Downton Industrial Estate
- The Weed Grill to the Waterside Mill has been removed and will be replaced on a 'like for like' basis

Notable Events

- Dam failure in early September generated a surge of 'dirty' water through the site and downstream. Alun Griffiths undertook prompt repairs to the dam and the pumping arrangements, but the level of contamination generated immediate interest from the Environment Agency. Alun Griffiths provided a statement to them concerning the failure and are awaiting a response from them.
- The reinstatement of the EA walkway immediately upstream of the new structure continues to generate adverse comments; letters have been exchanged by the County Council with the Parish Council and Robert Key MP; and the Parish Council are continuing to pursue the EA for a definitive reason for the reinstatement of the walkways.

Weather

Dry, Warm and Sunny

Planned works for week ahead

- The site works will concentrate on the remaining critical casting operations in particular the casting of the western pile cap to Span 2, the remaining pre-cast deck units and the western abutment to Span 1
- Alun Griffiths will also start to initiate the agreed accommodation works to the Mill properties and Number 144 The Borough, including subsidiary works to the Salmon hatch and dismantled weed grill.

Meetings held

- Monthly Progress Meeting – 12th September

Proposed Meetings

- Local Liaison Meeting – 30th September

Other programming items or issues

- The programme is at present running one week behind the current agreed programme that anticipates a completion of the new road bridge prior to the

Christmas period. This programme proposes the removal of the temporary footbridge during the New Year.

- The dates of future road closures will be shortly confirmed and have been discussed at the progress meetings. It is anticipated that a weekend road closure will be required in late October and mid November to complete the bridge deck installation and the removal of the temporary road bridge. At least two weeks notice will be given to all interested parties concerning the weekend road closures with the actual dates only being confirmed after the progress of the critical casting operations has been evaluated.

Other information

Tannery Bridge Helpline – 07890 517350



Photograph 1
Casting Operation to Span 1



Photograph 2
Casting Operations to Central Triangle
Showing Eastern Abutment – Span 2



Photograph 3
Casting Operations to Central Triangle



Photograph 4
'In Progress' Casting Operations to Precast Deck Units