

Progress update December 2015

The Allan Water bridge refurbishment contract is now well underway.

Traffic management

The changes to the road network around the railway station and Bridgend were implemented, but there are still a few tasks to complete; such as the addition of double yellow lines to replace the *No Waiting* cones and some further signs to clarify the changes to the parking and taxis.

Given the duration of the works the original temporary 'A frame' diversion signs were replaced with more substantial signs on posts.

Bridge works

The temporary scaffolding that allows the demolition of the deck and prevent debris falling into the river, is complete on the downstream side. It was originally planned to support the scaffolding from the river bank, however given the high water levels and constraints on working in the river at this time of year, it is now supported from brackets bolted to the bridge abutment.

The demolition of the downstream deck is underway with the old concrete being cut into small sections and removed. This will continue in the weeks up to Christmas and scaffolding will be installed on the upstream side.

Items requiring long manufacturing periods, such as the new bridge beams, have been ordered and are due to arrive on site towards the end of January.

The new downstream beams are currently scheduled to be craned into place during week commencing 25th January 2016. Please note that this may mean the bridge needs to be closed to pedestrians as well as vehicles whilst these are installed. Please watch out for notices on site.

Once the new downstream bridge deck is in place, the telecoms, power and gas services will be diverted from the upstream side to the downstream side then we can start demolition of the upstream deck.

Completion Date

The bridge refurbishment works are still due to be complete around the end of April 2016 after which the streetscape phase of the project will start.