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Dear Resident/Business Owner

Advance notice: Temporary closure of Great Bardfield Bridge, B1057 Bridge Street, Great Bardfield

Essex Highways are making preparations to carry out essential repairs to Great Bardfield Bridge, which carries the B1057 Bridge Street over the River Pant during summer 2019.

Works will involve a full closure of the bridge for a period of approximately five weeks. During this time we will carry out brickwork repairs to both wingwalls at the northern (Finchingfield) end of the bridge. We will also carry out localised repairs to the other brick buttresses that support the structure. As the bridge is Grade II listed, the work requires listed building consent, which includes the type of brick to be used and the use of lime mortar.

Following these works further maintenance maybe required to be programmed as part of a separate phase of works, an update will follow nearer the time.

We have an anticipated start date of **Monday 29 July 2019** for the works. The road will be fully closed at the bridge to all vehicles, 24 hours a day until the works are complete.

We are process of liaising with bus operators so that adjustments can be made to their services. Further details will be communicated in due course.

Pedestrian access via the current footbridge will be unaffected by the works and remains open.

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Appropriate traffic management and diversions will be in place during the works. This includes a limited number of temporary 'Clearway/No Parking' areas to allow sufficient space for large vehicles, including bus services, to undertake safe manoeuvres both in Great Bardfield and Finchingfield.

Proposed diversion routes and clearways have been discussed and agreed with the relevant Parish Councils to ensure these are appropriate from a safety and practical point of view. Details will be shared with affected property owners in advance of the works and via our webpage in due course. During the works, the sections of road affected by no parking restrictions will be clearly identified by cones and signage which will outline periods when parking enforcement is operational.

Please note the programme may be subject to change if affected by poor weather or if unexpected issues arise.

As details become available about the traffic management arrangements and work progress, details will be posted on our website. Please visit www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes and choose the link for '**Great Bardfield Bridge, B1057 Bridge Street, Great Bardfield**'. Details will also be shared with the Parish Council.

You may also find out about other works in the area by visiting: www.roadworks.org as well as the Essex Highways twitter feed [@essexhighways](https://twitter.com/essexhighways).

For other enquiries the Essex County Council customer service team can be contacted by completing the online form <https://www.essex.gov.uk/enquiries> or by telephoning 0345 603 7631.

Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operate during these works.

Yours faithfully

Essex Highways