

# Linton Bridge - Update 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Why is the bridge closed?

Linton Bridge has been closed to pedestrians and vehicles since 27 December 2015 due to flood damage. The south pier (bridge support in the river) has settled, causing the arches to crack and the carriageway and parapets to settle.



### What have we done since the last update?

We have completed the extensive and complex stabilisation phase which has secured the bridge against collapse.

This enabled our contractors to safely access the bridge without causing further destabilisation to the bridge.

The permanent works are progressing as planned, with 18 out of 52 piles installed to date.



*Installing piles through the bridge abutments into the underlying bedrock.*

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## What happens next?

We are now installing piles (52 in total) into the underlying rock for the foundation of the bridge.

We will then

- Excavate the road construction materials to reveal the top of the arches.
- Cast reinforced concrete slabs over the arches.
- Re-connect / reposition services through the bridge.
- Remove the temporary support and temporary piles.
- Rebuild the masonry parapets.
- Complete the roadworks and re-open the bridge to all users.

We are working as fast as we can, and we continue to explore all potential ways to complete the repairs more quickly.

However, the operation is complex and the excavation and concrete works must be undertaken in a controlled manner by strictly following a carefully designed, pre-determined sequence. It is essential that we do this in order to maintain the integrity of the bridge.

Thank you in anticipation of your patience.

## Free Shuttle Bus

A free shuttle bus service between Linton and Collingham remains in operation, running between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.

In addition to this, on Friday and Saturday evenings only, the free service runs between The Windmill Inn and Collingham.

Updated timetables and bus information can be seen at the following link:

<http://www.wymetro.com/travelnews/busalerts/Linton-Bridge/>



## Next update

We plan to release our next update before Easter. If you want to be on a contact list for further updates by email, please contact [lintonbridge@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:lintonbridge@leeds.gov.uk)

Thank you in anticipation of your patience. Leeds City Council 0113 222 4407

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