



Dear Sir/Madam,

Blackhorse Lane Bridges Update

Following our letter to you in May last year, I am writing to update you on our plans. The decision to replace both bridges as a joint project was made following discussions with the London Borough of Croydon. It was agreed that replacing both bridges together would help to deliver considerable cost and time savings for both TfL and the Croydon council. The plans include making Addiscombe Park bridge two metres wider in order to incorporate a cycle path and improve facilities for local cyclists.

Phase one is now complete, the work carried out so far includes:

- Removing weight from the bridge to ensure the safety of the tramway beneath
- Installation of a pedestrian and cycle bridge to ensure access for local residents
- Funding secured for both bridge replacements
- Legal agreements reached between TfL and Croydon Council
- Tendering completed
- **Morgan Sindall** is our preferred bidder
- Design work has commenced
- Discussions with utility companies to agree on diversions and reinstatement of major utilities

I appreciate that most of the above will have been invisible to local residents, but having agreed on Morgan Sindall as our preferred contractor we are now moving into the delivery phase. Transport for London will manage the project and will be working very closely with Croydon Council.

Physical construction of the bridges is expected to commence in summer 2018 with the road re-opening in January 2019. Until work begins the contractor will complete the design and other preparatory activities. Whilst any project can meet unforeseen circumstances which could lead to delay, our current plan is as follows:

- Detailed design; January - June 18
- Site investigations; January - March 18
- Utility diversions; January - August 18
- Enabling works; May-July 18
- Main construction works; June - December 18
- Highway resurfacing and road expected to be re-opened by end of January 2019

The finished project will deliver two bridges and be a permanent solution to the current issues. There will be a short period when we will need to close the bridge over the tramway to all users including cyclists and pedestrians to take down and rebuild the bridge deck. The dates of this closure will be agreed with the contractor during the design phase and we will of course let you know well in advance.

Once work begins, any notices relating to the work site (such as noisy works) will be issued by the contractor. We will update all our information points including our website and the resident noticeboard.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact the TfL customer services team on **0343 222 1234** or email us via our web form at tfl.gov.uk/contact

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We will do all we can to limit disruption whilst this work is carried out.

Yours faithfully

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Rory O'Neill
Director, London Trams

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Iles', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Steve Iles MBE
Director of Streets, Croydon Council