

# Wolvercote | A34

## Viaduct Replacement

## Introduction...

Welcome to the fourth issue of the A34 Wolvercote Newsletter.

We hope you have found our previous newsletters useful and that they have provided you with an insight into the project.

We have now moved on to the next phase of the project and are making preparations to start construction of the viaduct in May. The construction process will take approximately two years and we aim to complete the project in the Summer of 2010.

## Why are we replacing the Viaduct?

The viaduct was built in the early 1960s and mainly due to salt laden water leaking through the deck joints, the viaduct has deteriorated. We have carried out work to repair the viaduct in recent years, but in the long term it is better value for money to replace the viaduct rather than having to keep carrying out repairs.

## Recent Progress

Since the last exhibition which we held in November 2007, we have made the Compulsory Purchase Orders to allow us to acquire the land needed for the project. Notices to Treat and Enter have been served which allows us to enter on to the land that is needed, some of which will be returned to landowners at the end of the construction period.

Any footways and bridleways will remain open during the works period, but for safety reasons some minor diversions will be necessary. Once the project is completed all the footpaths and bridleways will be reinstated to their original routes.



You may well have seen over recent months that our contractor Costain has been carrying out works in the area. This has been for site and environmental investigation purposes and other essential preparation works. In early March we started to clear the vegetation and begin the advance environmental works.

## What Happens Next?

Advance works were completed in April. Major construction started on 6 May following the Bank Holiday.

## Project Timetable

- Stage 1** – Construct the temporary Southbound bridge deck to the east of the existing structure.
- Stage 2** – Demolish the existing Northbound bridge deck and rebuild.
- Stage 3** – Demolish the existing Southbound bridge deck and rebuild.
- Stage 4** – Slide the temporary Southbound bridge deck into its permanent location.
- Stage 5** – Demolish the temporary Southbound piers and North abutment.

## Come and find out more

**We are holding an exhibition** on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May to talk to you about the project. We will be there along with our consultants Costain to answer any questions or queries you may have about the project.

The exhibition will be held at:  
**Wolvercote Young People's Club**  
**St Peters Road, Wolvercote**

on

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008 - 3pm to 9pm**

and

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 – 10am to 4pm**



## Contacting the Project Team

Our Community relations manager, Trevor Spice, from Costain Ltd is here to listen to and answer your queries. If you do want to contact Trevor, his details are:

Address: **Trevor Spice**  
**Community Relations Manager**  
**Costain Ltd**  
**c/o Jacobs**  
**School Green**  
**Shinfield**  
**Reading RG2 9HL**

Telephone: **0118 376 0676**

Email: **Trevor.Spice@costain.com**

## Contacting the Highways Agency

You can also get in touch with the Highways Agency about the Viaduct Replacement:

Email: **A34WolvercoteViaduct@highways.gsi.gov.uk**

Tel: **08457 50 40 30**

Website: **www.highways.gov.uk**

By post: **Highways Agency**  
**Major Projects**  
**Room 2B, Federated House**  
**London Road**  
**Dorking**  
**Surrey RH4 1SZ**

For real time traffic information:

**08700 660 115**

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## Safe driving at roadworks

*Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.*



**During 2006 two workers were killed and 19 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads.**

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, when you are approaching roadworks: ● Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety. ● Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching. ● Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks. ● Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks. ● Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front. ● Observe all signs – they are there to help you.