

Katrine Aqueduct

Balfron Station Bridge
Vehicle Strike



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Balfron Station Aqueduct Bridge



- Dates from 1890s
- Made up 6 No. 1.8m high beams
- 6 no 48" Diameter pipes
- 1 no 36" Diameter pipe
- Sandstone bridge support abutments
- 590,000 Customers supplied



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Immediate Response

PRIORITY

- Safety
- Shut down pipes
- Maintaining supply - alternatives

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Close road – immediately by police
- Diversion set up
- Fence off bridge from public
- Arrange contractor
- Organise temporary support
- Organise inspection by bridge engineers



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Temporary Support Works



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Community



- Listen to the needs of the local community communicated with MP & MSPs
- Worked out a way re opened road
- Road opened 2nd December under traffic lights
- Two way traffic was not possible
- Pipes had to be supported by scaffold from above by towers located on the roadway



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Permanent Repair

- Strategically important asset for SW
- Important we get this right first time
- Report from bridge engineer recommended 2/3 of bridge structure was replaced
- After reviewing structural report SW had taken decision replace entire structure
- The pipes have been inspected and do not require to be replaced
- Adhere to local planning legislation



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Repair Project

- Replacement of all six steel beams
- Repair of masonry parapets
- Road closure & diversion
- Challenges
 - Public safety
 - Maintaining water supply
 - Working on old / historically significant structure
 - Access and working on very space constrained site



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What is happening now

- Design being progressed
- Investigations behind the abutments
- Understand the exact position of the beams and how the bridge is supported
- Crucial we understand what is involved before we start construction
 - Deliver project on programme
 - Materials selection
 - No surprises



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Community

- Received correspondence from:
 - MPs
 - MSPs
 - Councillors
 - Local Residents & Business Owners
- Listened to feedback from community about signage on the diversion route and have improved this we will listen to any other comments
- Comments received about timing of construction impact on business and tourism



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Programme Options

- Option 1 – Preferred
 - Start on site May 2017 – Completion – Sept 2017
- Option 2 - Start May 2017 – End June 2017
 - Break for school holiday
 - Completion Autumn 17
- Option 3 - Start Aug 2017 – Completion Dec 2017



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