

**Deerness video transcript:**

A routine inspection of the bridge identified that the condition of the deck is deteriorated and requires replacement, so in order to minimise disruption to the local community and traffic, we put a temporary bridge in place whilst we worked out how to go about putting in a permanent replacement.

That has taken some time. That's because there's a number of public utilities that go across the bridge and also environmental consents required in terms of working in the river but now I'm pleased to say that we're at a point where we'll be able to start the work soon to permanently repair the bridge.

Firstly, one thing that we're conscious of is, we want to minimise disruption to the local community, to traffic and buses, so whilst we do the permanent repair works, we are actually going to relocate the temporary bridge very nearby, so yes very close to the current bridge. We're far enough to allow safe working whilst the actual bridge is repaired.

That will require a very short road closures of two days whilst the temporary bridge is relocated and also when it's decommissioned at the end but otherwise the road will be kept open for traffic using the temporary bridge for the duration of the works.

Much of the bridge will stay intact. It's the deck, the bit that goes across the river is the bit that is going to be replaced. So, in terms of the abutments and what have you, that are currently there, they're still in good condition so they'll remain in place.

We just like to thank the travelling public and businesses and motorists for their patience whilst we undertake these works.