

Warriston Road Bridge Works

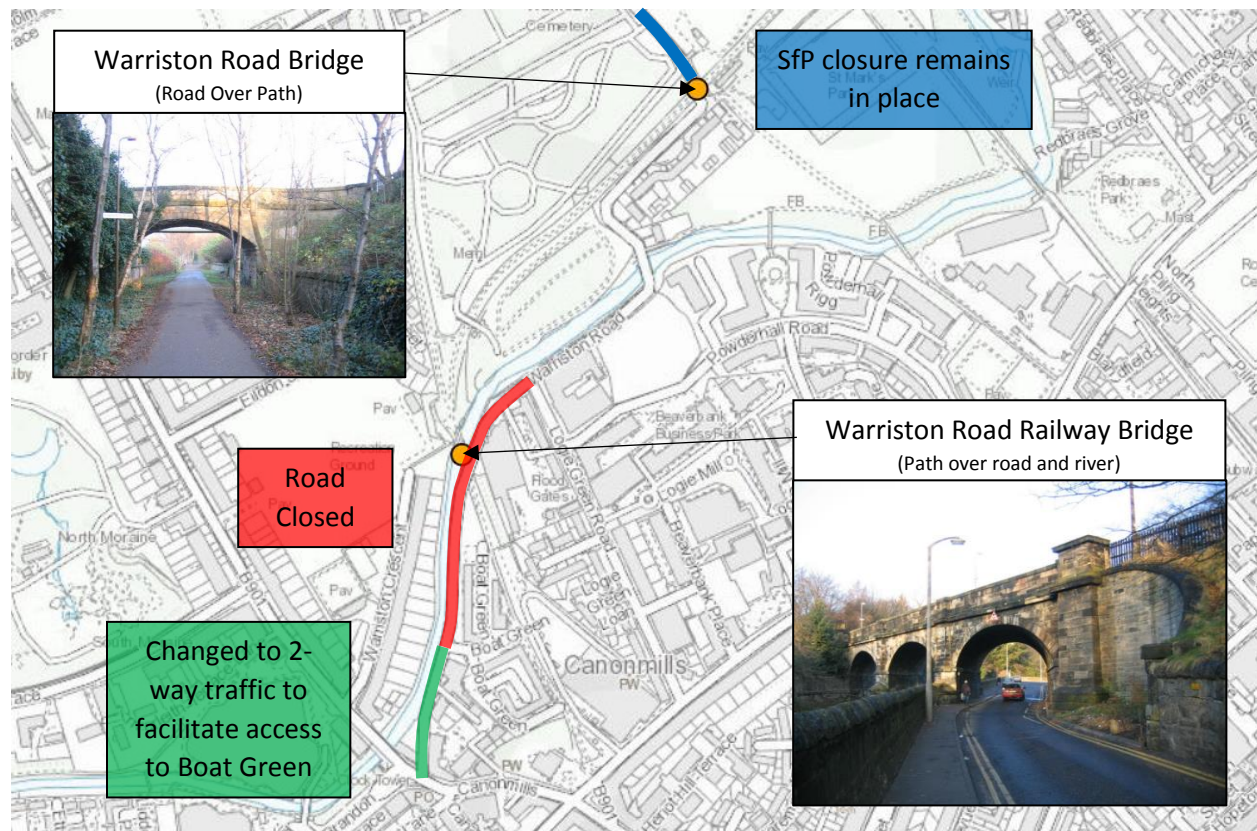
Background

Essential refurbishment works are required to two masonry arch bridges along Warriston Road: Warriston Road Bridge and Warriston Road Railway Bridge.

Both structures suffer from invasive vegetation, causing masonry and mortar defects. Some of the masonry is spalled and can detach creating falling hazard to traffic and members of the public using the area below the structures. The refurbishment works will include clearing vegetation, repairing and repointing masonry and removal of graffiti.

Warriston Road Railway Bridge is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists. The path over this bridge, and under Warriston Road Bridge, will remain open throughout the works.

The affected bridges are shown below. The plan also indicates changes to access to/from and along Warriston Road from Monday 6th July to Friday 17th July, as explained below:



The initial site-setup commenced just before lockdown restrictions were introduced in March, and works have now resumed following the Scottish Government's and Construction Leadership Forum's advice and phasing plans. Minor masonry works to Warriston Road Bridge at road level

has already been completed, and the project is now progressing to address the larger railway bridge.

Road Closure

A partial closure of Warriston Road under Warriston Road Railway Bridge is required for access to the underside of the arch over the road. This closure will take place from Monday 6th July for two weeks and will only affect vehicles; the footpath remains open. Introducing this closure will limit all access to Boat Green, so the length of road between Canonmills and Boat Green will be converted to 2-way traffic. The road is narrow for this purpose, but we have considered the needs of local residents, bin collections and nearby construction sites, as detailed below.

The parking bays along Warriston Road (from the Canonmills junction to Boat Green) will be suspended for the duration of the closure.

Warriston Path is not affected by the works.

The Spaces for People (SfP) road closure from Ferry Road to St Mark's park will remain in place, but this arrangement will be constantly reviewed throughout the works.

Access for bin collection

One concern with the 2-way traffic arrangement between Canonmills and Boat Green is access for refuse / bin lorries, in particular the landfill waste collections which requires larger vehicles. The project team has arranged for special access for refuse vehicles through the road closure and it's anticipated that bins will be collected as normal.

Consultation

As with all Structures projects, we have consulted with various stakeholders in arranging the works:

- Local residents of Boat Green – letter drop and ongoing communication via email to address specific access concerns
- The Council's Waste team – to agree arrangements for refuse collections to continue as normal
- The Council's SfP team – co-ordination with the existing closure near the Crematorium
- The Council's Active Travel team – to minimise any impact on pedestrians and cyclists during the works
- Hart Construction Ltd – considering the implications on both construction sites near the Warriston Road / Canonmills junction. The Contractor will limit and restrict deliveries to off-peak time. The Contractor will ensure the site compounds are as compact as possible.

There is no impact on Warriston Path users as a result of these works, but we apologise for any inconvenience the road closure may cause to local residents. The works are vital

to the longevity of the masonry bridge structures, and the safety of Warriston Path, and we thank residents for their patience in accommodating this disruption.