

A338 Wantage Road Bridge

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Electrifying the Great Western Railway will improve one of Britain's busiest and oldest railways, connecting major towns and cities across southern England and South Wales. It will make journeys smoother and more comfortable for passengers as well as quieter for people living near the railway.

How does this affect me?

In order to accommodate the new trains and electrification infrastructure we need to reconstruct the A338 Wantage Road bridge over the railway at Grove.

A brand new bridge will be built alongside the existing one, which will then be removed. The A338 will therefore be permanently realigned. This means that the road will remain open while construction work is under way and any disruption to traffic and pedestrians will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Wantage Road A338 Key Facts

A brand new bridge and approach embankments will be constructed immediately adjacent to (east of) the existing bridge.

The new bridge will incorporate footpaths.

All utilities will be replaced in the new bridge; construction will only require final reconnections at each side.

Work will also be required to tie in the approach road on both sides of the bridge, which is likely to require short night-time/ weekend closures and/or traffic control (subject to approval).

Detailed design, construction methods and the programme of work for the new bridge are still being developed.

We will start site set up and undertake preliminary works from November 2014

Main works are expected to be in progress from Spring 2015 until December 2015

We will remove the existing bridge deck at Christmas 2015 and the existing embankments will be re-graded.

Our contractor, BAM Nuttall Ltd, will have a works compound on Network Rail owned land on the southeast side of the bridge.

Information boards and contact details will be clearly displayed outside the site.

Contact us

If you have any queries about the work taking place in your area please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on 08457 11 41 41

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