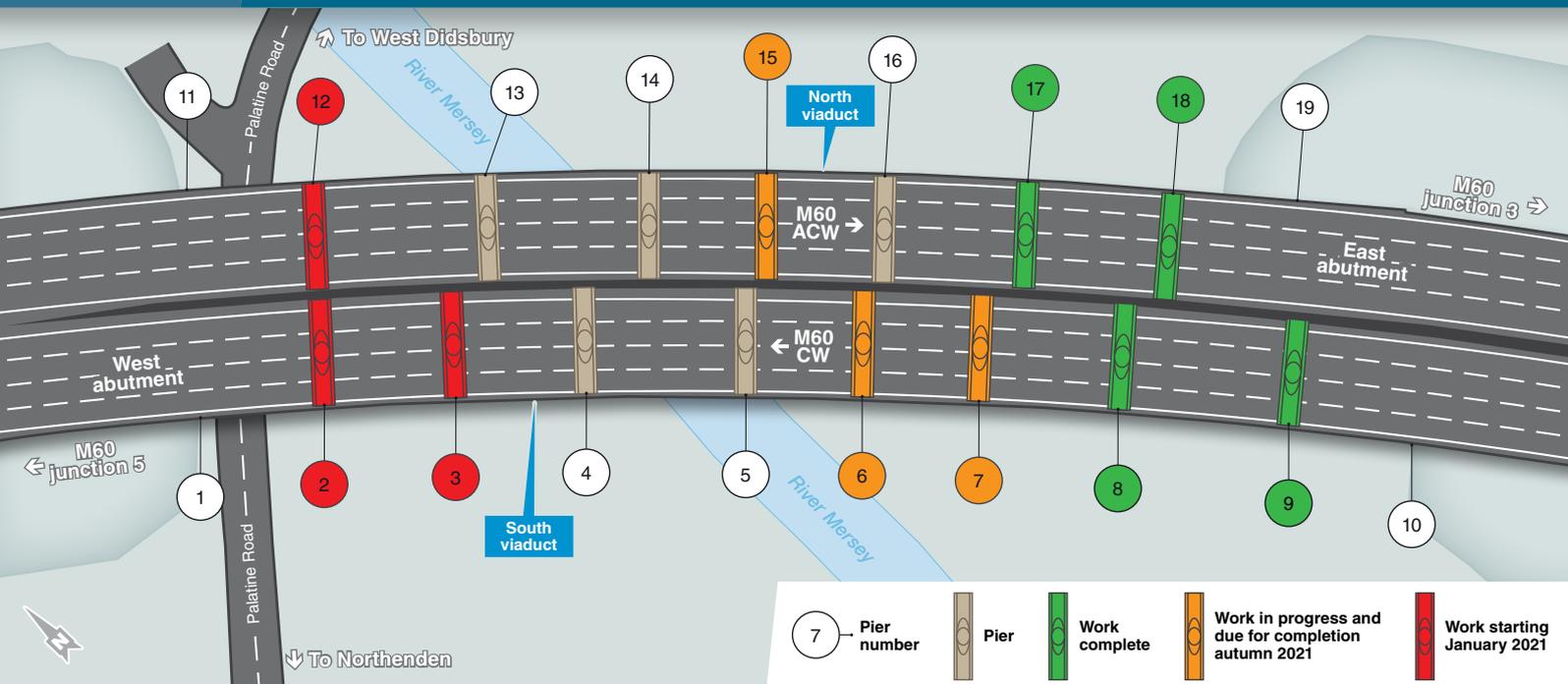


Palatine Road bridge repair scheme

January 2021



M60 Palatine Road – Bridge pier maintenance phasing plan

Welcome to the latest edition of the M60 Palatine Road bridge newsletter, keeping you up to date with progress and the latest information.

What's happened so far?

We're continuing our work to repair the bridge piers that carries the M60 over Palatine Road and the River Mersey. So far, we have completed repairs to four bridge piers with another 11 to complete over the next three years. Repairs have started on the next three piers that are scheduled for completion Autumn 2021.

The diagram above shows the current and planned stages of the repair work to the remaining piers. Please note that the schedule of work is subject to change.





Photo: View across Riverside Park towards the River Mersey.

What's next?

Many options were considered on how we access and carry out the repairs to the bridge piers on the Northenden side of the River Mersey. We took safety and how we can minimise disruption to the local community into account.

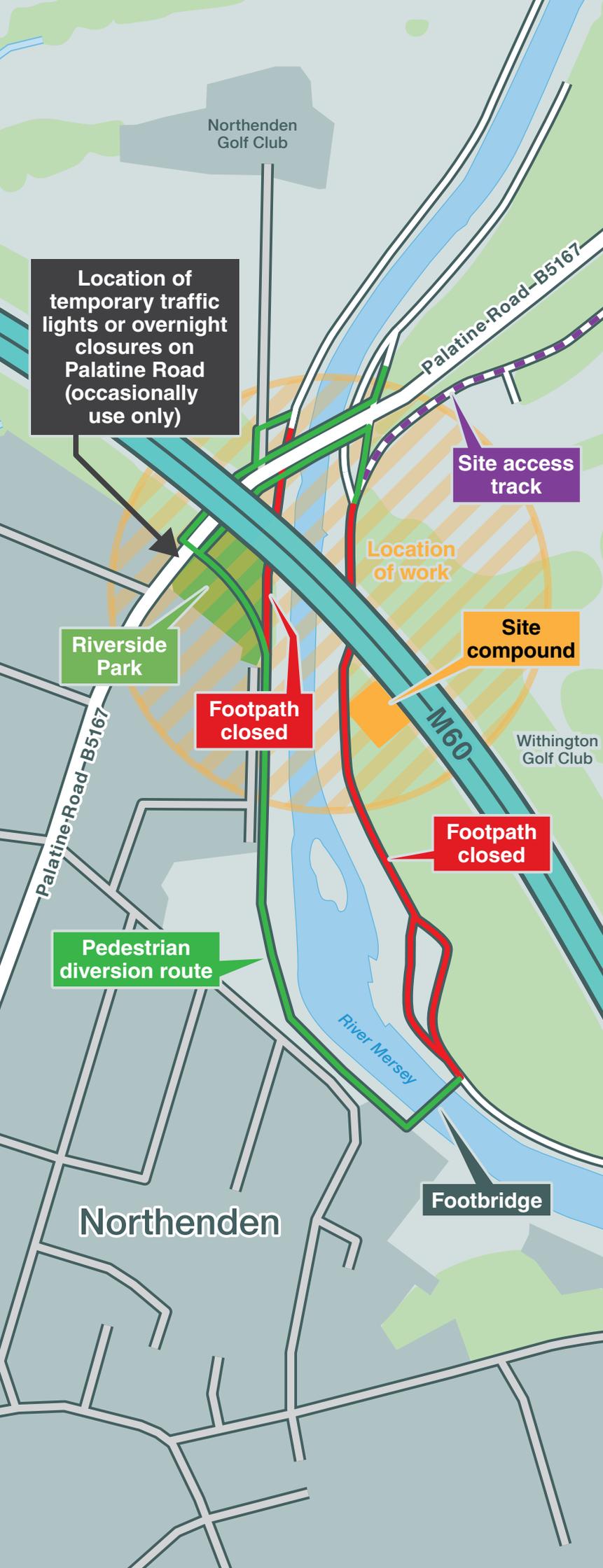
Our best and only option to access the work area is through Riverside Park. **As a result, from 18 January 2021, the park will be temporarily closed for a maximum of three years.** Some short-term changes will be made, including constructing an access track for our work vehicles and removal of some vegetation.

We understand this may be an inconvenience to you and would like to apologise for the disruption caused.

Please be assured that we will return the park to its original condition. This will include removing the temporary access track, install new picnic benches, repainting the boundary fence and replanting of any trees and vegetation removed as part of this scheme.

Note: Occasionally, temporary two-way traffic lights, or full closures will be required on Palatine Road to enable the movement of construction vehicles and delivery of materials. Any restrictions will be in place during off-peak hours only, and are subject to approval.

Details of any planned closures will be clearly displayed on site in advance.



Pedestrian Diversion Route

The plan to the left shows the pedestrian diversion route for the upcoming phases. The eastern side footpath remains closed. In addition to this, on the western side footpath that goes under the M60, further closures as required.

During working times however, if necessary controlled access will be in place. This means a member of our team will stop you for a short period of time to ensure the area is safe before allowing you access through the area.

School engagement

Sabih Rehman, a Balvac structural engineer, recently attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) event, with the hope to inspire young students to pursue a career in engineering.

"I wasn't exposed to these careers and I feel it's a great opportunity to shed light on the construction industry."

"I've been involved with a STEM event where I attended a school to inform them about the construction industry and the works that I carry out as a civil engineer within Balvac Balfour Beatty. I was able to carry out a small challenge for the students where they would create a bridge out of Knex with the aim of being able to hold the highest amount of weights."

"This challenge was very well accepted by the students and gained a lot of interest. During the activity I was able to discuss the benefits of a bridge and also discuss the best engineering practices to consider when building any type of construction such as the foundations."

"These points were taken on board and it was evident in the different designs produced by the individual groups of students."

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

Treatment to Japanese Knotweed

After listening to your concerns regarding Japanese knotweed on land between the golf club and the bridge, we're pleased to confirm that we're undertaking a three-year treatment plan to eradicate the Japanese knotweed using Glycosulphate. The first two visits are complete, and the final visit will happen this year once we're out of the traditional growing season.

How to find out more

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the scheme, please visit highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/m60-palatine-road-bridge-pier-repairs

Alternatively, you can contact the team on **0300 123 5000** or email on info@highwaysengland.co.uk

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