

# A34

## **Oxford (Botley) Road Bridge** Essential repairs



# Welcome

Highways England and its contractor Kier Highways will be carrying out essential repairs to the bridge which carries the A34 trunk road over the B4044 Botley Road, near Oxford. These works will ensure that the carriageway remains in a safe and serviceable condition.

**The purpose of this information day is to:**

- provide details of the planned works
- explain the traffic management provisions which will be in place
- answer your questions relating to the scheme

# Background

The bridge carries the A34 over the B4044 Oxford Road and was constructed in 1961.

**The concrete below the road surfacing over the bridge has been suffering from extensive deterioration due to historical waterproofing failure leading to significant potholes forming on a regular basis.**



# What will be happening?

**To ensure the future integrity of the structure and safety of road users, we will be carrying out the following activities to the bridge:**

- Undertaking concrete repairs
- Replacing the waterproofing material
- Resurfacing the carriageway over the bridge
- Replacing the joints on the bridge

These works will be carried out over a series of weekend closures of the A34 northbound carriageway with a southbound lane closure to ensure the safety of road users and operatives. Overnight closures will also be required to reinstate the bridge joints.

**The dates of the northbound weekend closures are currently scheduled as follows:**

**8pm on Friday 18 October through to  
5:30am on Monday 21 October**

**8pm on Friday 1 November through to  
5:30am on Monday 4 November**

**8pm on Friday 8 November through to  
5:30am on Monday 11 November (contingency)**

# What traffic management arrangements will be in place?

During these weekend periods the A34 northbound carriageway will be closed from the A423 Hinksey Hill junction to the A420 Botley Interchange, and lane 2 of the A34 southbound carriageway will be closed to provide our works with a sufficient safety zone due to working up-to the central reservation.

In addition, we will be closing the A34 northbound carriageway between the A423 Hinksey Hill junction and the A420 Botley Interchange overnight (between 9pm and 6am) over five weekday nights to allow the bridge joints to be installed once the main repairs have taken place.

**As delays are expected during these weekend closures, we advise that you plan your journey to allow extra time or avoid this route where possible.**

# Will the works be noisy/disruptive?

The works will require a multitude of specialist machinery including excavators, lorries, concrete breakers and road pavers during evenings as well as over the weekends.

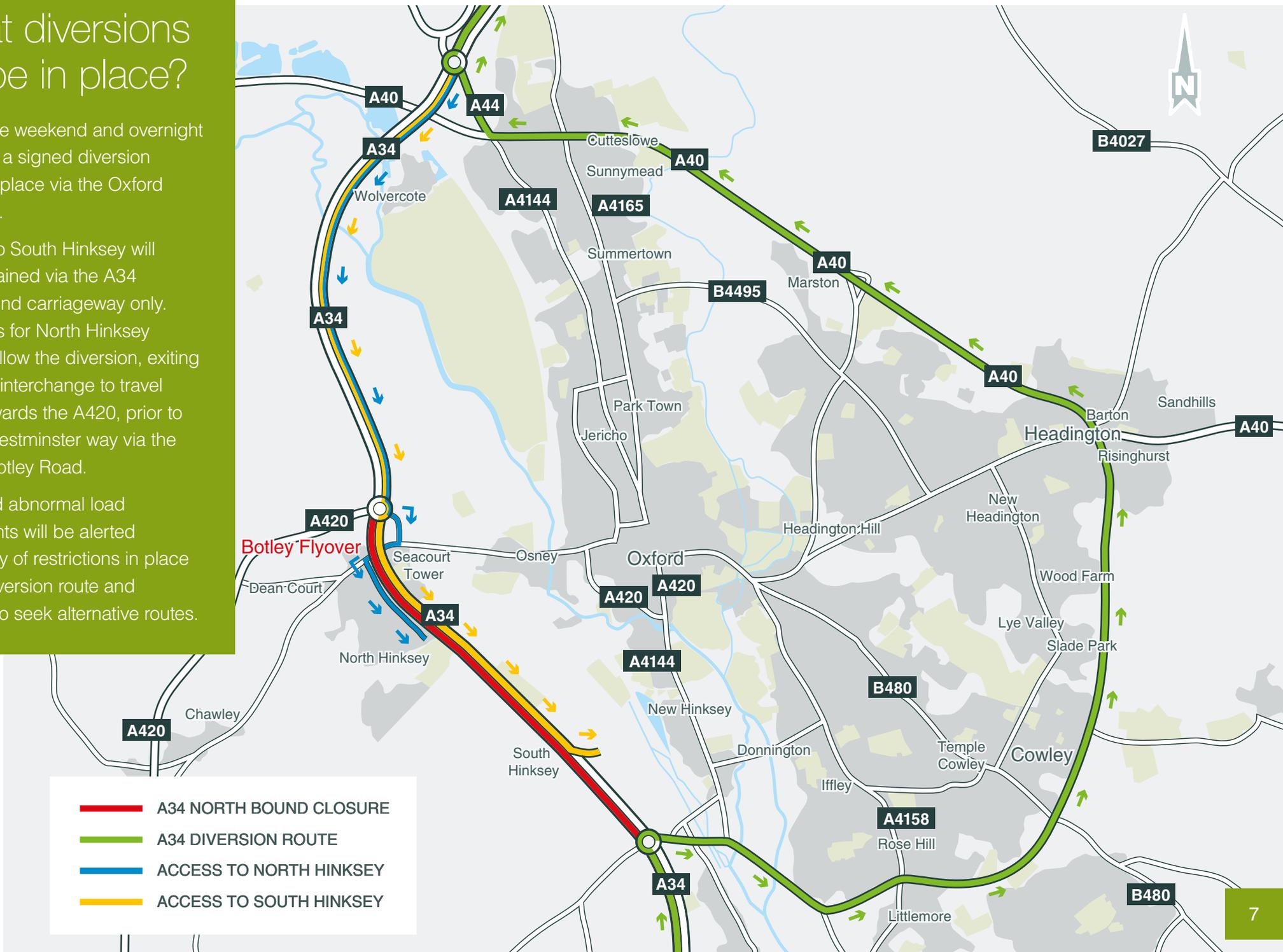
We aim to mitigate noise generated from these works by using best practices including acoustic barriers and careful selection of machinery. Taking the location into consideration, we will also try to programme activities to minimise the use of heavy machinery during night time working.

# What diversions will be in place?

During the weekend and overnight closures, a signed diversion will be in place via the Oxford ring-road.

Access to South Hinksey will be maintained via the A34 southbound carriageway only. Residents for North Hinksey should follow the diversion, exiting at Botley interchange to travel south towards the A420, prior to joining Westminster way via the B4044 Botley Road.

Proposed abnormal load movements will be alerted separately of restrictions in place on the diversion route and advised to seek alternative routes.



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