

WHITTLESEY TRAFFIC UPDATE No.12

3:30pm MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER

B1040

I'm at the site of the B1040 roadworks now. TMO Highways are just loading up their traffic lights, barriers and signs. The road is open, but it will be completely clear of all obstacles and vehicles within a few minutes.

There are some 200 road closed and diversion signs to be collected from Whittlesey and beyond, together with almost 400 sandbags. These are being picked up as I write, and all of them should be removed by this evening, apart from a few on the A47 which are being collected by the overnight crew when the traffic is quieter.

Instructions have been given to change the electronic road signs in Whittlesey - I've not been able to get a time for when they'll be changed to show that the B1040 is open.

The metal sheeting goes 15 feet into the ground where the works have been done - and it's a much longer stretch of the banking than I'd realised. When I asked how long these works will protect the banking, I was told that they'd last 100 years. Please don't complain to me if they need replacing early, in the year 2120!!!

BOWER FOOTBRIDGE

On another note entirely, the Bower footbridge needs so much repair work that it's been decided to replace it entirely in the financial year beginning 1st April 2025. The bridge will be closed for about six weeks and County Council Highways will consult with Whittlesey Town Council as to the best time of year for that closure. These will be one set of works when the Summer holidays will not be the best period to carry them out, I suspect!!

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