



Oxford Station Enhancements Project

March 2026 update

Agenda

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- Introductions
- Timeline and progress update
- Four-week look ahead
- Stakeholder engagement
- Future Phase update

Who we have presenting

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Timeline

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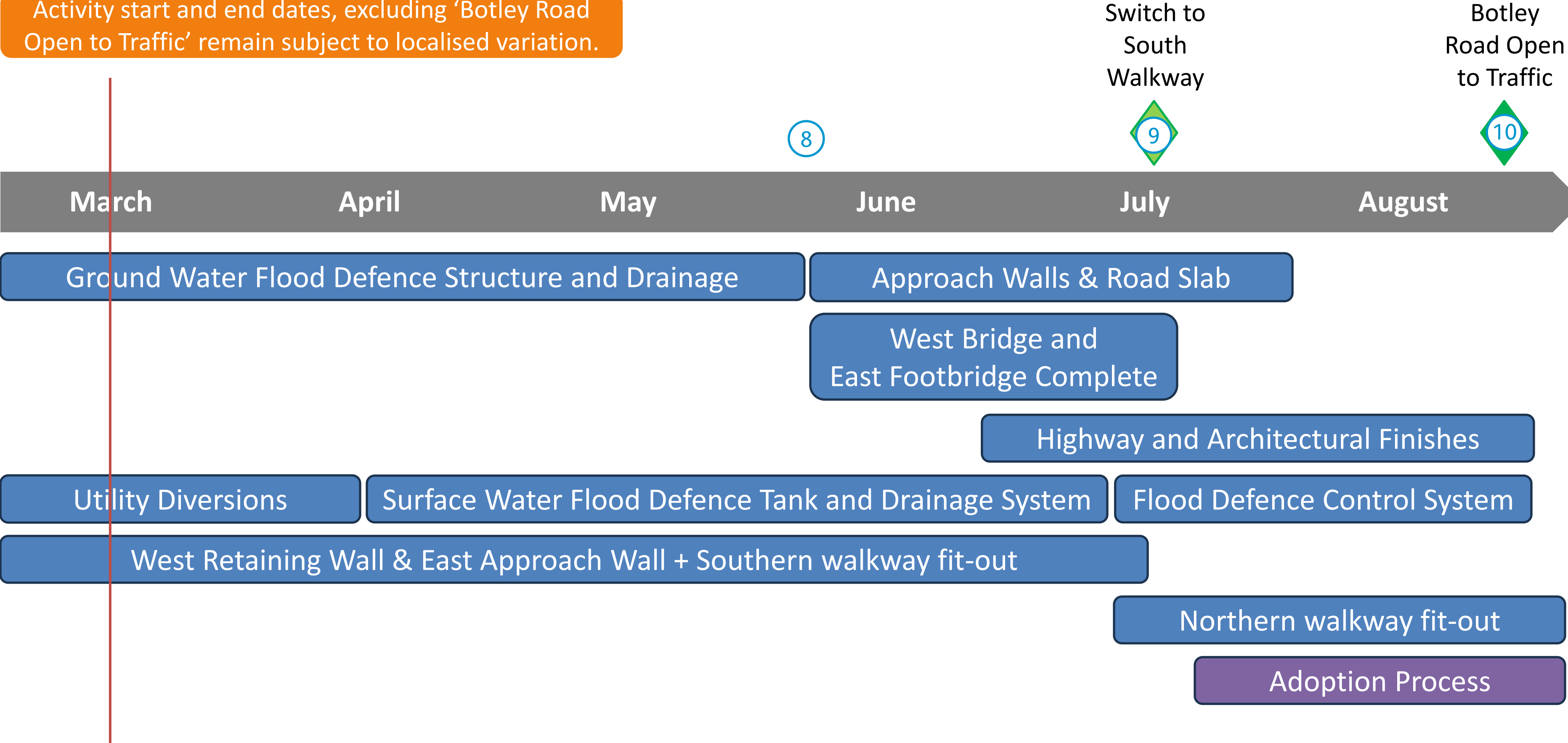
	Key projects	Date	Status	Update
①	Foundations for bridge supports on station side completed	17-Mar-25	Complete	
②	700mm clean water pipe completed (Thames Water)	30-May-25	Complete	
③	125mm clean water pipe completed (Thames Water)	31-Jul-25	Complete	
④	Sewer diversion completed	27-Aug-25	Complete	
⑤	Northern pedestrian way available for public use	31-Aug-25	Complete	
⑥	Southern pedestrian/cycleway works to start	30-Nov-25	Complete	
⑦	Botley Road bridge replacement completed	9-Feb-26	Complete	
⑧	New ground water flood defence concrete structure completed	30-May-26		Milestone at risk due to the sequencing of the mass backfill for the road slab. No impact to 31 st August.
⑨	New surface water flood defence tank completed	17-Jul-26	Re-sequenced	
⑩	Botley Road reopened to traffic	31-Aug-26		

Route to August

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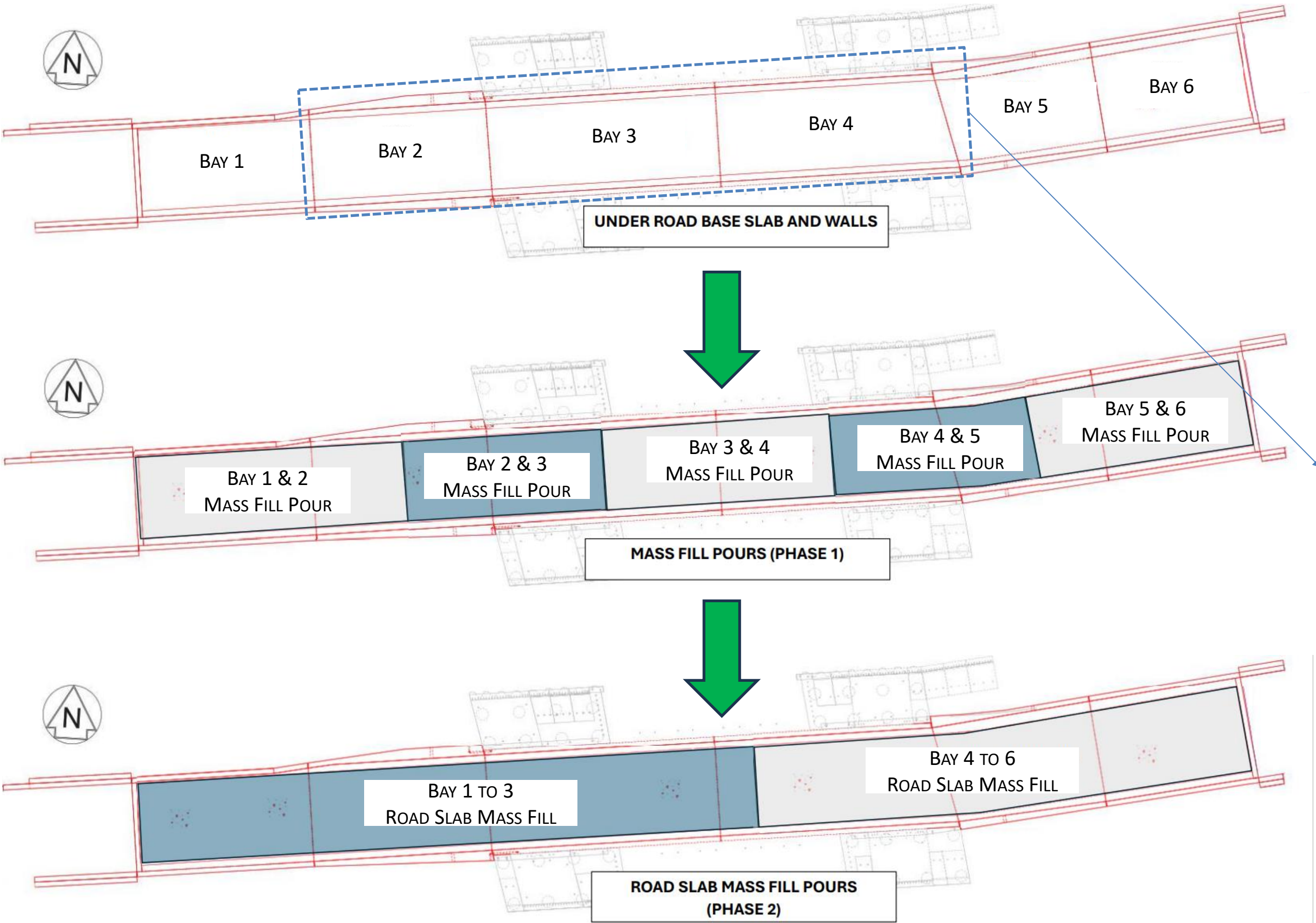
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Activity start and end dates, excluding ‘Botley Road Open to Traffic’ remain subject to localised variation.



Ground water flood defence concrete structure

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Surface water flood defence tank

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Utility diversions from footprint of attenuation tank.

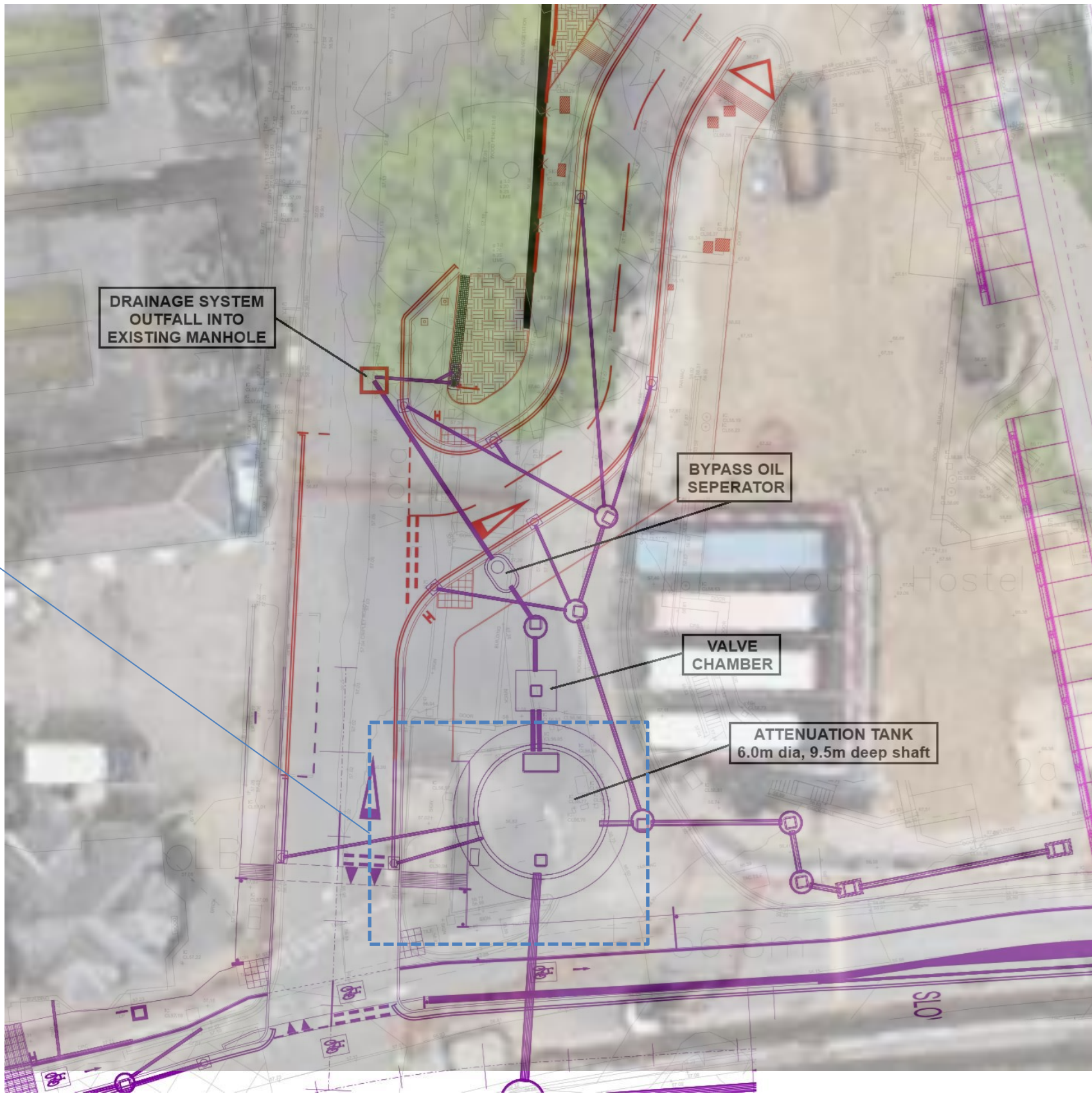
1. Safely Excavate



2. Identify



3. Relocate



Four-week look-back

1. New ground water flood defence concrete structure

- ✓ a. Commence sheet piling on south-east and west (84no. 8m long to be vibrated in).
- ✓ b. Excavate and commence install of first of six bases and install deep drainage. These bases will form the flood defence structure.

2. New surface water flood defence tank

- ✓ a. Commence local utility diversions from footprint of attenuation tank – affected residences notified.

3. West Retaining Wall

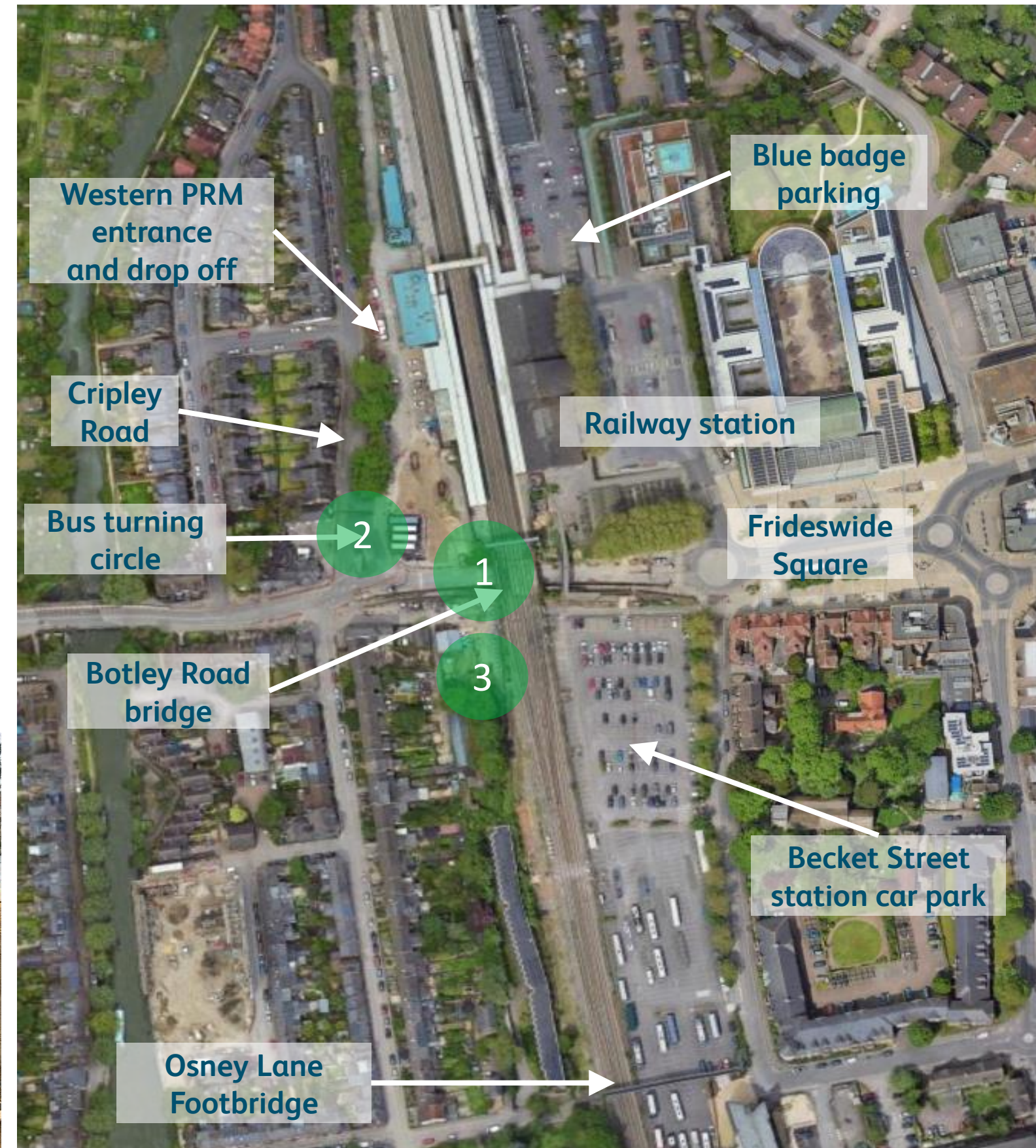
- ✓ a) Excavate and install first 29 'L' sections. These will support the ground that carries the new track across the new western bridge span into Platform 5.



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Four-week look-ahead

1. New ground water flood defence concrete structure

- Commence install of Bays 3 & 4.
- Excavate and install deep drainage for Bays 1 & 2 bases. These bases will form the ground water defence structure.
- Excavate and mass fill with concrete, under main walkway sections on north and south.

2. New surface water flood defence tank

- Continue local utility diversions from footprint of attenuation chamber – affected residences notified.

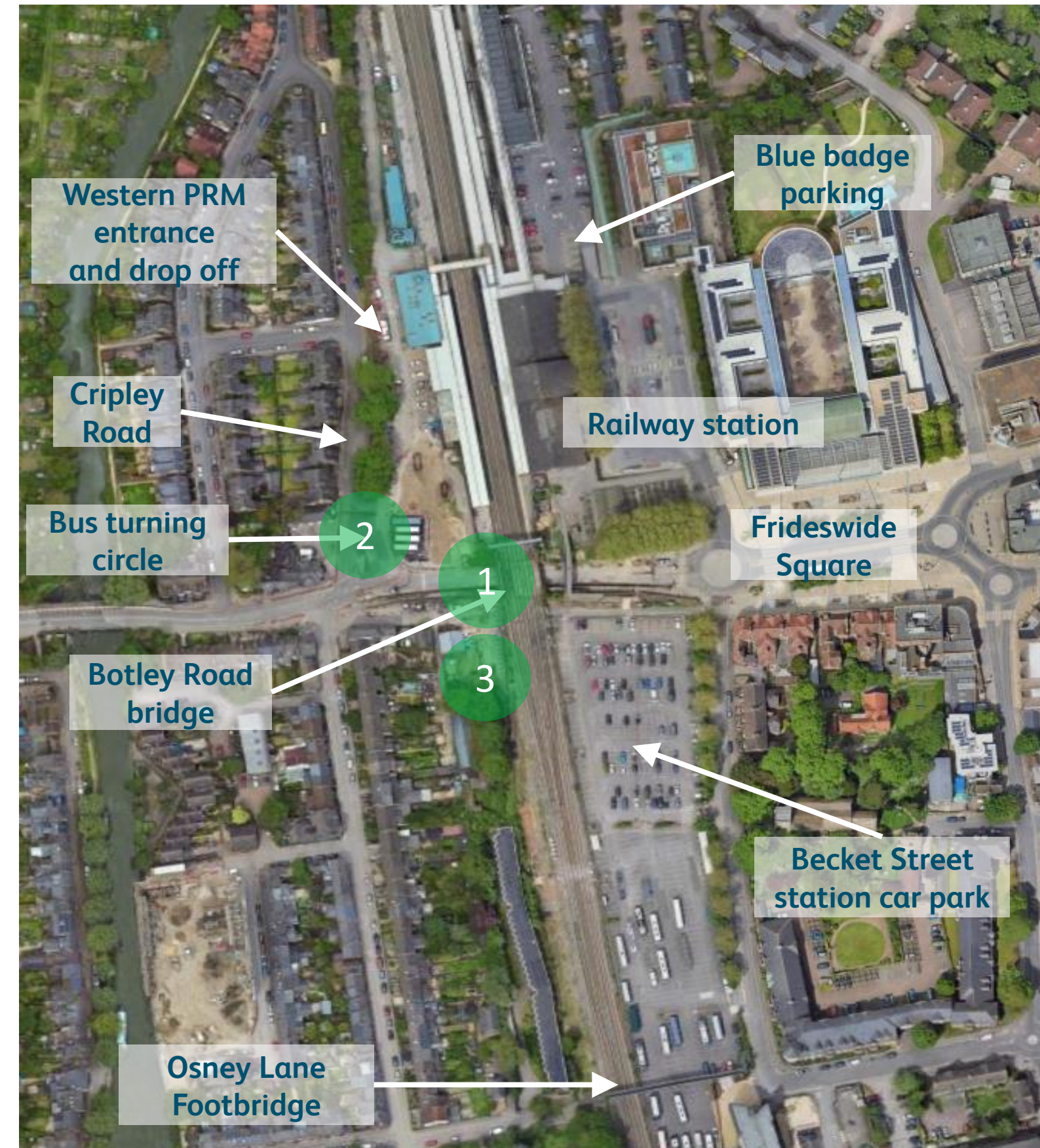
3. West Retaining Wall

- Excavate and install final 'L' sections and start final in-situ section. These will support the ground that carries the new track across the new western bridge span into Platform 5.

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Work impacts

1. Sheet piling

All sheet piling for this phase of the project now complete. Due to continued stiff clay, several piles needed to be hammered in, rather than vibrated in, as planned.

2. Utility diversion and drainage works – 3-hour water outages - for attenuation tank

Venneit Close, Thames Wharf, Castle Mill

- a. 30/31 March/1 April – water outage – date & time tbc. Advanced notice letters have been delivered, further letter to follow with confirmed times.

Date changes have occurred in the last four weeks due to an ongoing emergency, off project, impacting Thames Water resource.

3. Walkway impact

- a. 30 March – 2 April – minor walkway alteration in place while utility connections are carried out. Utilities need to be diverted to make space for attenuation tank. Worked with utility companies and Kier to minimise the impact to the walkway and residents.
 - Marshals will help manage; signage

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- Minor walkway alteration to allow completion of utility diversions between 30 March and 2 April



Thames Water - Osney Bridge 24” Trunk Main Replacement & Bridge Remedial/Upgrade Works



[These works are not associated with the Oxford Station Enhancements Project¹.](#)

The works being delivered by Thames Water are to repair damage to a major water main and to the northern footpath structure of the bridge caused by a third-party in June 2021.

4-week look-back

- **Feb – Mar26:** Service Diversions – SSE completed trial-holes, location of existing services, and planned connection locations. SSE confirmed services diversions planned to commence 14th April.
- **Mar 26:** Programme review – programme reviewed with OCC agreeing extended working hours and weekend working to recover programme delays associated with service diversions.

Look-ahead

Forecast	Activities
Apr – May26	Service Diversions – SSE to complete diversion of existing services from footpath to temporary concrete channels.
May 26	Demolition & Pipe Removal - Demolish footpath and remove damaged pipe and supports. Clean and paint bridge. Install new pipe and supports.
May - Jun 26	Testing and Commissioning – Pressure test new pipe, chlorinate, flush, sample, and connect to existing pipe.
Jun – Jul 26	Footway Reinforcement & Reinstatement - Reinforcement and reinstatement of footpath. Install formwork and steel. Install other utility services back in footpath. <u>Remove traffic management.</u>
Jul – Sep 26	Remedial works under bridge – Remove scaffolding, re-paint bridge, snagging.
Jun – Oct 26	Diversion Pipe Removal and Site Restoration – remove temporary diversion pipe and bridge, remove site compound, reinstate riverside footpath, demobilise.

¹ Network Rail commitment to act as a liaison between residents and other major projects being undertaken locally. Whilst these projects are not part of our works, where we can use our position to give residents updates, we will.

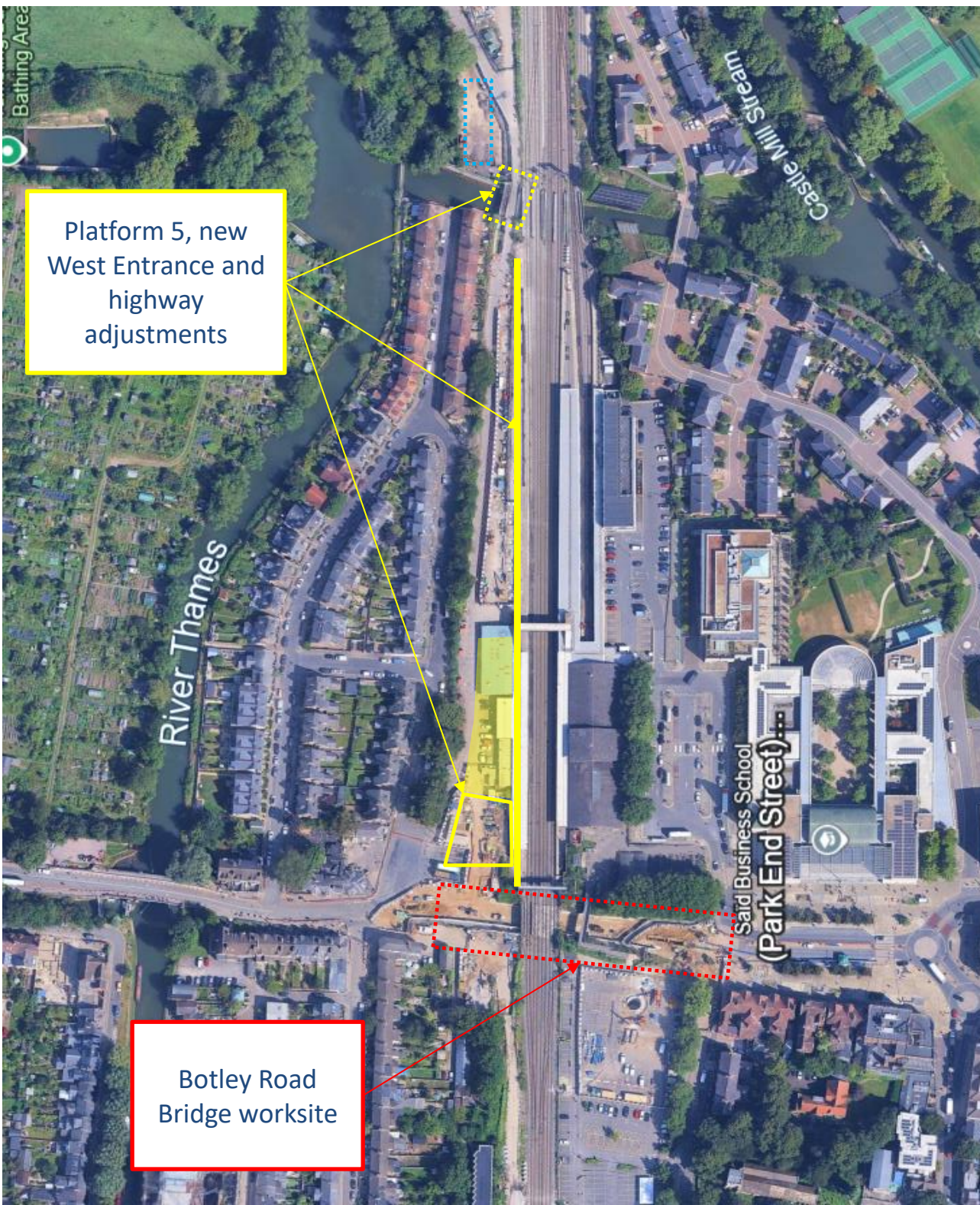
Indicative Rail Scope

Future works to enable East West Rail. These are expected to include the provision of new Platform 4/5 and a Western Entrance required to support increased train services and passenger numbers.

Construction of remaining rail scope paused to allow full focus on re-opening Botley Road as early as possible.

Works progressing well to re-phase future rail works. Key areas of focus:

- Validation of value for money following historic cost increase (associated with Botley Road), whilst maintaining core functionality.
- Validation of programme and price ahead of securing funding.
- Increasing delivery certainty – undertaking additional surveys and progressing key areas of design.



Indicative Schedule - Subject to funding release

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
• Increase delivery confidence. • Closeout design • Validate scope, price and programme. • Secure funding.		• Onboard contractor. • Complete Western Entrance design. • Construct Platform 4/5, Western Entrance and associated highways works		

Oxford Station Area Developments

Current Station Works

Oxford Phase 2C

Wider and taller Botley Road Bridge

Benefits

Safer, wider walkway/cycleway and removal of bridge height restriction. And enables future rail growth.

Available from:
August 2026

Oxford Phase 2D

Additional Platform and new entrance on the west of the station.

Benefits

Provides train and passenger capacity to support East West Rail and Cowley.

Available from
H1 2029

Enables

Wider Planned Works

Cowley Line

Direct trains from Cowley and Littlemore to Oxford and London.

Benefits

Reduces congestion, support housing and job growth and boost regional economy.

Available from: 2030

East West Rail

Direct rail connection between Oxford, Bedford and Cambridge

Benefits

Support housing /job growth and boost regional and national economy

Available from
2030 (to Bedford)

Wider Oxford Context

Joined up Future Development

8.1m
2025 annual passengers



14m
2044 annual passengers*

Government has created Platform 4 to look at how to best to use railway assets to support jobs, housing and growth.

Network Rail, Platform 4, City and County Councils are working together to consider options for an overarching masterplan. Creating a station and surrounding area environment, and transport interchange to support Oxford's role as a national rail hub and global innovation centre.

An overarching 'masterplan' ensures a coordinated approach, bringing together existing and planned works, County Council's OxRail 2040: Plan for Rail and City Council's and Platform 4's masterplans.

All plans will be subject to pre-planning public and stakeholder engagement, starting in 2026.

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