



Oxford Station Enhancements Project

May 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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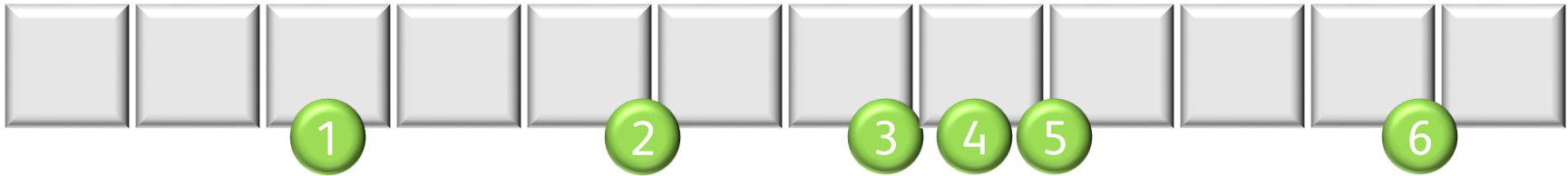
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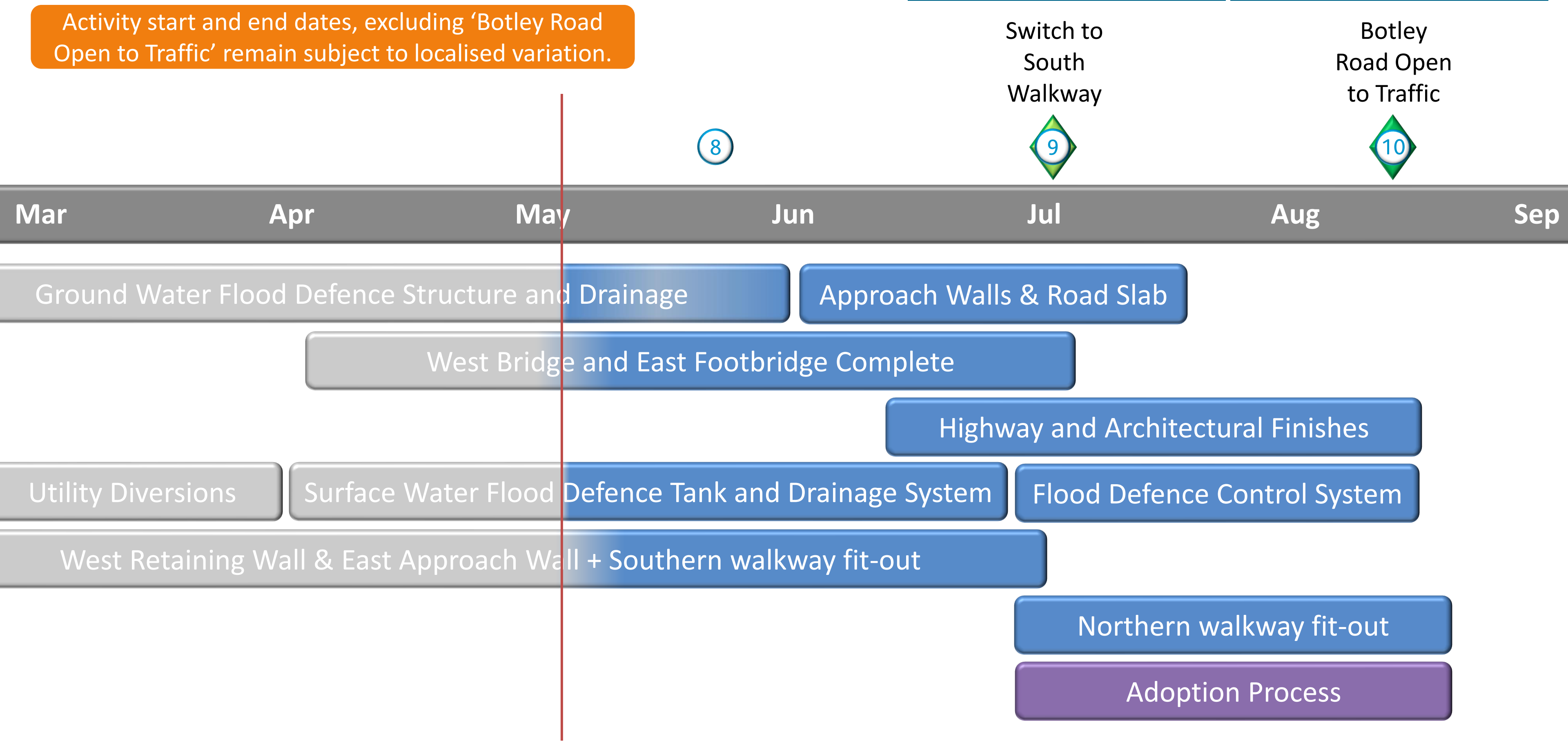
	Key projects	Date	Status	Update
①	Foundations for bridge supports on station side completed	17-Mar-25	Complete	
②	700mm clean water pipe completed (Thames Water)	30-May-25	Complete	
③	125mm clean water pipe completed (Thames Water)	31-Jul-25	Complete	
④	Sewer diversion completed	27-Aug-25	Complete	
⑤	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	27-Jun-26		Milestone forecast to be achieved. Previously re-sequenced to give greater certainty to concrete supply/delivery, no impact to 31 st August.
⑨	New surface water flood defence tank completed	17-Jul-26		Milestone forecast to be achieved. Overall float slightly reduced with no further float reduction in the last 4 weeks.
⑩	Botley Road reopened to traffic	31-Aug-26		

Route to August

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

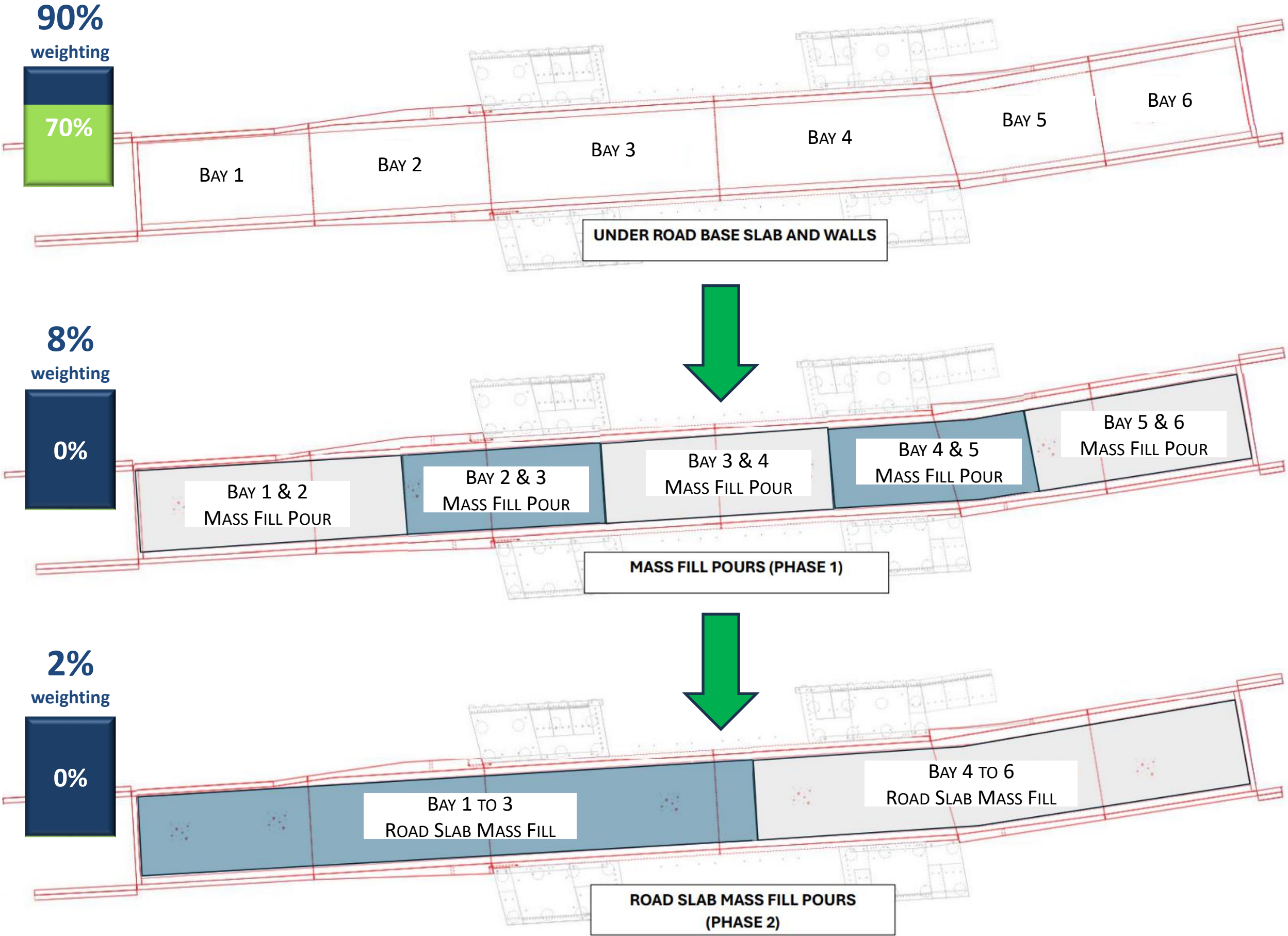
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Ground water flood defence concrete structure

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Surface water flood defence tank

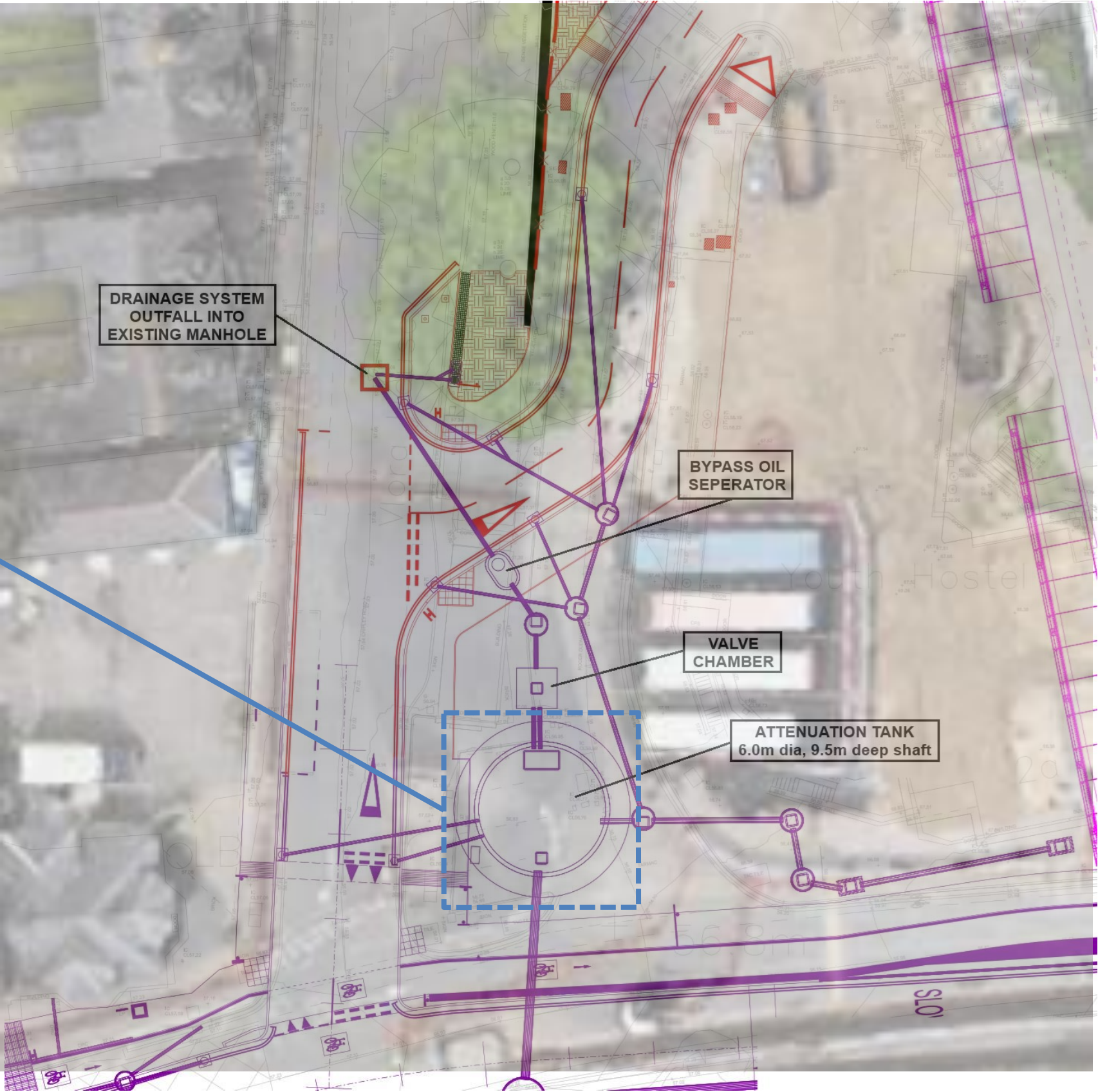
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Excavation and installation at depth.



Footway & kerb works May – July

What work is taking place?

- Realigning and replacing footpaths
- Realigning and installing kerbs
- Laying ducting for street lighting
- Removing some of the existing footway tarmac
- Retarmacking and laying paving stones

Where?

- Botley Road between Mill Street and Osney Bridge
- The junctions of Botley Road with Abbey Road, Cripsey Road and Mill Street

Works staged to minimise disruption

Access for residents, pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles throughout

Temporary changes to:

- Walking routes
- Crossing points
- Bike waiting areas
- Dismount points

Signposted and marshals on hand to support.

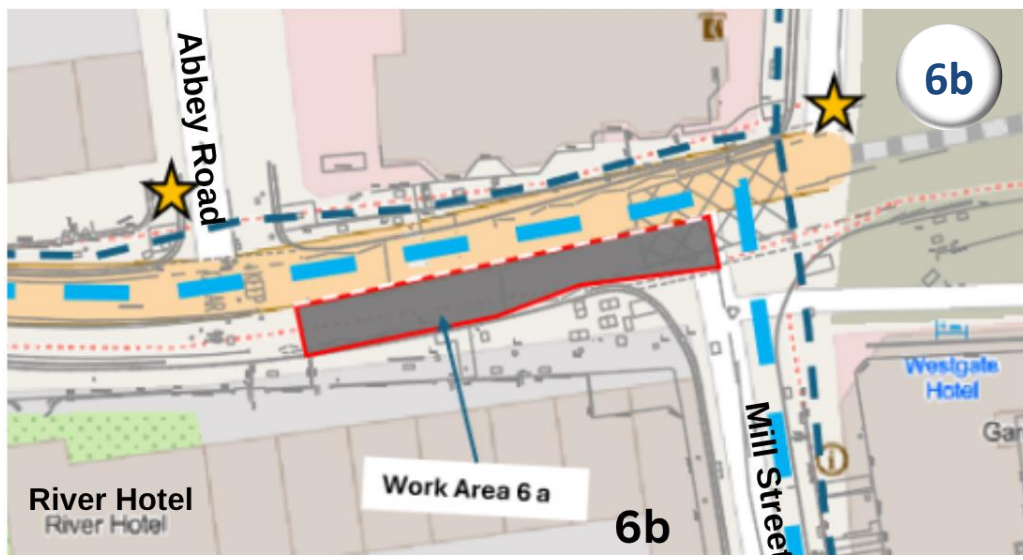
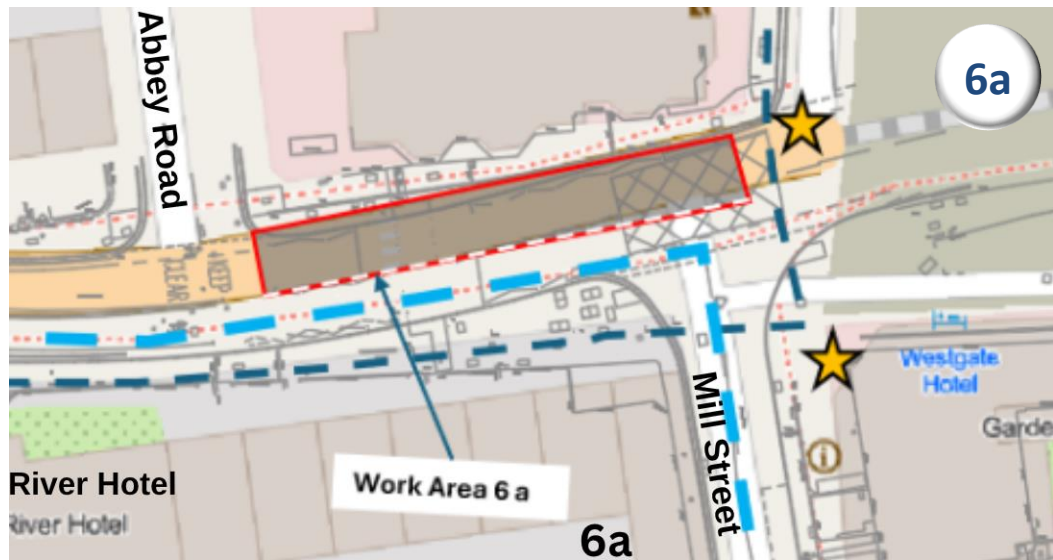
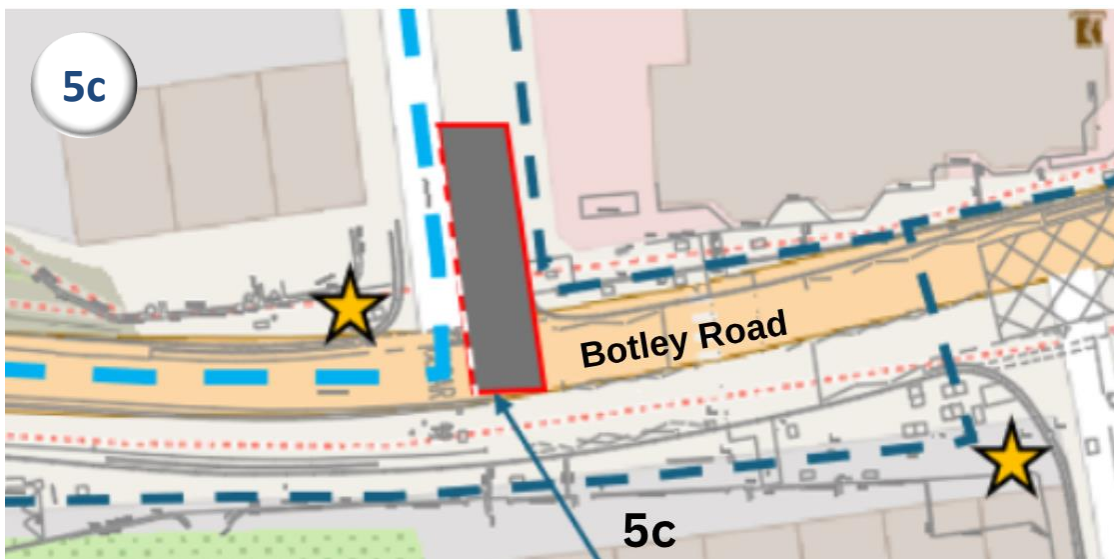
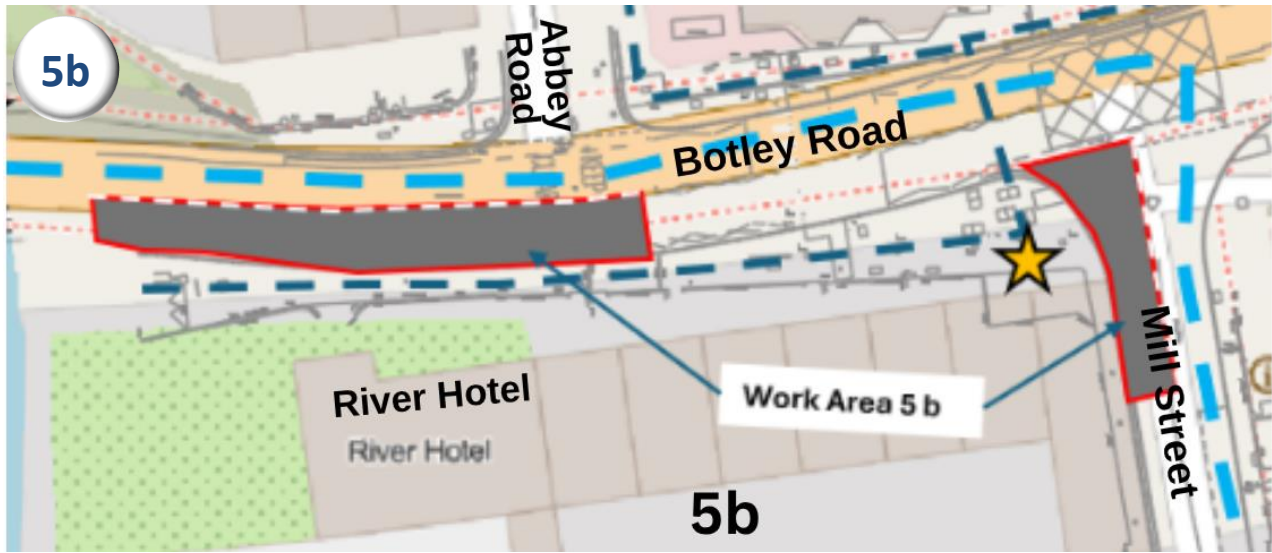
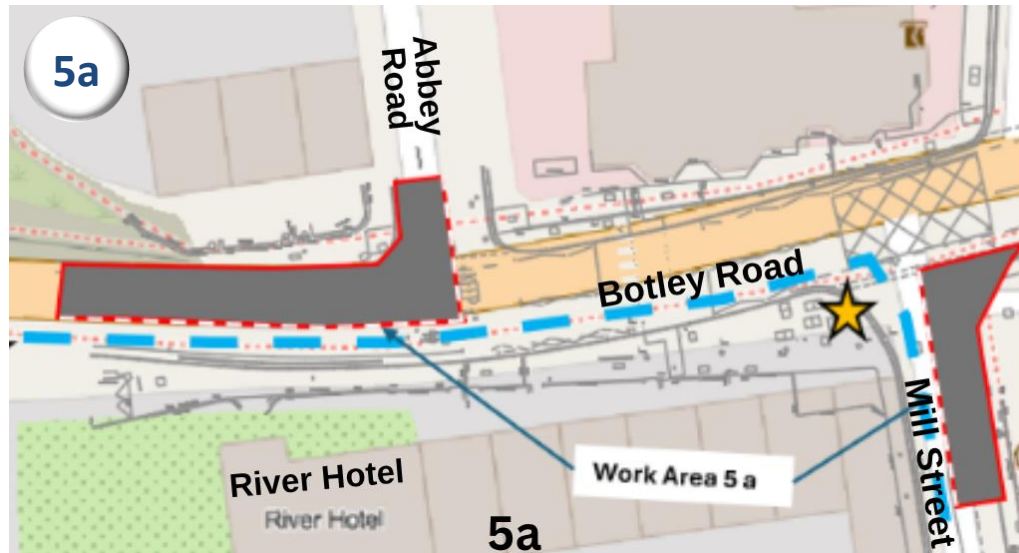
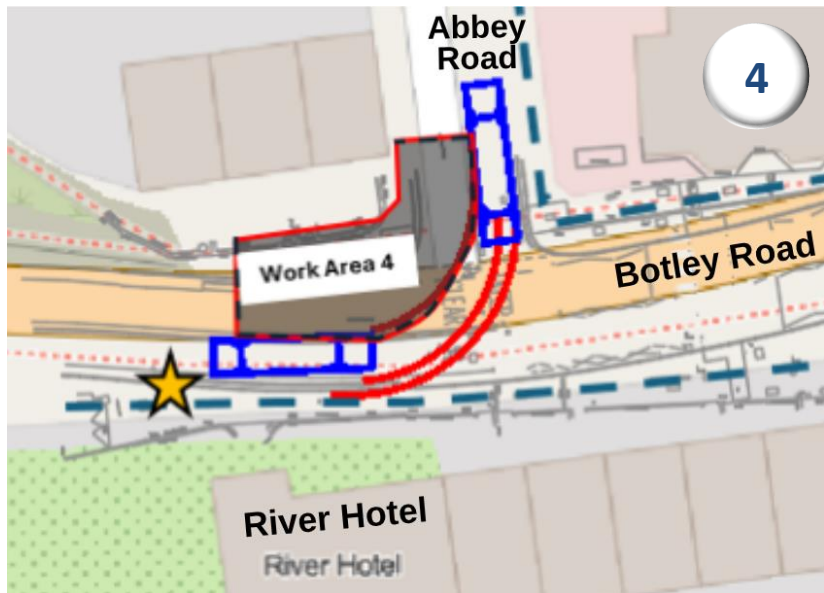
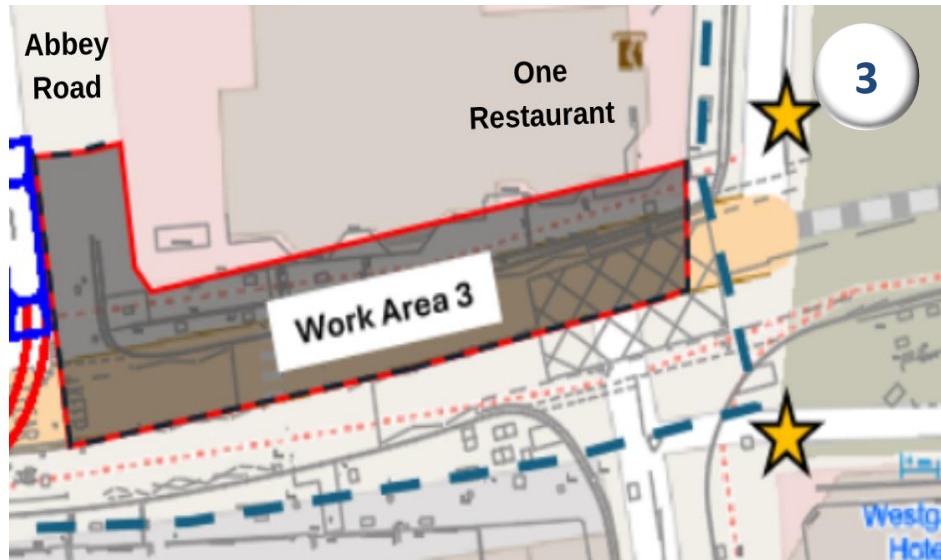
Buses to move **at night** to Ferry Hinksey Road early-mid June.

Regular updates: **website, newsletter, Facebook, walkway screens.**



Footway & kerb works May – June

1 – 4: day (target completion mid June)
5 - 6: night (target dates mid June to early July)



Aligns footways and kerb lines with the new road, ahead of southern walkway opening in July and new road opening in August

Four-week look-back

1. New ground water flood defence concrete structure

- ☑ a. Waterproofing all Bays.
- ☑ b. Commence install of base and walls of all Bays.

2. New surface water flood defence tank

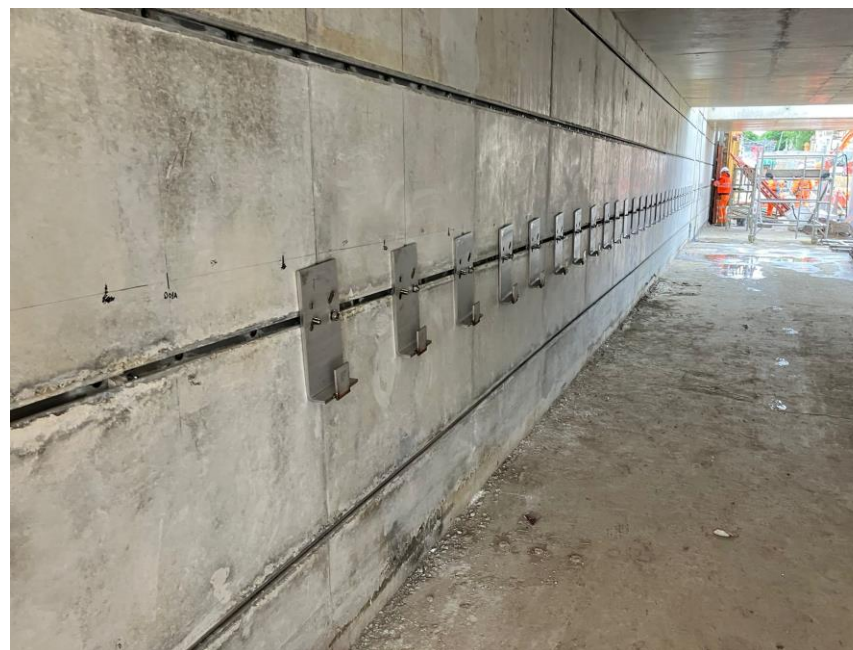
- ☑ a. Commence excavation of the flood defence (attenuation) tank.

3. West Retaining Wall

- ☑ a) Complete final in-situ sections to join precast 'L' shaped panels with in-situ.

4. Southern Walkway

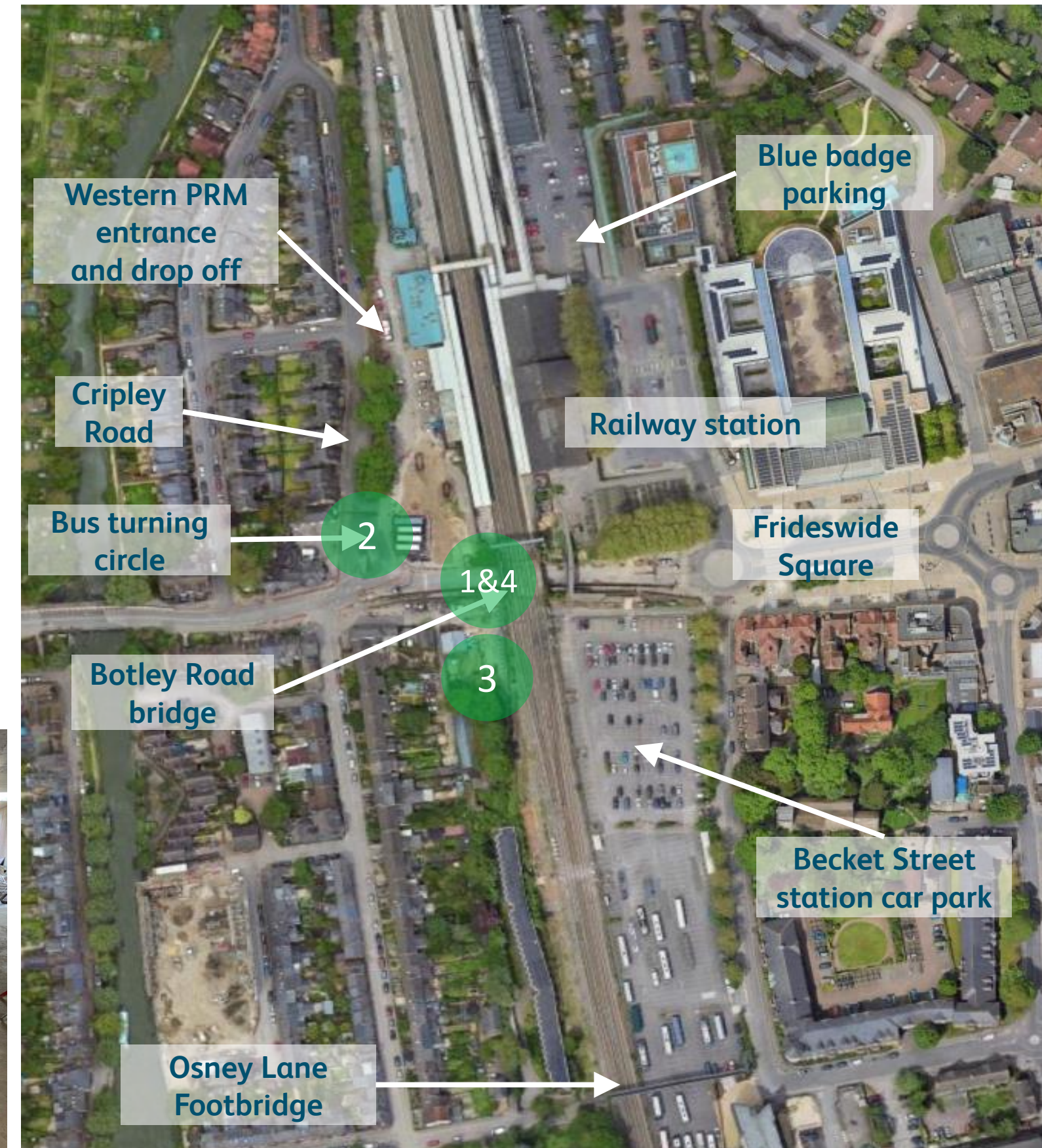
- ☑ a) Capping beam and facias to walkway walls



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Four-week look-ahead

1. New ground water flood defence concrete structure

- Complete waterproofing all Bays.
- Complete install of base and walls of all Bays.
- Commence mass fill pour

2. New surface water flood defence tank

- Excavation and structure for the flood defence (attenuation) tank at depth (14m).
- Commence drainage connections and control system.

3. East Approach Wall

- Commence install of boundary fencing and landscaping.

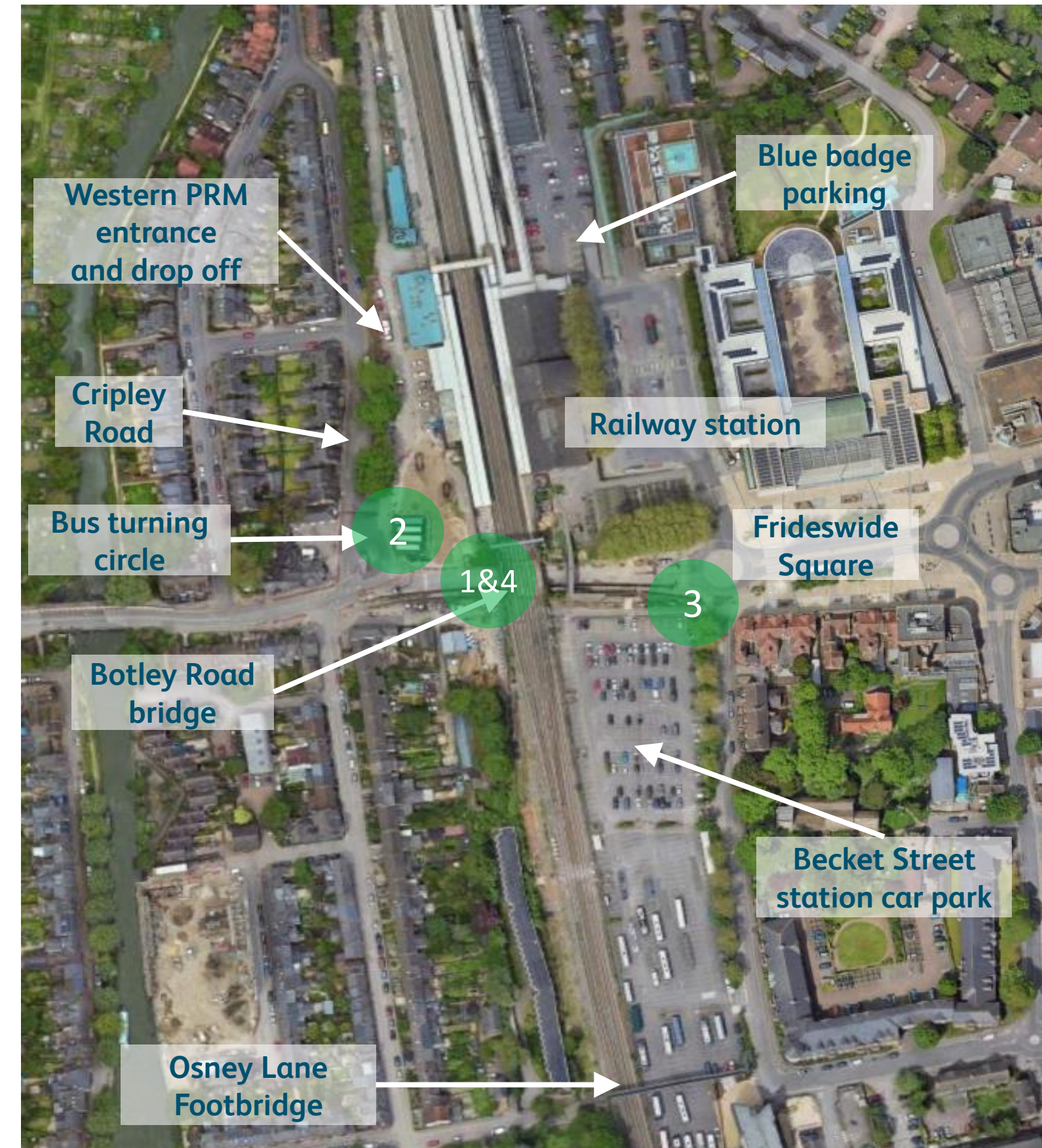
4. Southern Walkway

- Install of cladding bracket and continue drainage and walkway/cycleway surfacing.

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Work impacts – bike parking

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From mid-June, work on the northeast footbridge will mean:

- The top two rows of bike racks closest to the station will temporarily close.
- Access to the ramp will be restricted.
- For around six weeks
- Same arrangement as late last year
- To keep everyone safe while footbridge works take place with vehicle movements in this area.

We will:

- Maintain access to the bike area directly off the station approach (by the northern walkway entrance).
- Work with GWR to undertake a clear out of abandoned bikes before then.
- Clearly signpost in advance.



Work impacts – weekend and night works

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Mid June – early July: footway night works

- Planing - to remove the top layer of tarmac from the existing footways
- Retarmacking and resurfacing the footways

This work needs to be carried out at night, when there are less buses running.

13 – 14 June and 20-21 June: footbridge night works

- Installing palisade fencing on north-east

This work needs to be carried out at night, when trains are not running.

Weekends – day shifts

- We will be working 7 days a week
- Day shift times: 7am – 7pm

Every effort will be made to minimise noise as much as possible, but due to the nature of this work, some noise is unavoidable.

Southern Walkway Layout

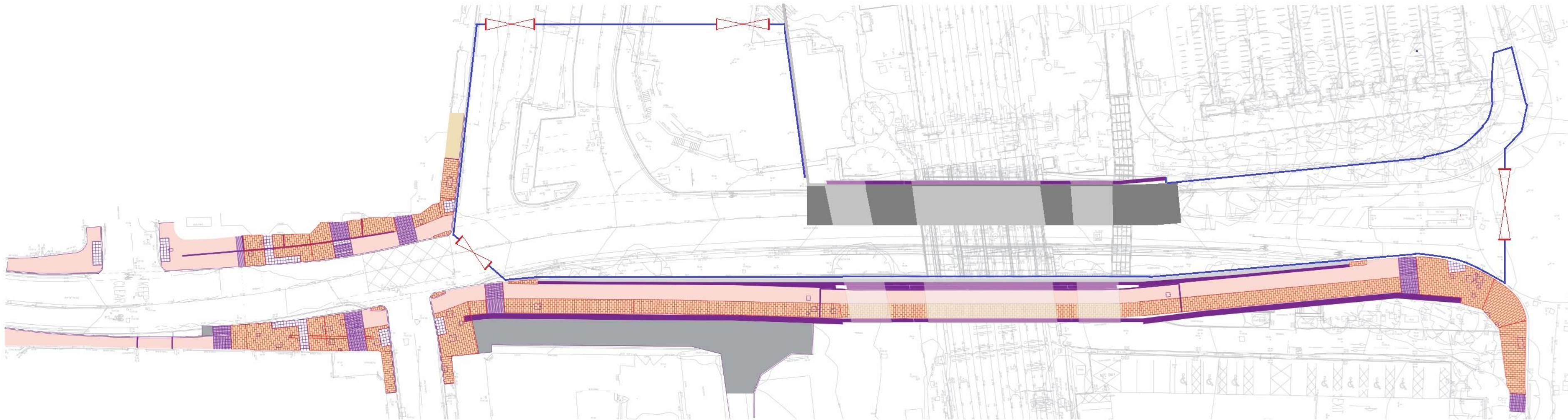
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The walking route under the bridge is due to swap to the permanent southern walkway mid-July at which time the northern route will close for the permanent finishes to be completed.



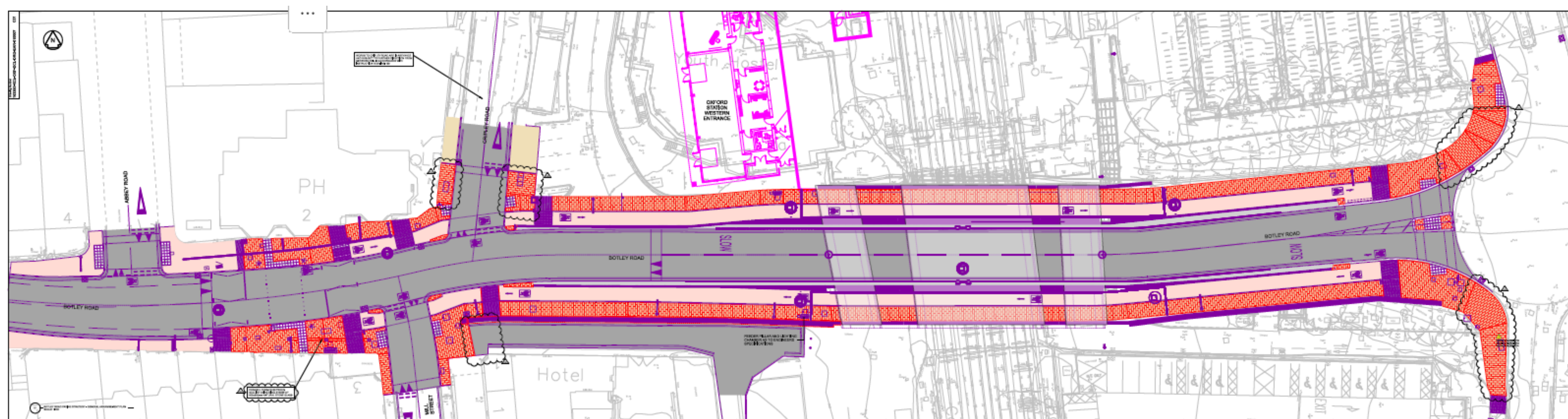
- Cyclists will still be expected to dismount and walk through the new southern walkway.
- Consideration being given to separating cyclists and pedestrians flows, with cyclists encouraged to remain within the designated cycle lane.
- Marshalls will be maintained during this period.

Final Road Layout – Cycle and Pedestrian Routes (OCC)

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- Designated cycle lanes distinguished by different floor surfacing.
- Designated cycle lanes will be one way, in line with highway traffic (north side east bound, south side west bound).
- Pedestrian walkways not intersected by the designated cycle lanes.

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

Apr-May 26: Service Diversions – SSE completed temporary diversion of existing services from footpath.

Lookahead

Forecast	Activities
May – Jul 26	Demolition & Pipe Removal - Demolish footpath and remove damaged pipe and supports. Clean and paint bridge. Install new pipe and supports.
Jul 26	Testing and Commissioning – Pressure test new pipe, chlorinate, flush, sample, and connect to existing pipe.
Jul-Aug 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>
Aug – Sep 26	Remedial works under bridge – Remove scaffolding, re-paint bridge, snagging.
Jul – Sep 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.

Bridge height

Raising the bridge clearance further would have resulted in steeper road gradients, which would disadvantage most road users, including buses and cyclists.

It would also have significantly increased the complexity of construction.

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Vehicles that can use the road when it reopens in August



Any vehicle under 4.4m in height, including
standard height lorries, HGVs and buses



Any vehicle over 4.4m in height,
such as double height lorries

0.1% of vehicles, these are legally obliged to use
signed routes and use height-aware navigation



Botley Road reopening – August 2026

Working with local councillors
and officers on appropriate
event/s to mark road
reopening

Community ‘thank you’ event



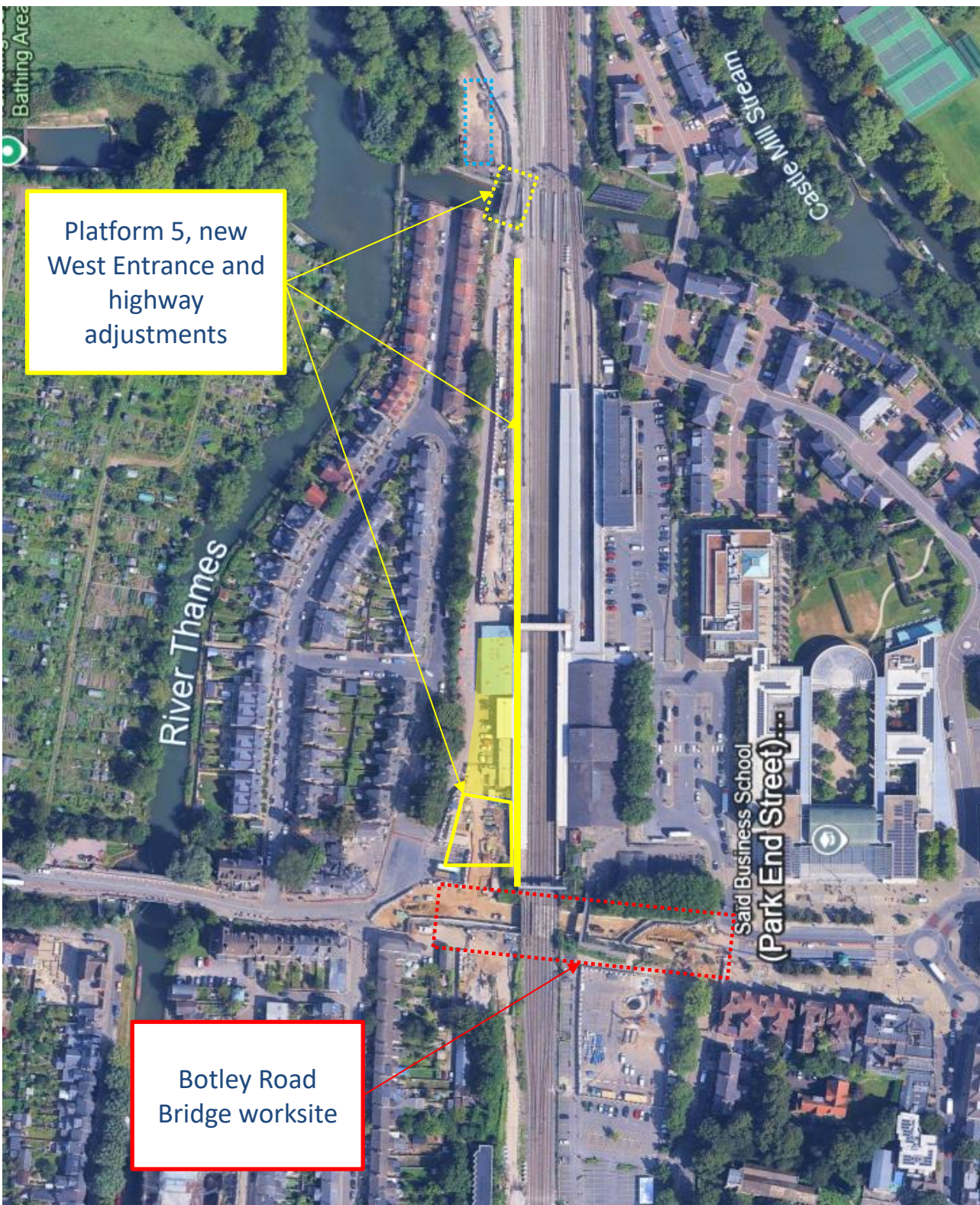
Indicative Rail Scope

Future works to enable East West Rail. These are expected to include the provision of new Platform 4/5 and a Western Entrance.

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 programme and price ahead of securing funding.
- Design is currently underway.
- Increasing delivery certainty – undertaking additional surveys and progressing key areas of design.
- **Surveys of RDW retaining wall required to inform design – access needed to the rear of properties on Abbey Road in Summer 26.**



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.

Next resident meetings



Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 24 June 2026	17:00 - 18:00	West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BT
Wednesday 22 July 2026	17:00 - 18:00	West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BT
Wednesday 19 August 2026	17:00 - 18:00	West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BT

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Next business meeting



Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 22 July 2026	18:30 - 19:30	West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BT

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