



Oxford Station Enhancements Project

June 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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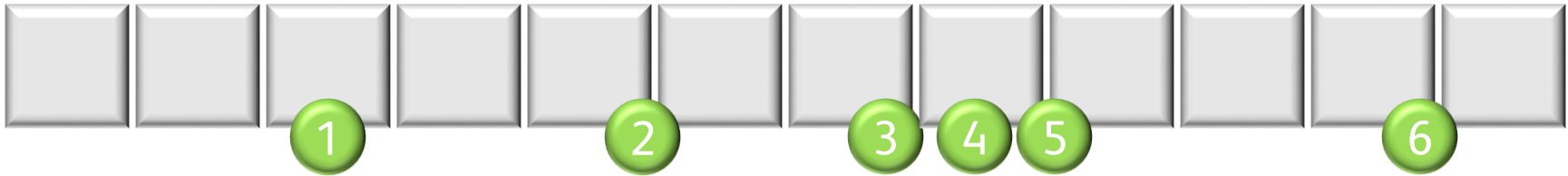
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Timeline

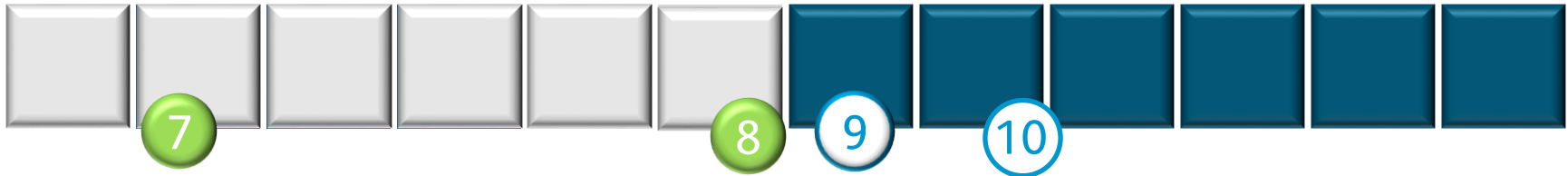
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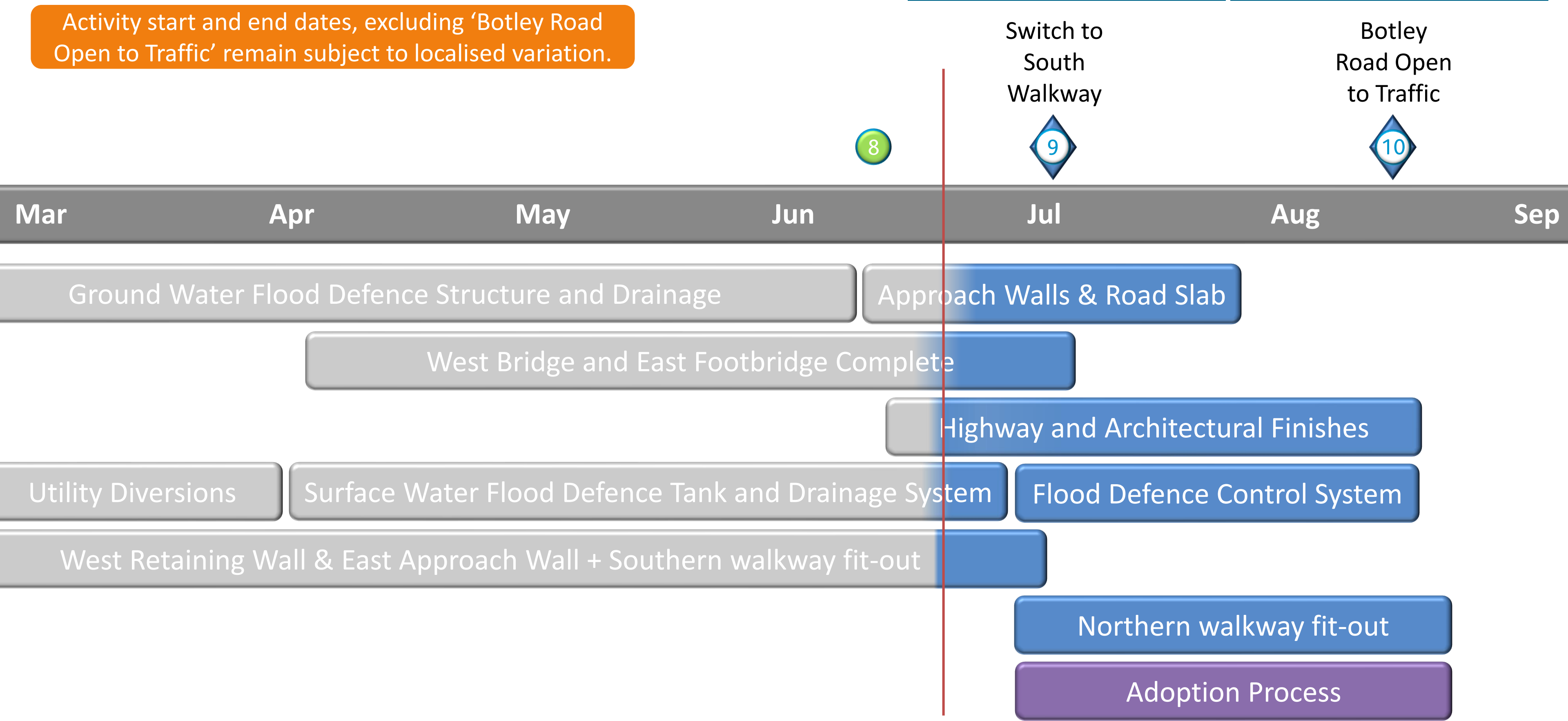
	Key projects	Date	Status	Update
①	Foundations for bridge supports on station side completed	17-Mar-25	Complete	
②	700mm clean water pipe completed (Thames Water)	30-May-25	Complete	
③	125mm clean water pipe completed (Thames Water)	31-Jul-25	Complete	
④	Sewer diversion completed	27-Aug-25	Complete	
⑤	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-Jun-26	Complete	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 reduced following further float reduction in the last 2 weeks.
⑩	Botley Road reopened to traffic	31-Aug-26		
⑪	Northern walkway open	20-Sep-26		Working with Kier to bring opening in line or closer with road re-opening. Revised programme indicates 1 st September is achievable, subject to increased working hours, including nighttime working.

Route to August

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

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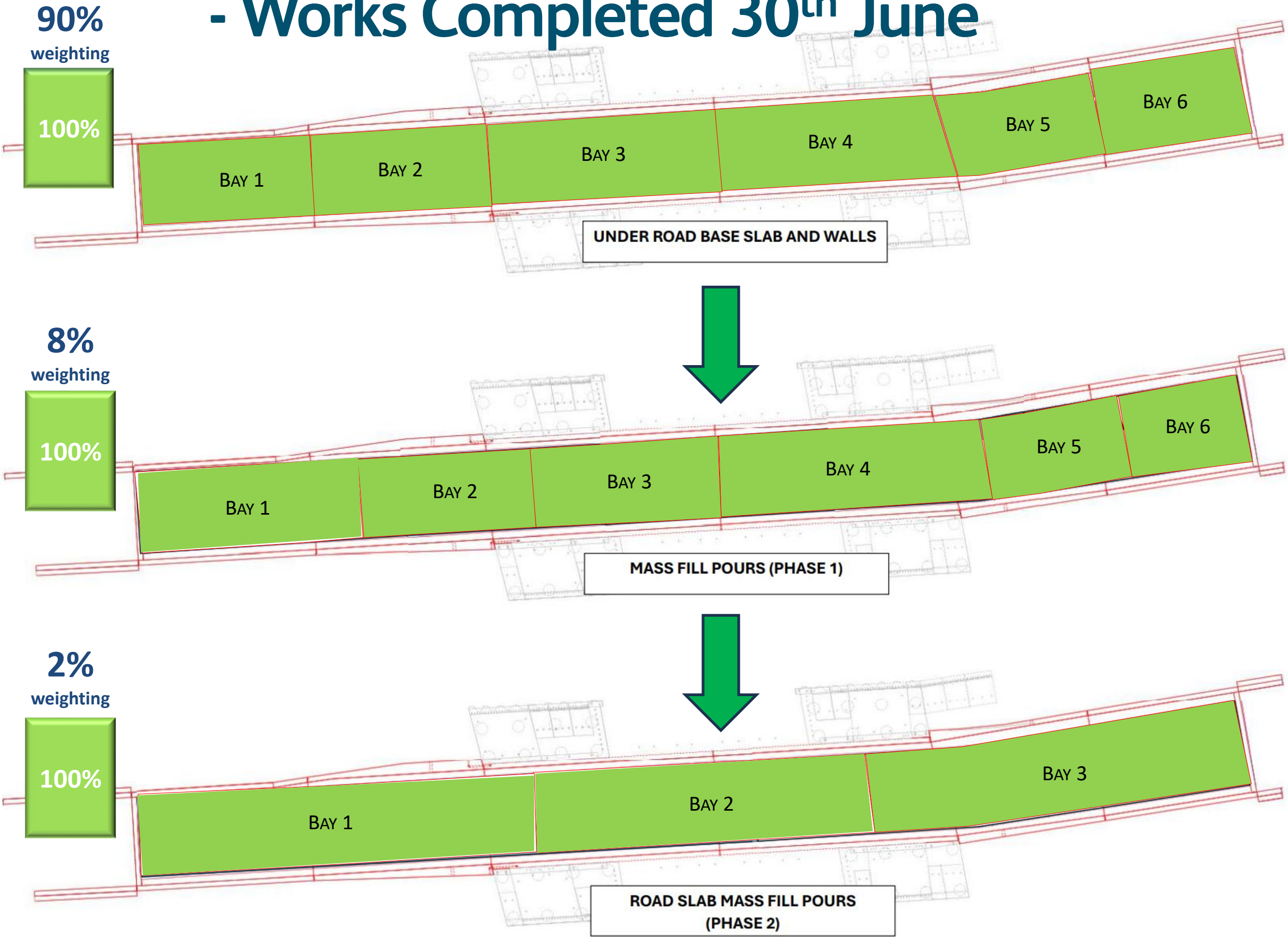
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Ground water flood defence concrete structure

- Works Completed 30th June

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Surface water flood defence tank

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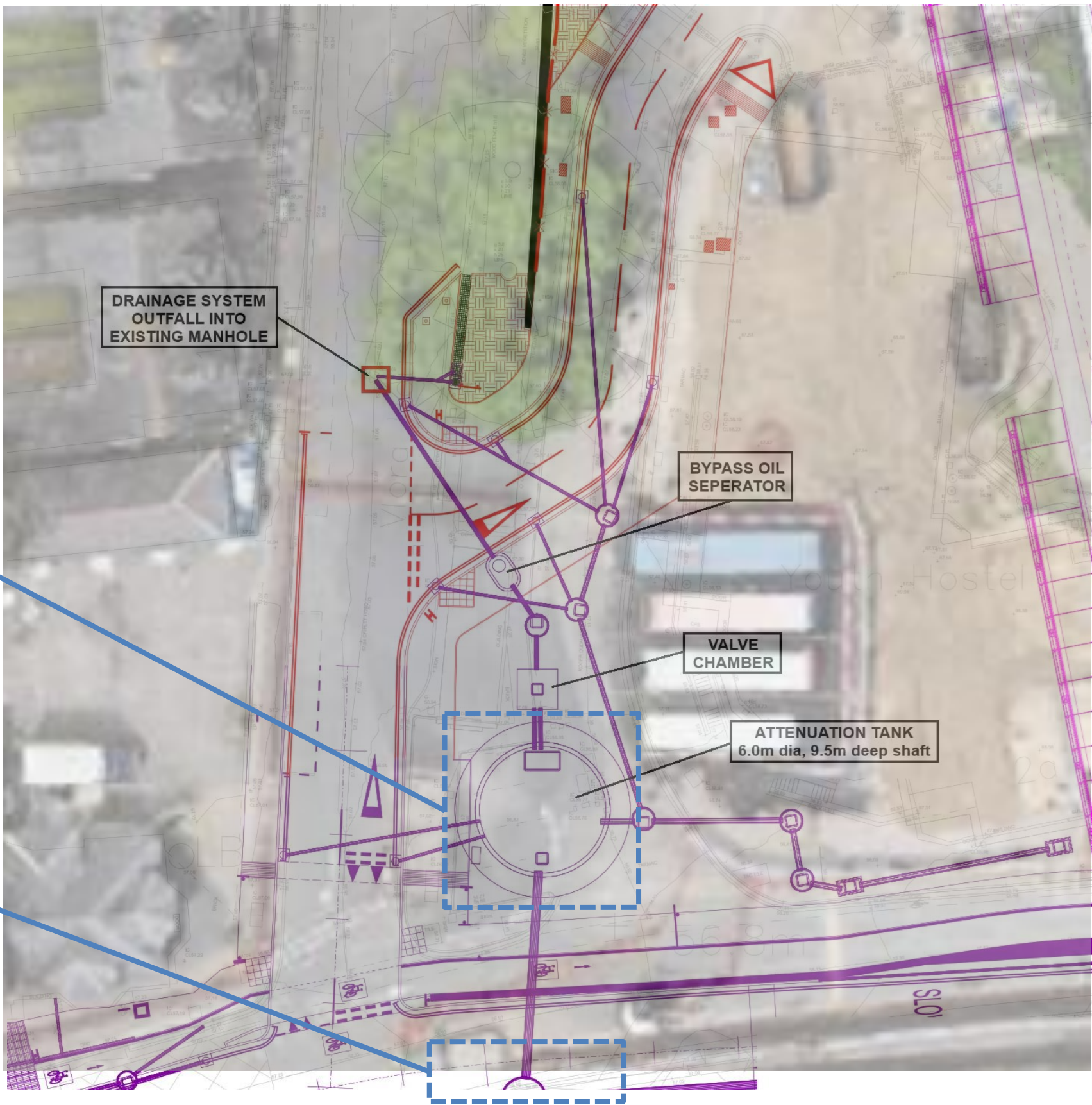
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Temporary Platform Installed for Tunnel Boring Machine.

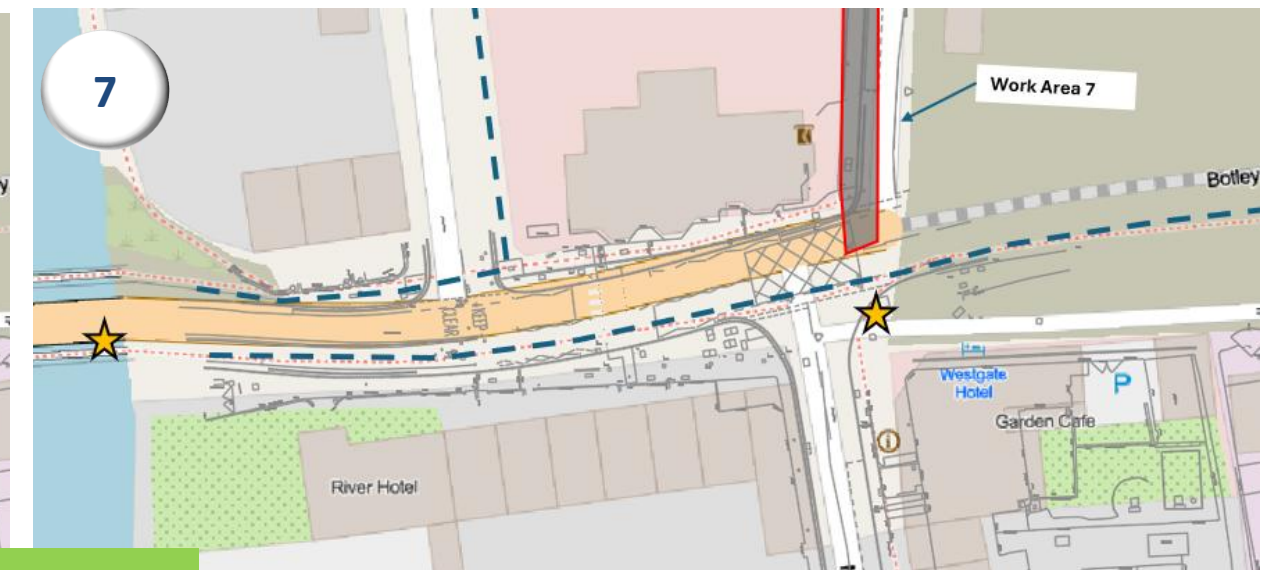
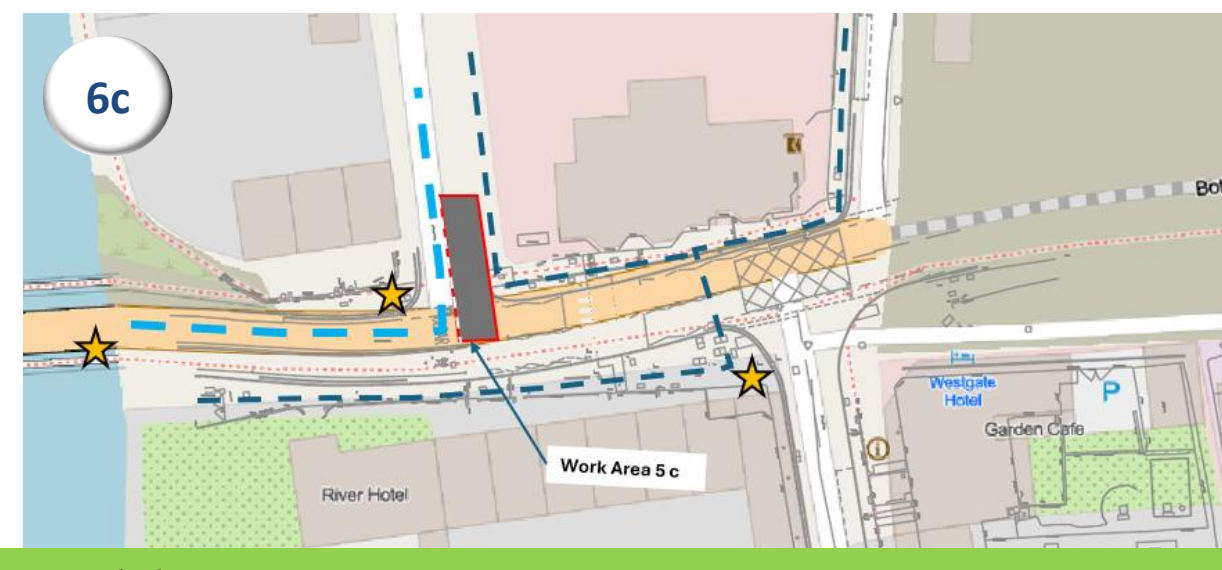
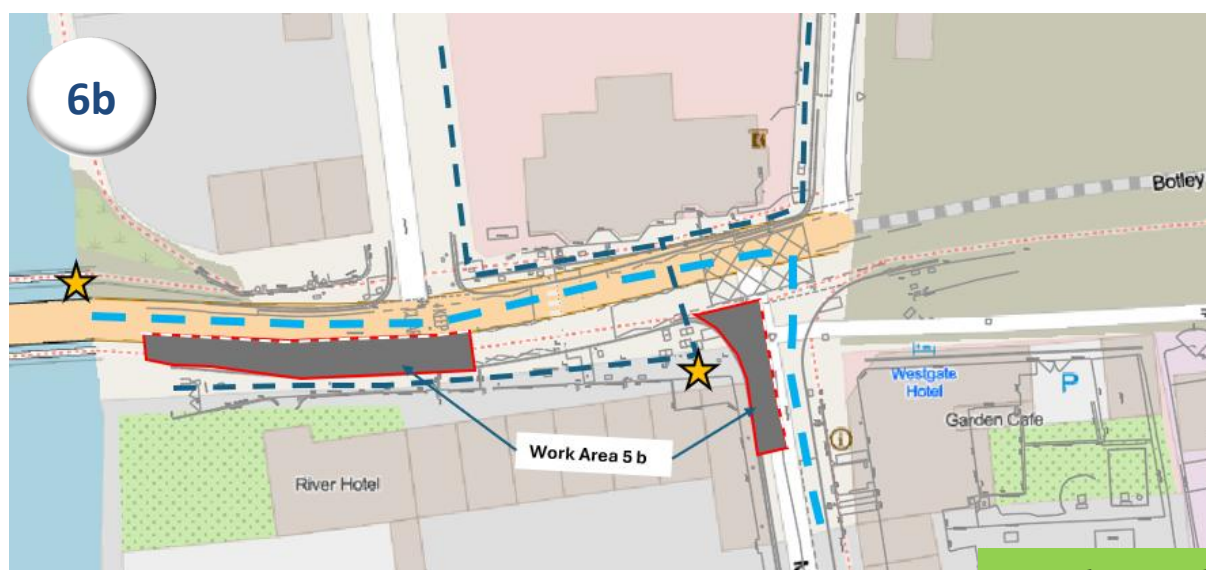
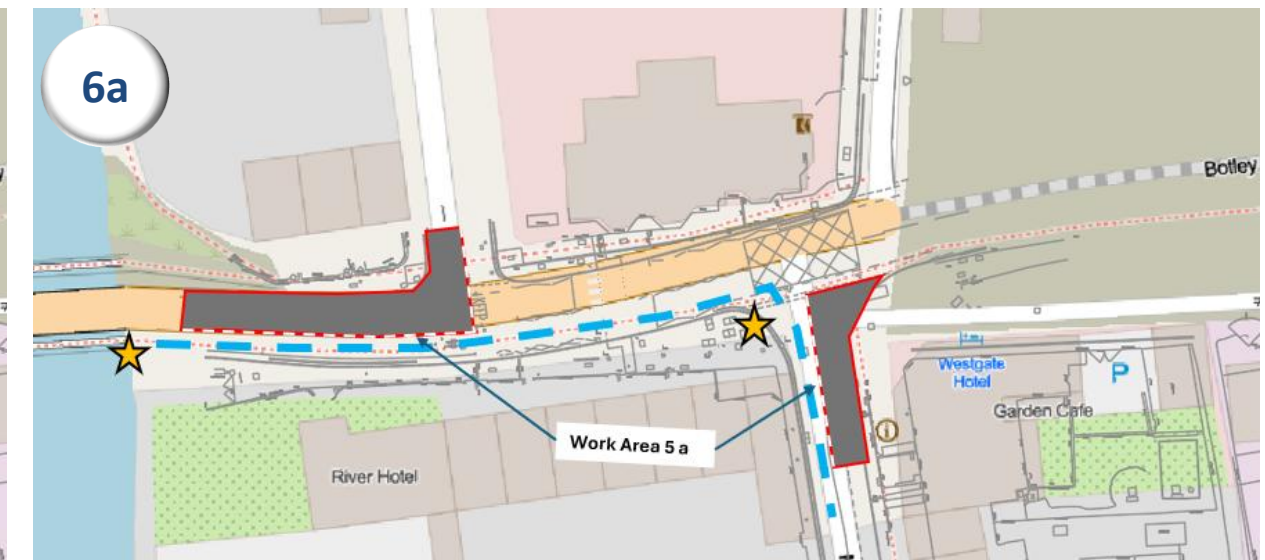
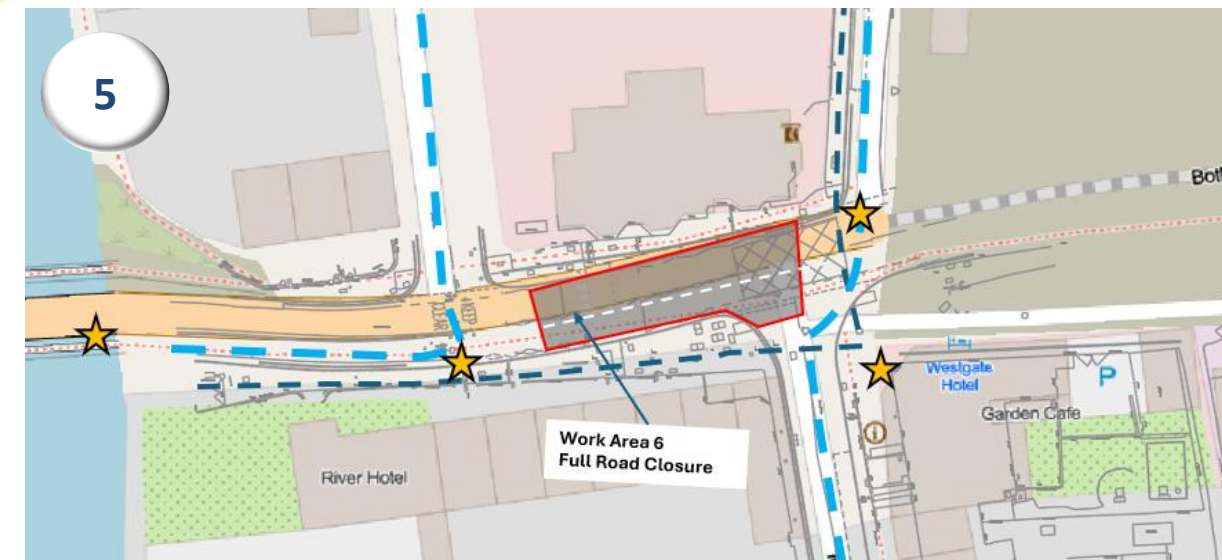
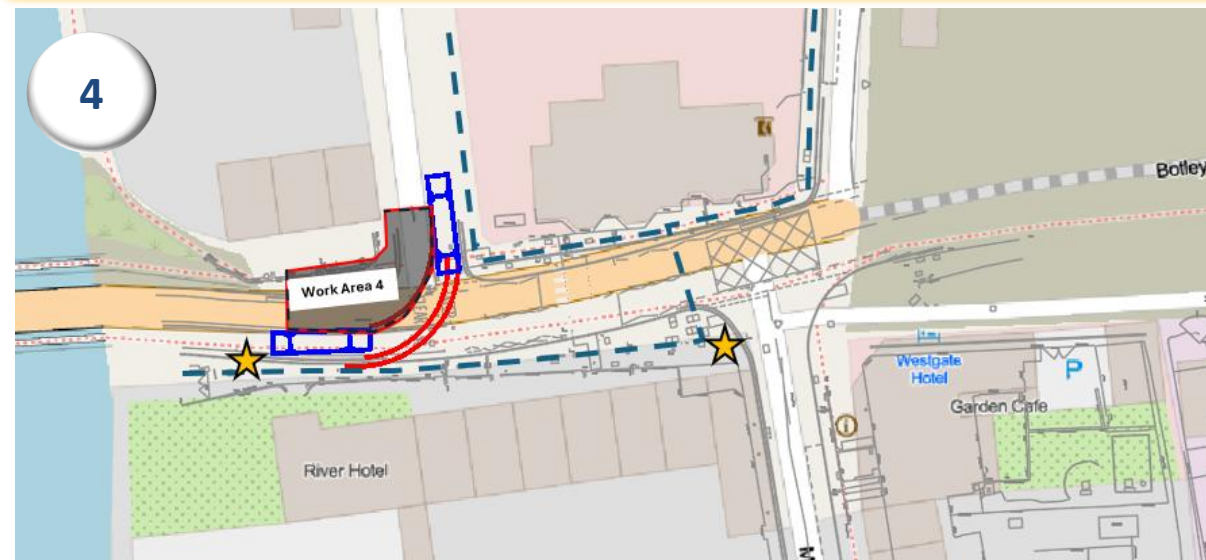
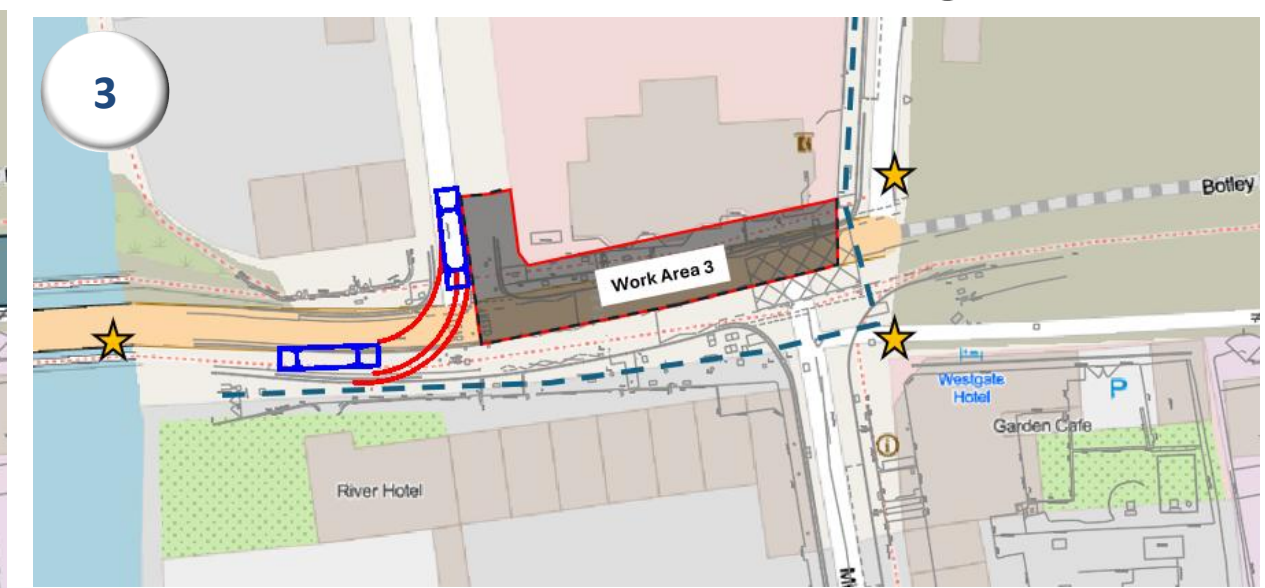
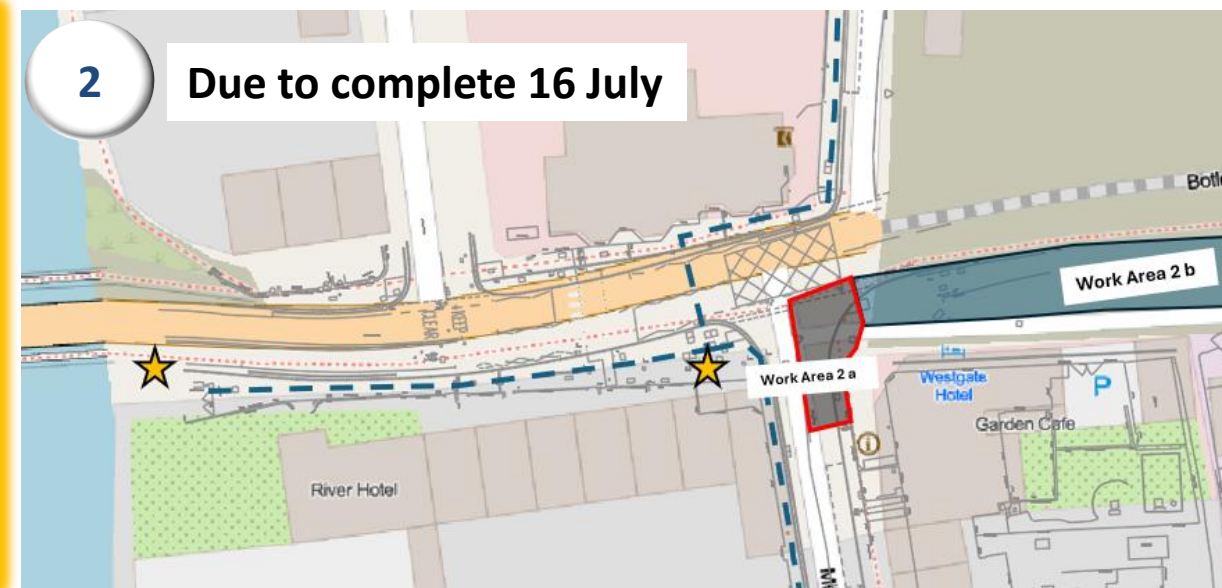


Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) set up ready to connect the main attenuation tank shaft to main outlet under Botley Road



Footway & kerb works May – Aug

1 – 5 & 7: day
6a, 6b, 6c: night



Work re-planned due to:

- Utilities not installed to required depth – had to be lowered
- Blocked drains – had to be cleared

Footway & kerb works May – Aug

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:

Buses will move **at night** to Ferry Hinksey Road for one week in August – stage 5.



Four-week look-back

1. New ground water flood defence concrete structure

- ✓ 1) Waterproofing all Bays.
- ✓ 2) Commence install of base and walls of all Bays.
- ✓ 3) Commence mass fill pour

2. New surface water flood defence tank

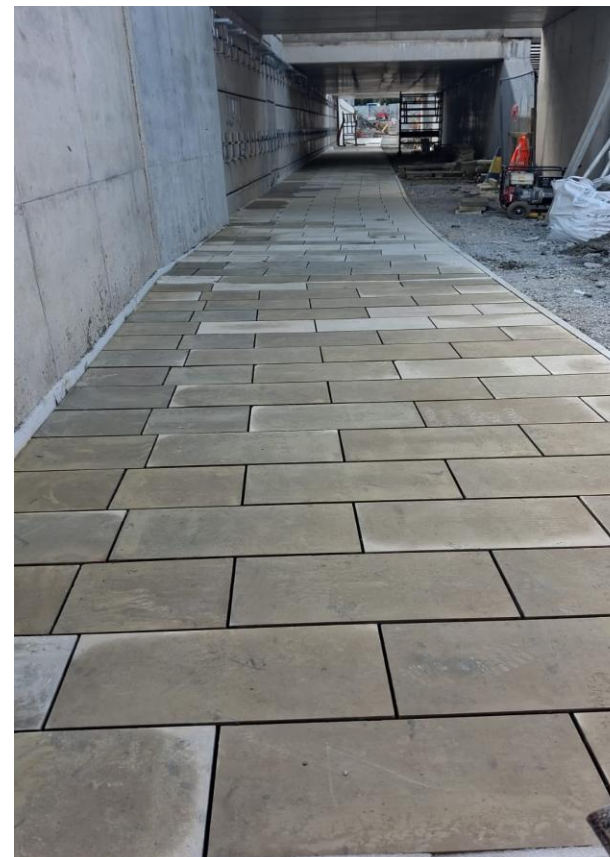
- ✓ 1) Excavation and structure for the flood defence (attenuation) tank at depth (14m).
- ✓ 2) Commence drainage connections and control system.

3. West Retaining Wall

- ✓ a) Commence landscaping and fencing

4. Southern Walkway

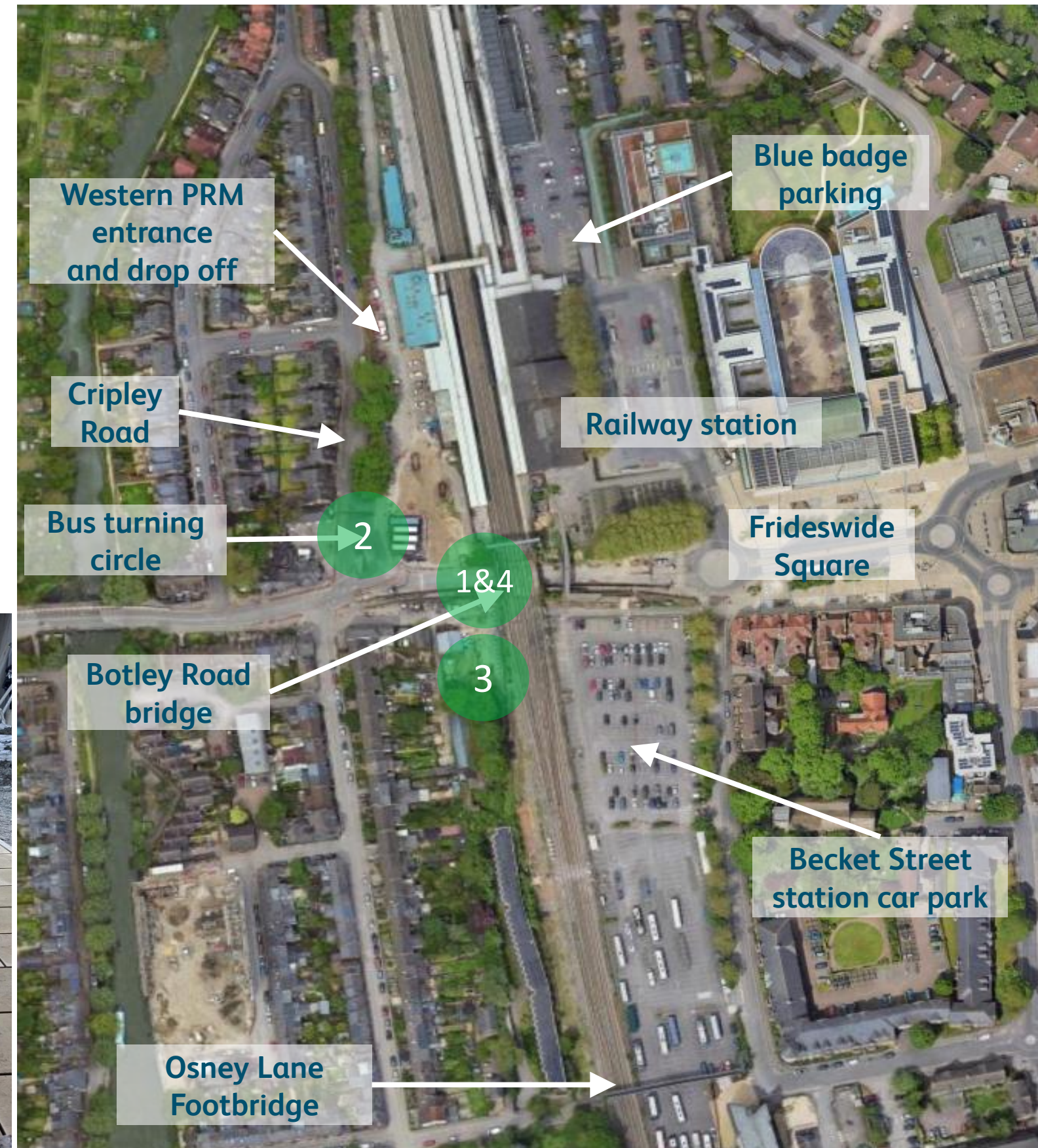
- ✓ a) Capping beam and facias to walkway walls
- ✓ b) Commence drainage and surfacing + footway works



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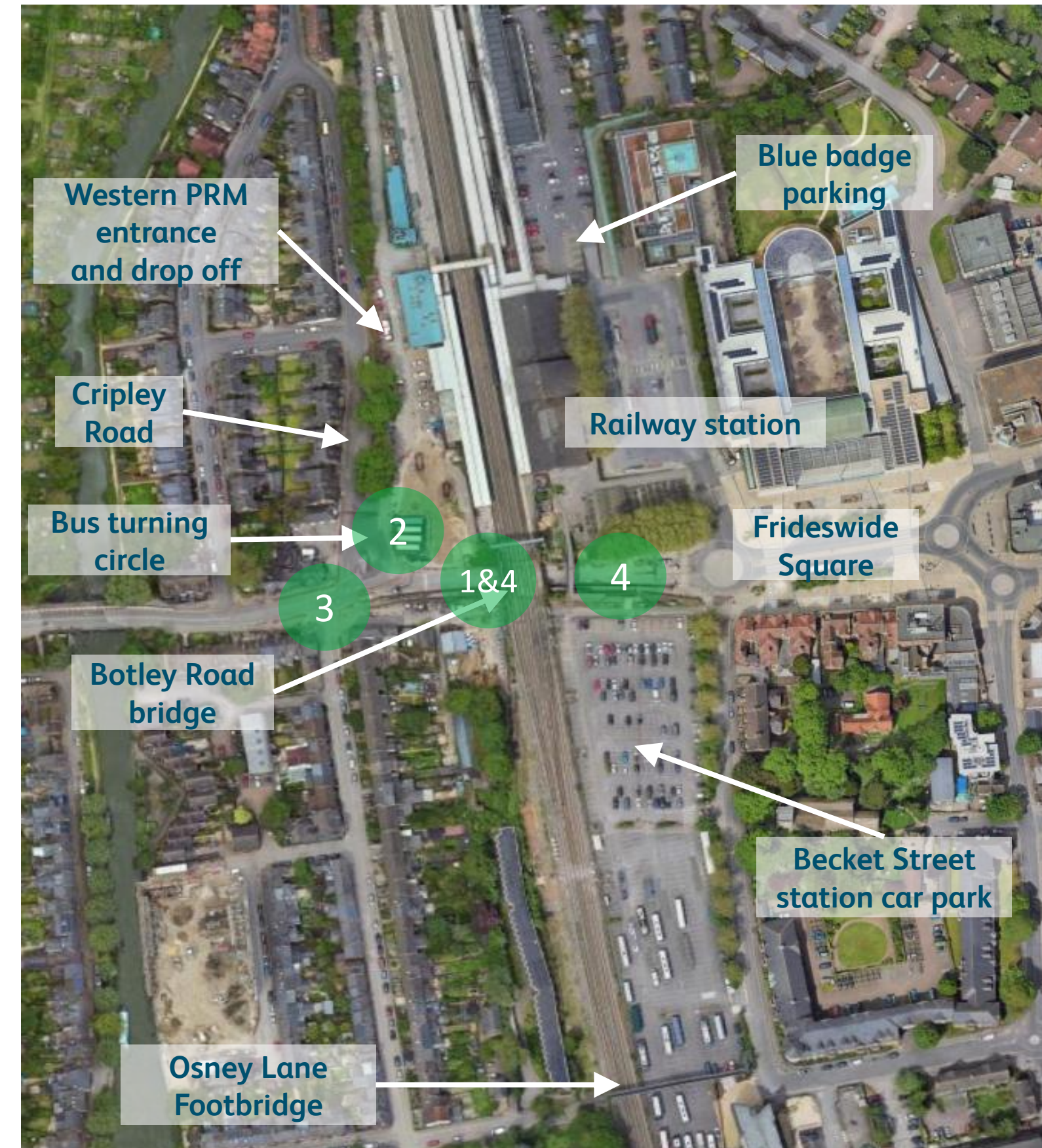
Four-week look-ahead

1. **New ground water flood defence concrete structure**
 - a) Complete ground water flood defence structure.
2. **New surface water flood defence tank**
 - a) Tunnel bore from flood defence tank to manhole in new carriageway.
 - b) Continue drainage connections and control system.
3. **West Footway Works**
 - a) Continue staged footpath works to west of bridge.
4. **Southern Walkway**
 - a) Continue drainage and walkway/cycleway surfacing + footway works
 - b) Commence installation of architectural finishes and lighting.
 - c) Frideswide Sq. remedial works to paving slabs.

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Work impacts – weekend and night work

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18-19 July & 25-26 July – night work

- To install fencing and cable routes
- Overnight work when trains aren't running

Weekends – day shifts

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

August: footway night works

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

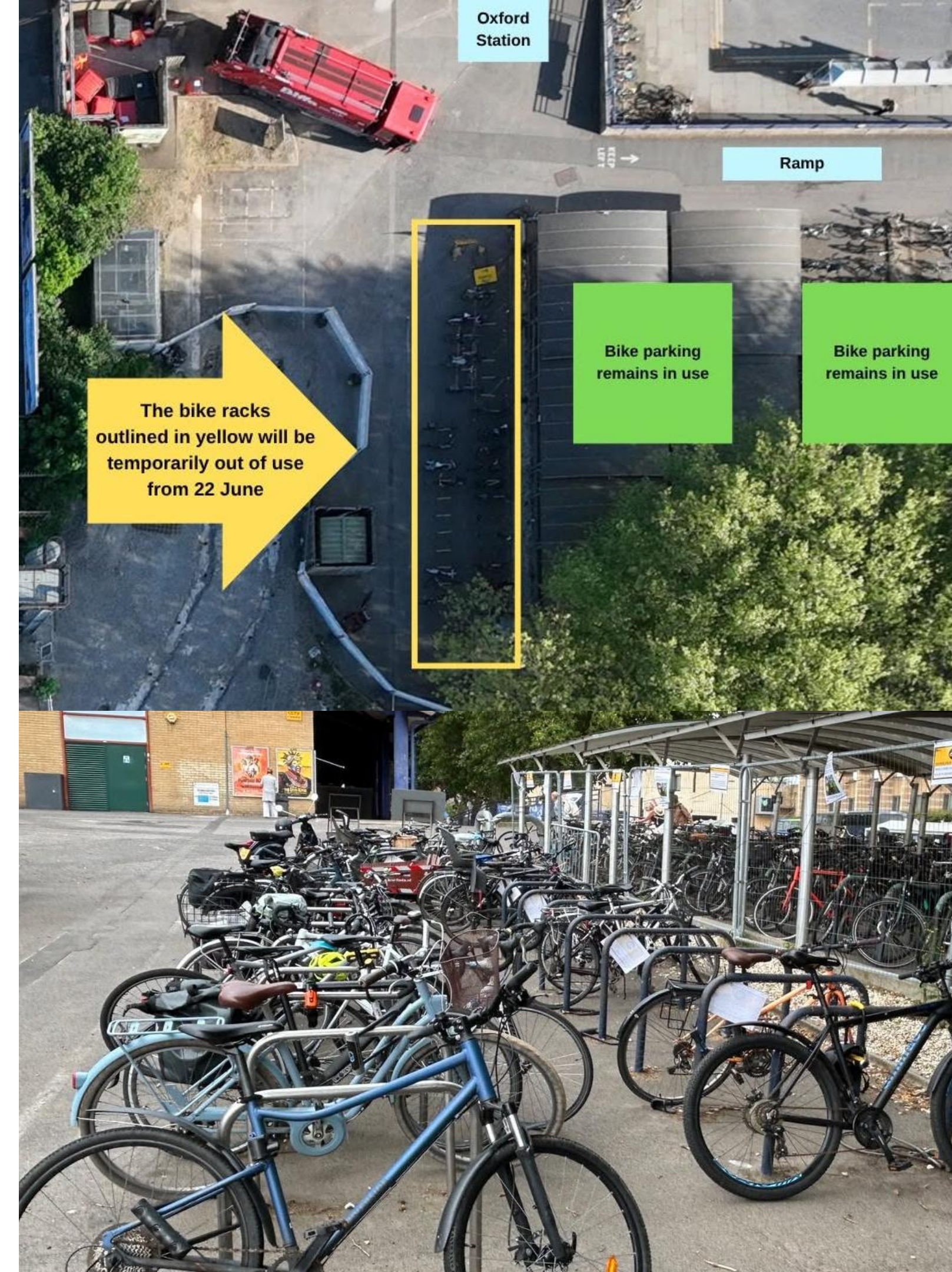
This work needs to be carried out at night, when there are less buses running.

**We inform lineside neighbours of nearby night works.
Every effort will be made to minimise noise as much as possible.
Due to the nature of this work, some noise is unavoidable.**

Work impacts – bike parking

From **22 June**, work on the northeast footbridge means:

- The **top two rows of bike racks closest to the station are temporarily closed**
- For around **six weeks**
- To keep everyone safe while footbridge works take place and there are vehicle movements in this area
- 12 other bike racks remain in use
- GWR team has tagged and removed abandoned bikes to create spaces
- Clear signage has been displayed on and around the bike racks



Western entrance PRM gate closing

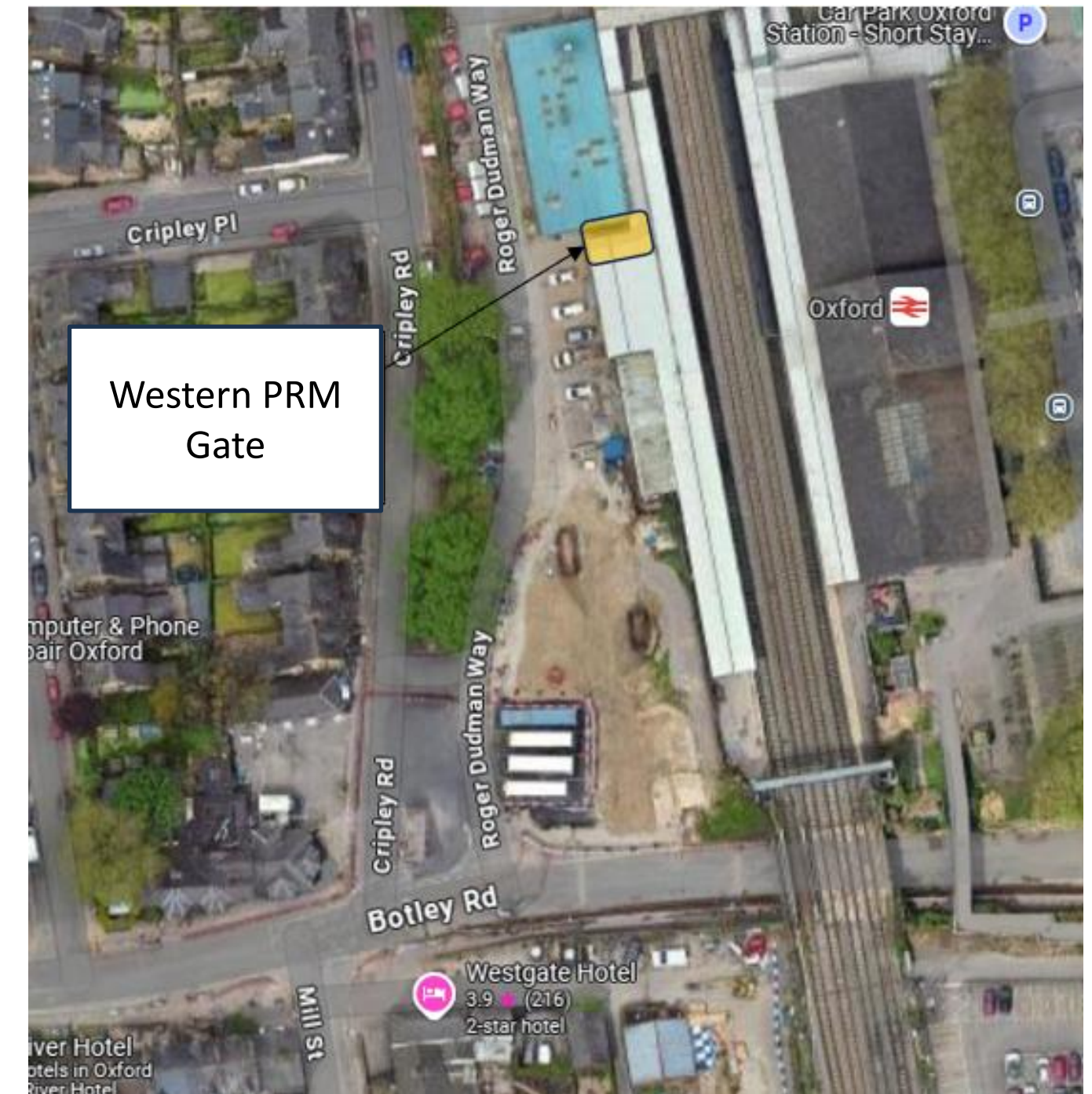
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- During the closure of Botley Road, the access gate to Platform 4 of Oxford station has been available for people with reduced mobility (PRM) to use. This is temporarily managed by GWR.
- After Botley Road reopens in August, this access will close.
- Access to the station will be via the two new, walkways/cycleways on either side of Botley Road.
- The next stage of Oxfordshire Connect work includes building a new western entrance.



Southern Walkway Layout

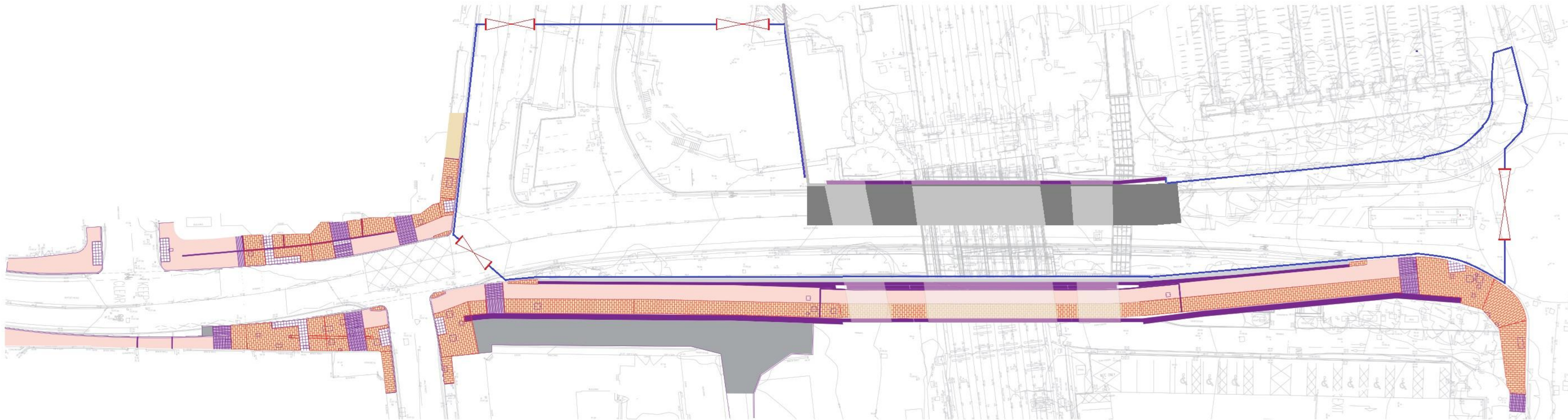
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The walking route under the bridge is due to swap to the permanent southern walkway mid-July at which time the northern route will close for the permanent finishes to be completed.



- 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.

Entry into Service (EIS) Checklists

Go/no go & mitigations

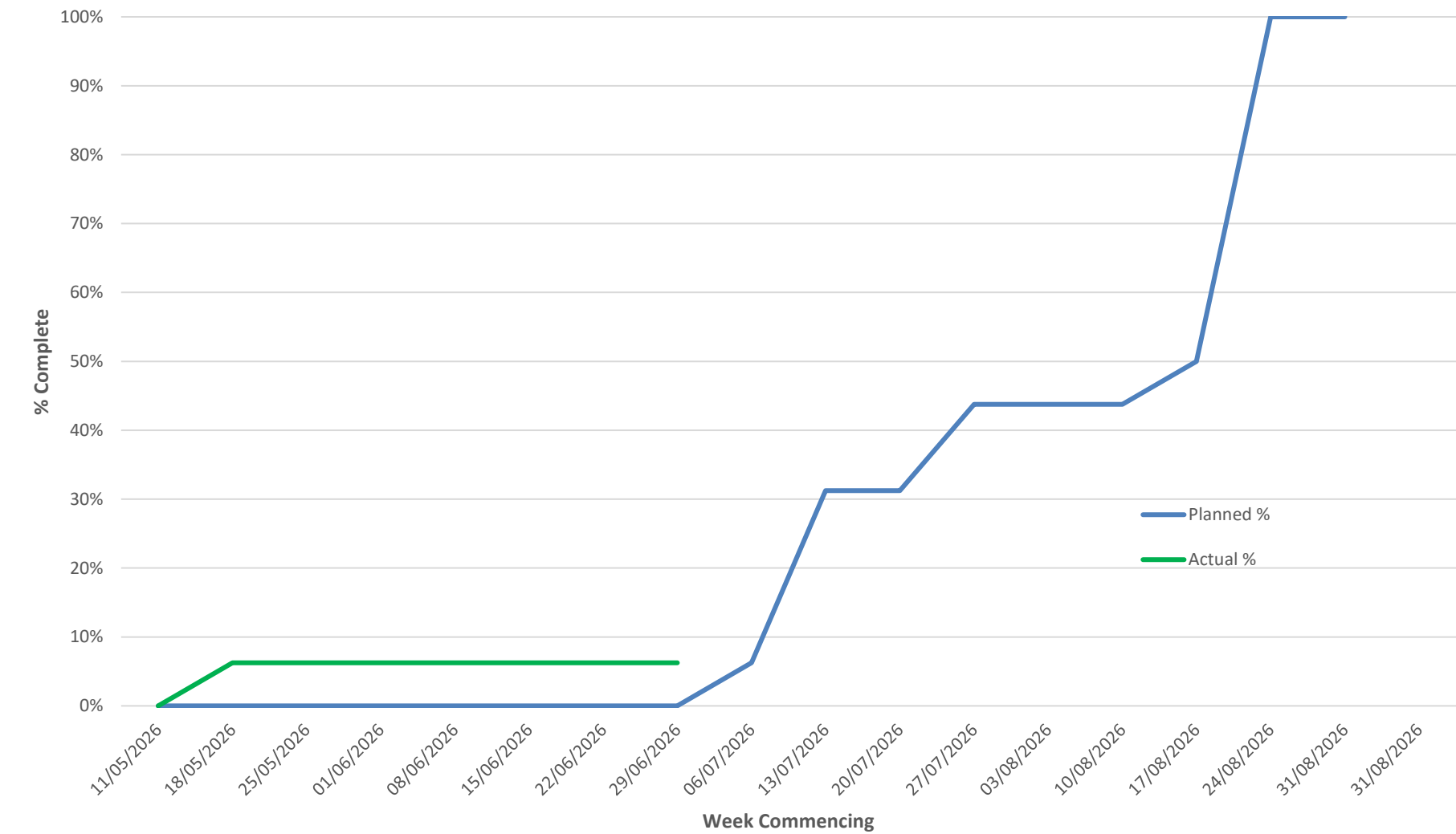
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Botley Bridge Road EIS Readiness



- EIS Checklist jointly produced and endorsed by Network Rail, Kier and Council.
- Weekly EIS Reviews held with Network Rail, Kier, Council and bus companies.
- Delivery ahead of plan, with **5no. deliverables due in the next 4 weeks.**

Mitigations (Protecting Road Re-opening)

DNO connection to power surface water attenuation system

- Temporary power connections to be implemented.
- No impact to Botley Road opening.

Northern walkway may not be open at the same time as Botley Road and the southern walkway

- Restrictions on riding bicycles through the southern walkway would be maintained.
- Kier would continue to provide on-site marshals.
- Road would re-open as planned, with minimal area hoarded off to allow north walkway works to complete.

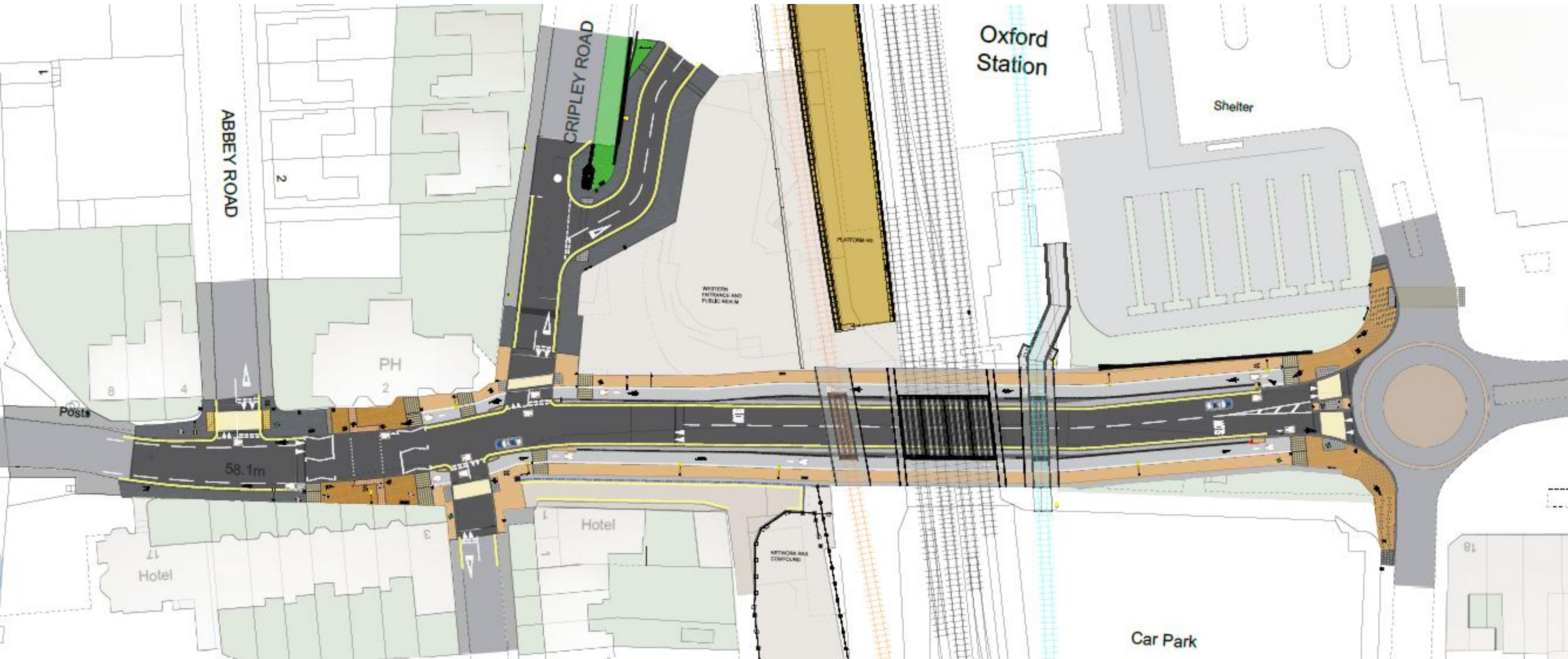
Pump control kiosk not available to commission the surface water attenuation system

- Recovered kiosk sourced which can be commissioned to temporarily run the system. This can be changed out later.
- No impact to Botley Road opening.

Go/No Go Date

- Targeting 17th July to confirm Road Reopening – allows bus companies 6-week mobilisation period
- Noting bus company request to re-open by 30th Aug.

Final road layout – cycle and pedestrian routes



- 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

May-June 26: **Demolition & Pipe Removal** – footpath demolished and damaged pipe removed, exposing fully the existing bridge structure.
Design review – review of existing bridge structure and parapet support, due to unforeseen construction arrangements.

Lookahead

Forecast	Activities
Jun – Jul 26	Design Review – complete the review of the existing structure and parapet support, finalise any modifications to the proposed pipe supports, ahead of removing the existing pipe supports. Demolition & Pipe Removal – remove existing pipe supports, clean and paint bridge, install new pipe and supports. 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 from Osney Bridge.</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.

Botley Road reopening – August 2026

Communications plan

- Raise awareness of road opening
- Provide clear, consistent information about what road opening means for key audiences
- Work with councils, bus companies and partners to align messages

Events

Once opening date is confirmed, two events are planned:

1. Event to officially mark the road opening
2. Community 'thank you' event – after road opening



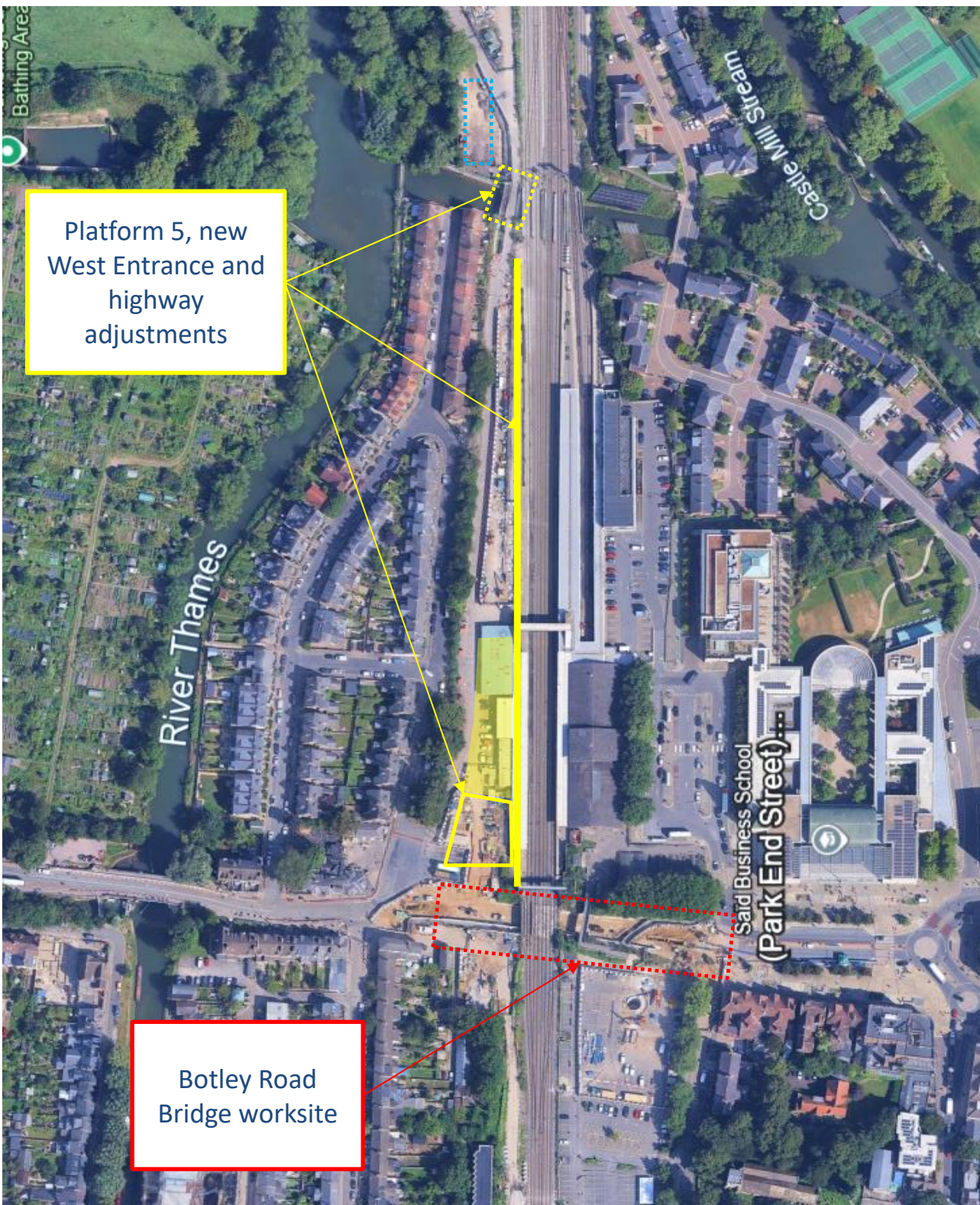
Indicative Rail Scope

Future works to enable East West Rail, including provision of new Platform 4/5 and a Western Entrance.

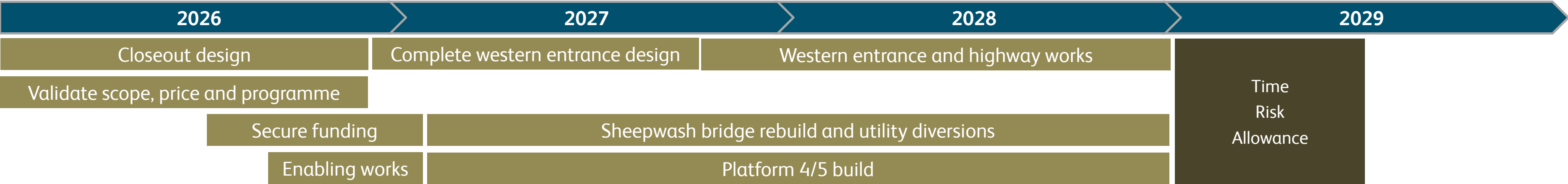
Construction of remaining rail scope paused to allow full focus on re-opening Botley Road as early as possible.

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 retaining wall on Roger Dudman Way required to inform design. Access needed to the rear of properties on Abbey Road in Summer 26.**



Indicative Schedule - Subject to funding release



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 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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