



Oxford Station Enhancements Project

19 August 2026 update

Agenda

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

Who we have presenting



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Botley Road reopening - milestones

Activities	Activity Milestone	Status	Commentary
Gas main replacement	08 August		Completed 30 July
West side bridge crash protection barriers	30 August		On programme
Carriageway works (west side)	11 September		Forecast to complete on 16 September following delay associated with SSE power outage on 4 August
Carriageway works (under bridge + east side)	11 September		On programme
Surface water drainage attenuation works	16 September		On programme
Road-reopening	20 September		On programme

Northern walkway open	By end Sept		On programme, work continues to align to road re-opening
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OCC resurfacing west of NR worksite	14-18 September	Opportunity being explored to resurfacing between Osney Bridge and Binsey Lane – to be confirmed by Oxfordshire County Council	
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Route to August

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

Switch to
South
Walkway



Botley
Road Open
to Traffic



Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct

Ground Water Flood Defence Structure

Approach Walls & Road Slab

West Bridge and East Footbridge Complete

Highway and Architectural Finishes

Surface Water Flood Defence Tank and Drainage System

Flood Defence Control System

West & East Approach Wall + Southern walkway fit-out

Southern walkway snagging

Northern walkway fit-out

Adoption Process

Four-week look-back

1. Highway Works

- ✓ a) Commence pedestrian island works to east.
- ✓ b) Commence highway works to west.

2. New surface water flood defence system

- ✓ a) Install valve chamber.

3. Southern Walkway

- ✓ a) Open southern walkway – 17th July 2026.
- ✗ b) Frideswide Sq. remedial works to paving slabs (now scheduled for after road opening to minimise disruption).

4. Northern Walkway

- ✓ a) Commence fit out of northern walkway.

5. East Footbridge

- ✗ a) Complete lighting connections, drainage and walkway between station and footbridge.



Four-week look-ahead

1. Highway Works

- a) Complete carriageway works under bridge.
- b) Complete highway works to west.

2. New surface water flood defence system

- a) Complete install of drainage system.

3. Southern Walkway

- a) Frideswide Sq. south side bus stop re-surfacing.
- b) Commence southern walkway snagging.

4. Northern Walkway

- a) Continue fit out of northern walkway.

5. East Footbridge

- a) Open east footbridge to connect Becket St carpark and station.

6. West railway bridge

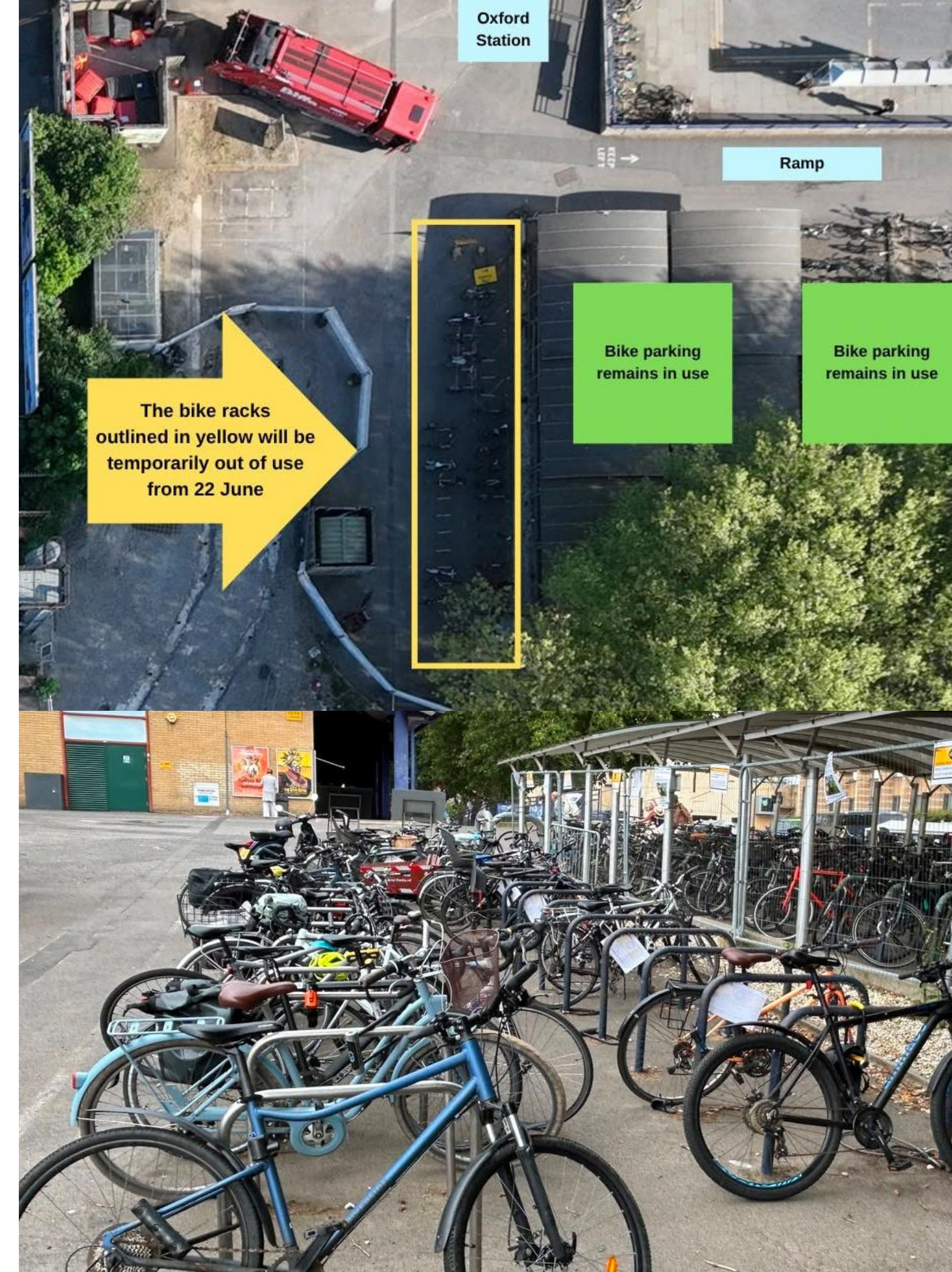
- a) Complete install of crash protection barriers and architectural finishes.



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**
- Bike racks to be re-opened **W/C 24th August**
- 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 tagged and removed abandoned bikes to create spaces.
- Clear signage has been displayed on and around the bike racks.



Work impact

Railway night works

- 22-23 August (with 29–30 contingency)
- Install collision protection barriers by crane
- Completed while trains aren't running

Frideswide Sq. south bus stop re-surfacing

- Nighttime working (2-3night)
- Week Commencing 07 Sept
- Single lane working overnight

Northern walkway

- 24/7 to bring walkway opening forward
- Low impact

Southern walkway

- Finishing work at night when less busy
- Low impact

Communications

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

Work impact

Footway Works

27/07/2026 – 30/08/2026 – Day Shift

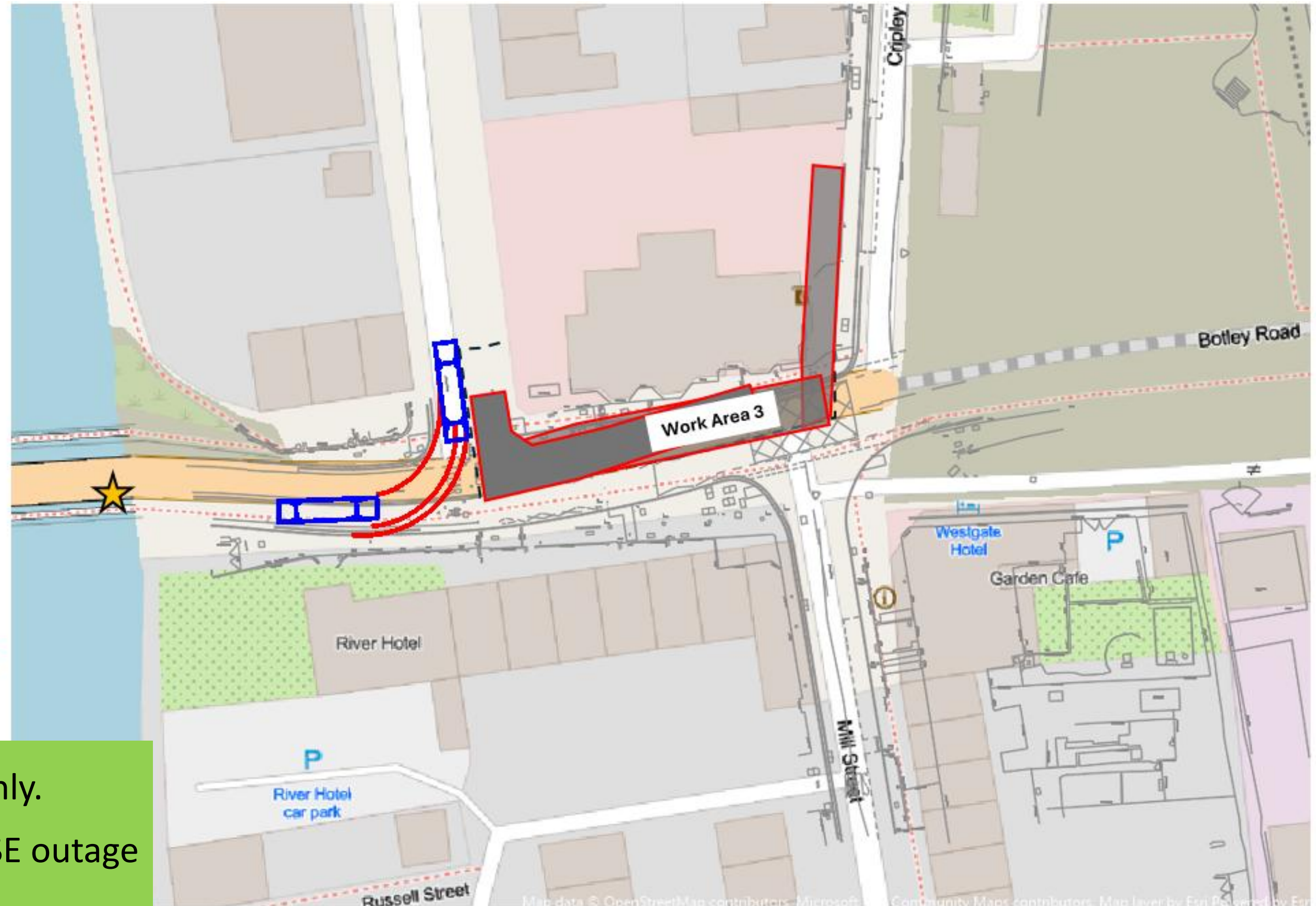
Work Activities

Footpath works

1. Remove existing footpath
2. Realign & resurface the footpath including:
 - Excavate and lay ducting for street lighting
 - Foundation for feeder pillar
 - Chamber construction
 - Kerb line and paving stone installation

Note: Chapter 8 Barrier on Highway side

Properties access maintained & Traffic marshals on diversion points



- Impact to northern footpath only.
- Timeline impacted following SSE outage and subsequent repairs

Work impact

Abbey Road Junction Area

17/08/2026 – 21/08/2026 – Night Works

Work Activities

Monday 17/08

adjust iron work levels on Abbey road and Botley road

Tuesday 18/08

plain off and relay base course

Wednesday 19/08

second layer on Abbey road raised table

Thursday 20/08

wearing course & vac-ex for installation of crossing ducts.



- Nighttime working.
- Access maintained to Abbey Road, Mill Street and Roger Dudman Way.
- Buses Diverted to Ferry Hinksey over night.

Work impact

Mill street

24/08/2026 – 28/08/2026 – Night Works

Work Activities

Monday 24/08

Break out the existing tarmac and dig to the design level. Backfill type 1 for back the road to the live

Tuesday 25/08

Vac-ex temp type 1, adjust iron work levels on Mill street.

Wednesday 26/08

Base course

Thursday 27/08

Binder course layer on Mill street

Friday 28/08

wearing course

- Nighttime working.
- Access maintained to Mill Street – potential wait to gain access and egress between 2000-0500 – except emergency services



Work impact

Cripley Road

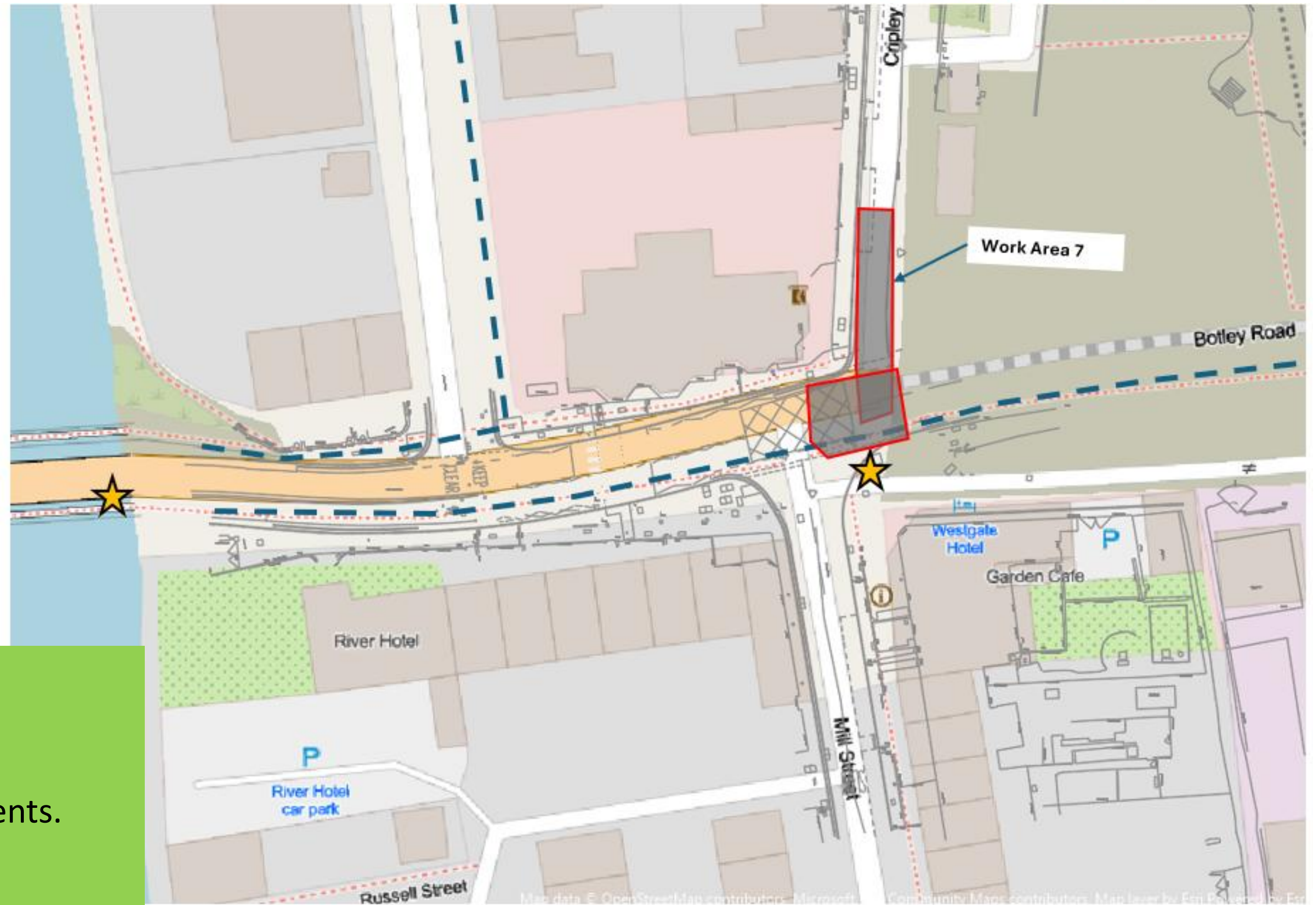
31/08/2026 – 3/09/2026 – Day Works

Work Activities

1. plain off and relay base course
2. wearing course

Traffic for mill street to be redirected through Cripley road post completion.

NOTE: Works to also include Botley road surfacing from west to east.



- Daytime working.
- Access maintained for all residents.

Work impact

Raised Table

04/09/2026 – 15/09/2026 – Day & night Works

Work Activities

1. Full Road Construction
2. Drainage Installation
3. Retarmac/ Resurface:

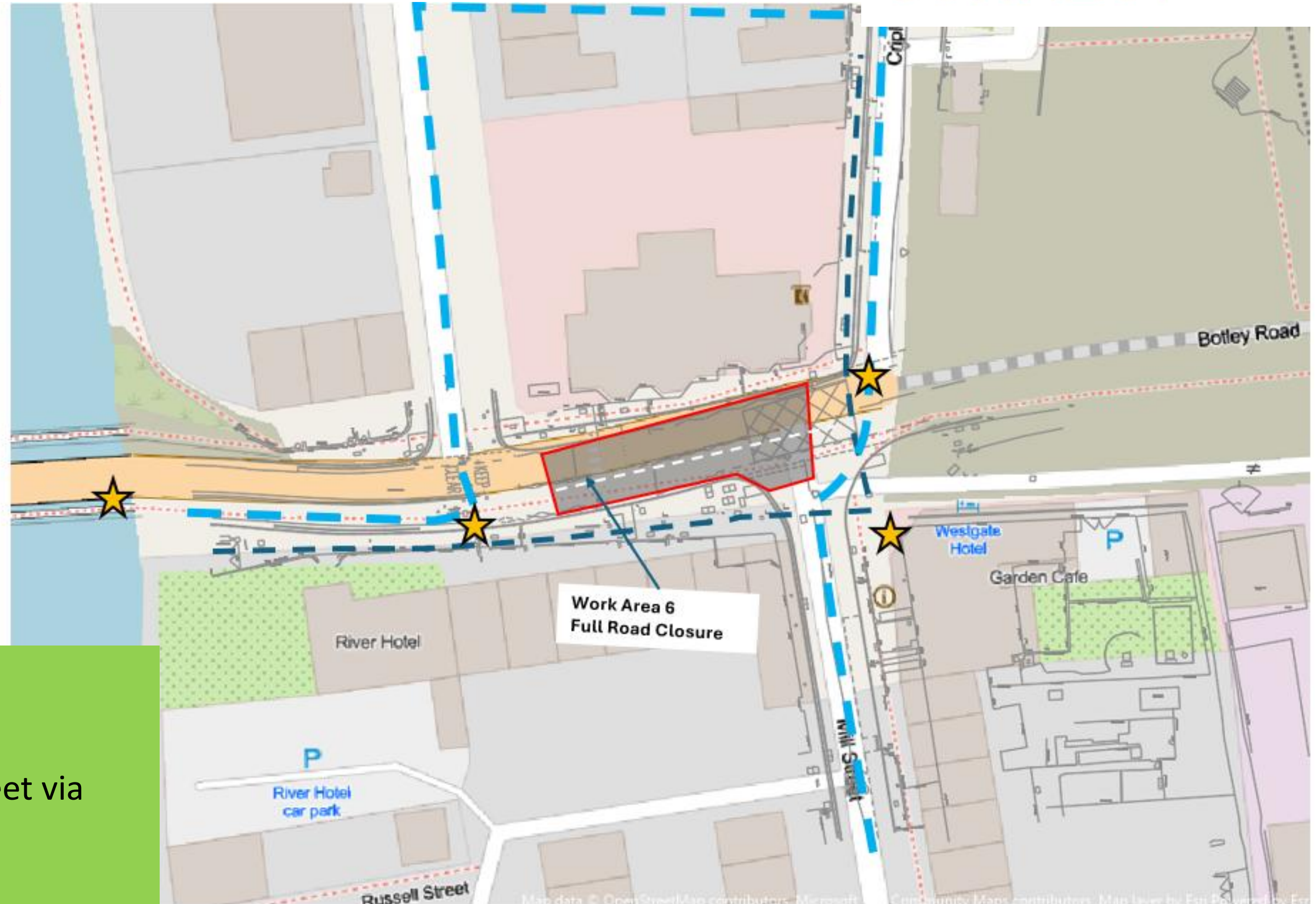
Note: Footpath will be open &

Traffic marshals on diversion points

Traffic to mill street diverted through
abbey road.

Chapter 8 Barrier on Highway side

Works include full surfacing & lining



- Day and Night working.
- Access maintained to Mill Street via Abbey Road.

Progress photos

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Above: Site view 19 August

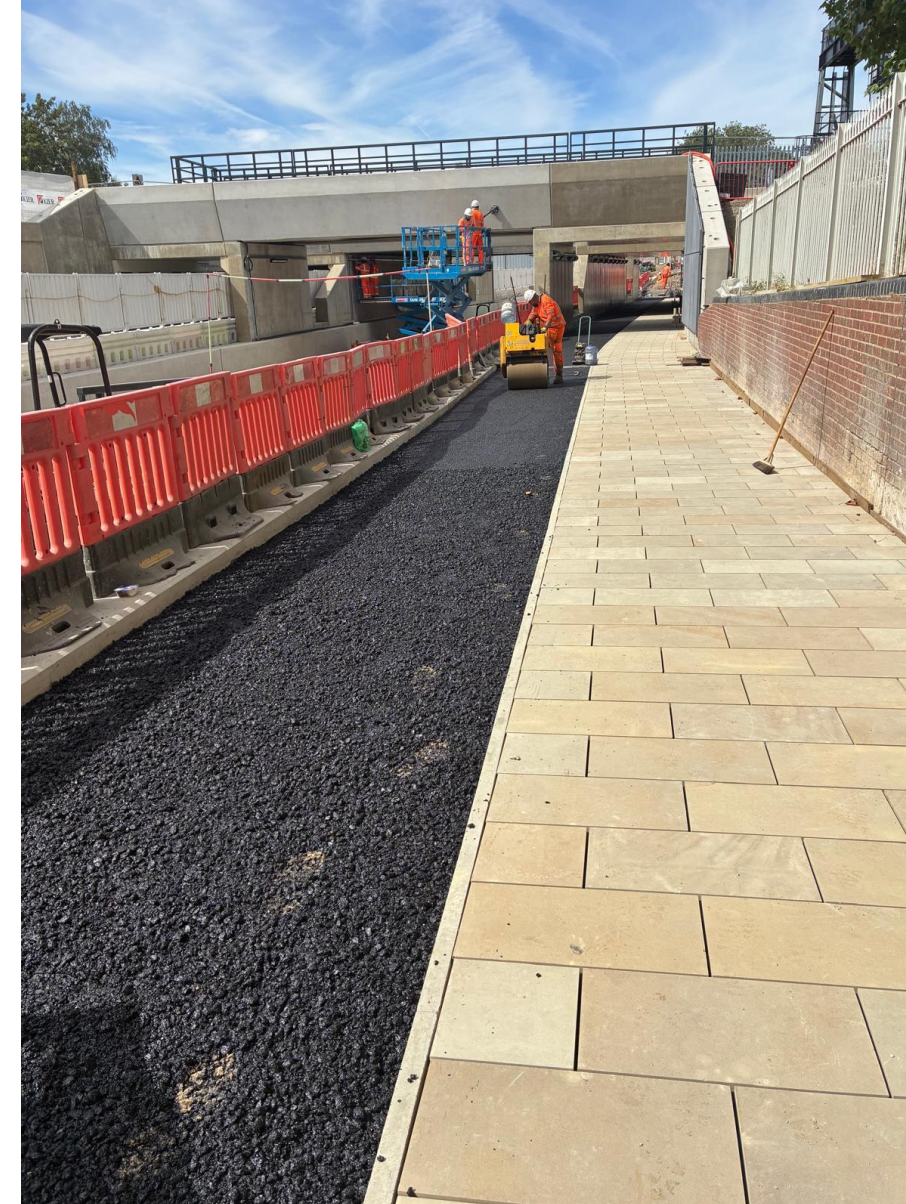


Right: valves installed
in chamber

Progress photos



**Above: Architectural panels for bridge parapets
being installed on east bridge span**



**Right: footway and kerb
realignment works at Abbey
Road junction**

Left: the northern walkway



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



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

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

4-week look-back: Jul - Aug 26:

Design review – completed condition review of existing bridge structure and parapet support, and finalised modifications to the pipe support cradles required ahead of removing existing pipe supports. Surveys of the existing pipework were completed, enabling confirmation of new pipe connection arrangements.

Demolition & pipe removal – existing pipe supports removed, and new pipe support cradles installed. Bridge cleaning and painting commenced.

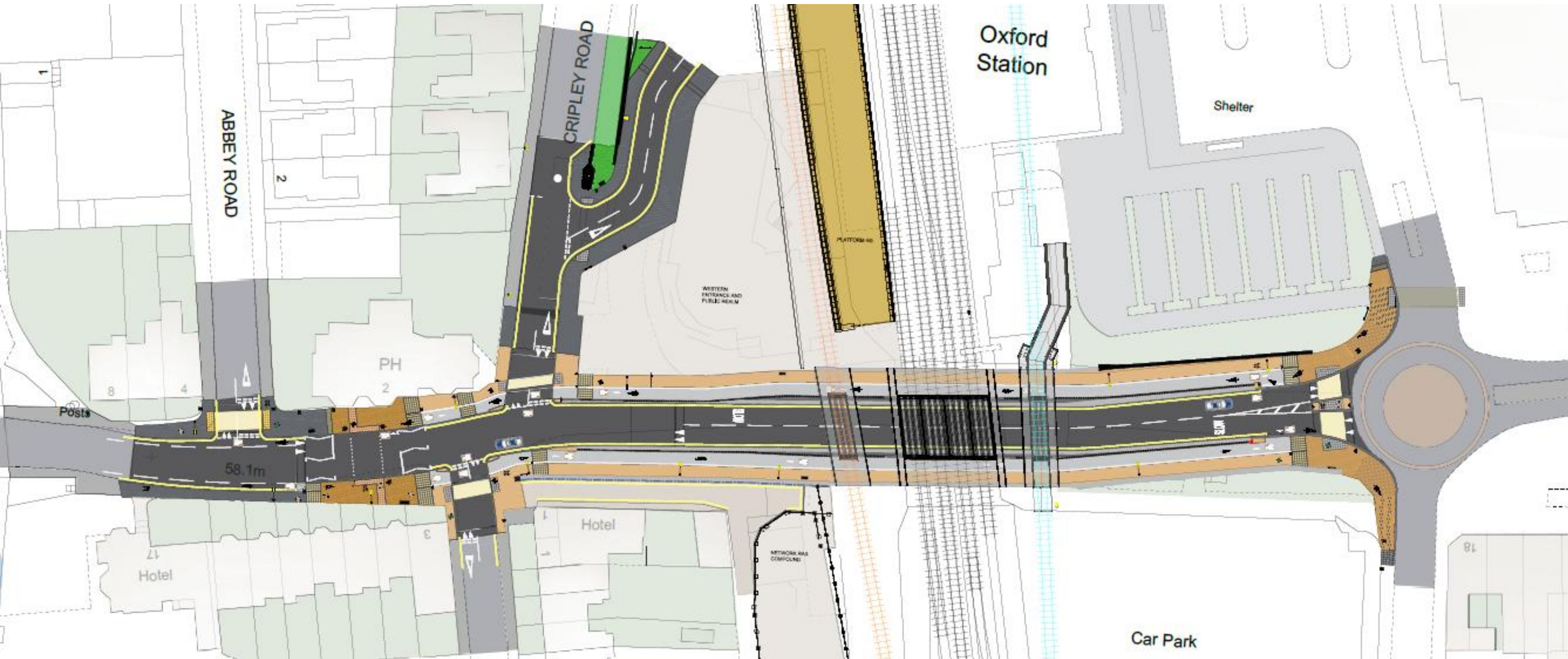
Programme – following Network Rail’s confirmation of revised Botley Road reopening date of 20 September, TW continues to target completion of traffic affecting works by the end of August. OCC has agreed the flexibility of a two-week extension to the lane closure until 10 September, which TW can utilise if required to complete additional works.

Lookahead

Forecast	Activities
Aug – Sep 26	Demolition & pipe removal – complete bridge cleaning and painting, and install new pipe. Testing & commissioning – pressure test new pipe, chlorinate, flush, sample, and connect to existing pipe. Footpath reinforcement & reinstatement – reinforcement and reinstatement of footpath, install formwork and steel, install other utilities back in footpath, remove traffic management from carriageway.
Sep – Oct 26	Remedial works under bridge – remove scaffolding, re-paint bridge, snagging. 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.

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.

Botley Road reopening

Communications plan

- Raise awareness of road opening
- Provide clear, consistent information about what road opening means for people using different modes of travel
- Working with with councils, bus companies and partners to coordinate and align
- Oxford Travel Options website



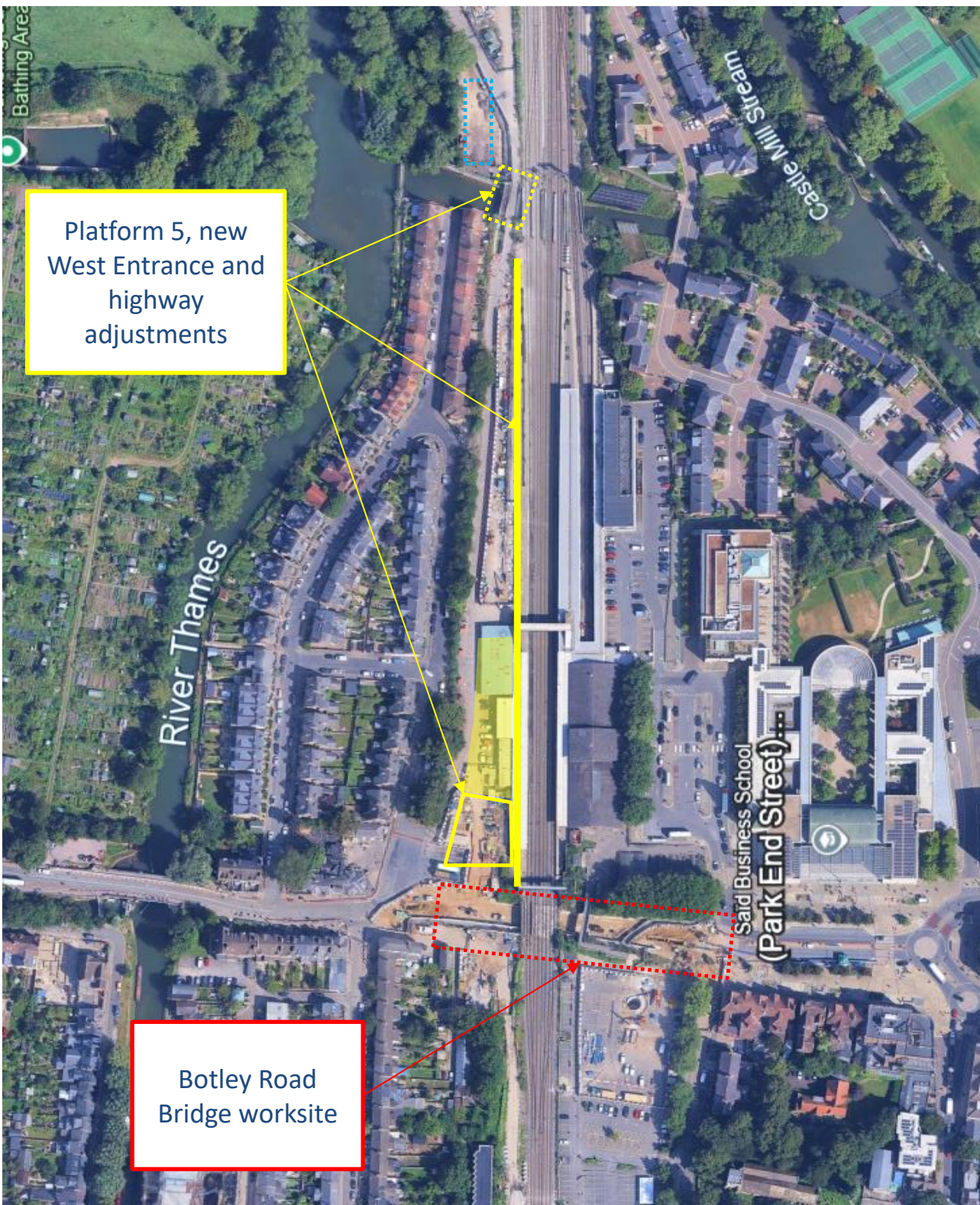
Indicative Rail Scope

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

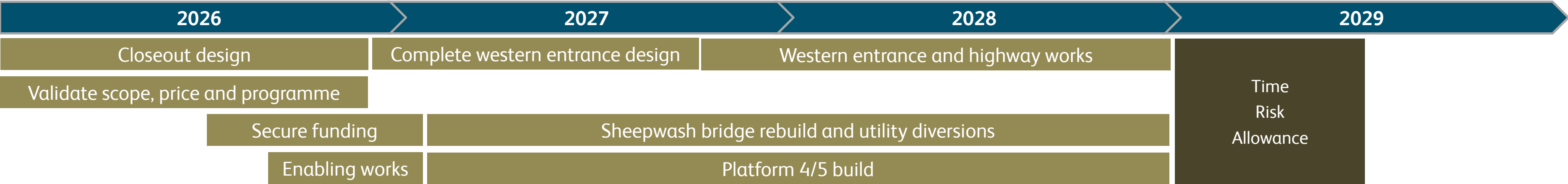
Construction of remaining rail scope paused to allow full focus on re-opening Botley Road as early as possible.

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 meetings – King's Centre

Wed 9 September 17:00 – 18:00 Residents

18:30 – 19:30 Businesses

Provisional Dates for Future Meetings

Wed 14 October Tea & cake, next steps King's Centre

November Meeting date and venue TBC

December Meeting date and venue TBC

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