

Allbrook Road Bridge

Bridge Replacement to accommodate PBA road improvements Technical Note June 2019

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Paul Basham Associates (PBA) have prepared proposals for a realignment of the B3335 to the east of the existing Railway Bridge at Allbrook, Eastleigh. The proposals being presented in their 'Highbridge Road to Bishopstoke Lane Review', May 2019 and 'Allbrook Appraisal', October 2018 reports.
- 1.2 This Technical Note provides further supporting information on the proposed bridge which is to support the realigned road as it crosses the Itchen Navigation circa 40m east of the Railway Bridge. It will also describe future actions with respect to approvals by the Highway Authority when the proposals move into a more developed design.

2.0 Proposed Bridge Location

- 2.1 The B3335 is currently carried across the Itchen Navigation by a reinforced concrete slab bridge spanning between brick abutments, with brick parapets. Eastleigh Borough Council provided limited record drawings for the bridge, and after a site visit, we concluded they were not fully correct but were useable for the purpose of this note. The drawings are in annexe A. The clear bridge spans vary from circa 4.5m (North - upstream elevation) to 4.2m (South -downstream elevation).
- 2.2 Noted on site was a fast-moving cascade of water running in the Itchen Navigation on the upstream side of the existing road bridge. This full width cascade appears to have been introduced to replace the Allbrook Lock, when the canal was decommissioned and comprises five stairs, with a monitoring station adjacent to the top weir. The navigation is constrained by brick walls circa 4.5m apart. By the time the cascading water has reached the upstream face of the bridge a lot of the turbulence has been dissipated and though running fast the water is fairly calm and emerges on the downstream side into a much wider channel (9 to 10m wide) circa 700mm deep when dipped by a plumb-bob circa 10m downstream of the bridge. The wider watercourse then turns west to pass under the arched railway bridge in a circa 4.6m wide channel running circa 1.2m deep.



2.3 The proposed realignment of the B3335 will move the road slightly downstream of the current crossing, to provide a straighter and safer alignment on the approach to the Railway Bridge. The road realignment is illustrated on the Bridge General Arrangement drawing in Annexe B

3.0 Bridge Options

- 3.1 In considering potential bridge options two principles governed the consideration:
 - Supporting the Highway Geometry Proposals from PBA
 - Minimising Environmental impact, including flooding, flora and fauna.
- 3.2 Three Options were considered:
 - Option S 4.2m span The smallest span as a continuation of the canalised watercourse. This would involve filling in part of the current wider downstream watercourse
 - Option T 12.5m span The largest span necessary to avoid filling in the current watercourse.
 - Option U 9m span as implied, but not stated in earlier considerations
- 3.3 All Options would support the PBA Highway proposals, but Option T in spanning the wider downstream watercourse was considered the best solution as far as Environmental Impact.

4.0 Proposed Bridge Option

- 4.1 The bridge is illustrated on the General Arrangement drawing in Annexe B.
- 4.2 In summary the 12.5m clear span bridge will have concrete abutments integral with a concrete deck to avoid the need for inspection and maintenance of bearings and bespoke movement joints. The deck will comprise Precast Concrete beams (in pseudo-slab configuration) to enable quick construction and avoid concrete spillage into the watercourse. Open metal parapets will be provided on the bridge and the approach walls.
- 4.3 The bridge will be designed and constructed to adoptable standards in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). It will therefore be capable of supporting



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4.4 At least the deck slab of the existing bridge will be removed following the realignment of the road

5.0 Future Actions

- 5.1 As the proposed bridge will be adopted by Hampshire County Council (HCC), they have confirmed the Technical Approval procedures required by the DMRB are to be used. Technical Standard BD2 (current version BD2/12) will be used for Technical Approval of the proposed Bridge. HCC have advised that the first stage of that procedure, an Approval in Principle (AIP), should commence at the earliest opportunity. It is the WYG experience that at least a year should be allowed between initial discussions regarding the AIP and the expected start of construction to allow adequate time for consideration of the AIP and the detailed design of the bridge, based on the approved AIP.
- 5.2 On a separate but related bridge structure, the PBA alignment will involve adjustments to the Highway under the Railway Bridge. It is recommended that when proposals for the alignment under the Railway Bridge are further developed post local plan adoption, a joint meeting is held with Network Rail and HCC to ensure both Highway and Rail technical approval procedures are coordinated, both seeking to protect public use of the bridge, over and under



Annexe A - EBC Record Drawings





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Annexe B – Bridge General Arrangement



