

18th March 2026, 14:00 pm

Boxted Bridge Meeting

Attendees:

[REDACTED]

ACTION	OWNER	STATUS
Supplementary note re Boxted Bridge and planning committee.	[REDACTED]	Actioned – Please see attached.
Provide dynamic load-testing information and contact details for Local Authorities who have permitted third-party testing.	[REDACTED]	
Provide confirmation of critical stresses identified to date from previous modelling.	[REDACTED]	To be provided after May elections. Information offered on goodwill basis and not to be shared publicly.
Confirm that monitoring on the bridge has started and supply further detail.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] to double check and update

Notes:

[REDACTED] Opened meeting by stating that intention is to find a way for all parties to work together collaboratively.

[REDACTED] Boxted Bridge has been load tested by the Structures team, and implemented the TTRO determining that the bridge (the central 2m strip) can be used by pedestrians and cyclists.

ECC can use existing load-testing results to model whether vehicular traffic could be safely permitted.

[REDACTED]: Why was vehicular traffic NOT part of the original Load Testing?

[REDACTED] Notes that the new modelling will take place as soon as practically possible. Happy to keep [REDACTED] updated with progress after the elections.

[REDACTED] What is the timescale for this?

[REDACTED] Timeline can be confirmed after the May elections.

[REDACTED] Notes that ECC will wait for the results of the report, which will inform further discussions.

[REDACTED]: Raised frustration about unanswered requests for information.

█ Acknowledged frustrations.

█ Asked whether Highways have investigated potential repairs following Planning Committee direction.

█ Planning Committee could only consider material planning considerations, and this was reiterated during the committee.

█ What are the Critical Stresses on Modelling done to date?

█ Feedback will be provided after elections. Emphasised confidentiality and that information provided should not be shared further.

█ Agreed to treat information in confidence, but highlighted need to report today's meeting back to residents.

█ Has the monitoring started on the bridge?

█ Will double check and provide more details.

█ What is the issue of a third party conducting Dynamic Testing on the Bridge?

█ Concerned about liability issues because ECC would lack insurance for non-contracted third parties.

█ Stresses that this is not something that would damage the structure of the bridge.

█ Requests that █ provides examples, contact details and technical data from Local Authorities that have accepted this. If supplied with details, can investigate this further.

█ Agreed to provide information.

█ What is the effect of LGR?

█ As decision has not been published by National Government, it is too early to comment. However, a Local Authority will have responsibility for the Bridge.

█ Closed the meeting by reiterating that ECC are looking for a positive way forward.