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Dear Business Owner/Occupier

Consultation to launch on proposed re-opening of Boxted Bridge to pedestrians and cyclists

We are writing to update you on the future of Boxted Bridge following load tests carried out last September to assess how much weight the bridge can withstand. Based on these findings, we are now proposing a limited re-opening of the bridge to pedestrians and cyclists only.

A public consultation will be launched on **22 January 2026** and will run until **12 February 2026**. Feedback gathered during this period will help shape the next steps for the bridge's future.

If the proposal moves forward, we will develop plans for the safest way to re-open the bridge for pedestrians and cyclist use as soon as possible in the near future. As well as opening the bridge for pedestrians and cyclists, the waterway under the bridge will also be opened as soon as possible.

The load test carried out on the bridge in September found that the bridge's structural condition made it unsafe for vehicles to cross. However, it found the bridge could accommodate a path for pedestrians and cyclists.

We know how important Boxted Bridge is for local connectivity, and we encourage residents and all other users to share their views on the proposal.

Your feedback will help us ensure the solution meets local needs while preserving the character of this much-valued structure within the Dedham Vale National Landscape.

All associated documents for the proposed scheme will be available on the Essex Highways website from 22 January 2026: www.essexhighways.org/Traffic-

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Regulation-Orders. All comments should be made within the consultation period quoting reference **TRAF8771**, either by post to the Network Assurance Team, at Essex County Council or by email to: TrafficRegulation.Order@essexhighways.org.

Information will also be available on our dedicated webpage '**Boxted Bridge, Wick Road, Boxted, Colchester**' which is accessible from www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes. Alternatively, use a QR reader (such as the camera on your smart phone) to access the webpage using the QR code provided with this letter.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

Essex Highways

