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| **Scheme Name** | Sanders Lane Bridge |
| **Date of correspondence** | 17 June 2025 |
| **Our ref** | SLEB |
| **Location** | Sanders Lane, NW7 |
| **Start Date** | July 2025 |
| **Duration of works** | Approximately 3 months |
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Dear Resident / Business

**RE: Sanders Lane Bridge closure**

We are writing you update on Sanders Lane Bridge closure.

As you will be aware, Sanders Lane Bridge has been closed since March 2023 after a structural defect was found that created an immediate safety risk.

We would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the bridge being closed for some years. Due to the nature of the structural issue and the age of the bridge, we had to carry out large scale investigations and surveys to establish the best long-term solution. It would have been unsafe for us to reopen the bridge during this period.

Following our extensive investigations, a solution has now been found which will include:

* Demolishing the existing bridge
* Building a new footpath at a lower level, keeping in within the natural landscaping of the area.

We aim to commence this work in July 2025. We will write to you again with a confirmed start date and further information at least 2 weeks before work is scheduled to start. If works are delayed for any reason, we will again write to you with an update.

Prior to works starting, we have several tasks to undertake including:

* An ecological survey to assesses the environmental impact of the proposal
* A bat survey to check for the presence of bats in the area
* Liaising with utility companies (such as Cadent Gas and Thames Water) to ensure the diversion of their apparatus before work commences.

Please rest assured that the works will be carried out in line with the ecological features of the site, and that they will be carried out in conjunction with Barnet Greenspaces and Barnet trees departments. The removal of the vegetation will be kept to a minimum possible.

Our expectation is that work should be completed by October 2025, although this is subject to works commencing in July and no other unforeseen circumstances materialising during the construction phase.

To find out more about the closure, our plans for the bridge and latest updates on the project, scan the QR code opposite:

We would like to thank you for your patience whilst we established the best long-term solution for the Sanders Lane Bridge.

If you have any further questions related to this work, please get in contact using the details above.

Yours faithfully,



Daniela Pometti

Head of Highways Asset Management