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25 January 2024

Dear Resident / Business owner

Forthcoming width and weight restrictions: Ealing Bridge, B183 Sheering Road, Harlow

We are writing to advise you that following a recent inspection and assessment of Ealing Bridge, which carries the B183 Sheering Road over Pincey Brook in Harlow, it is necessary for us to introduce safety restrictions at the bridge. These include installing a temporary 3.5 metre width restriction and weight restriction of 7.5 tonne in the coming weeks.

These measures are necessary to prevent loading on the previously extended elements of the bridge which are weak, and to limit the loading on the original brick arch.

Works will be carried out overnight from **Monday 5 February 2024** (between the hours of 9pm and 5am with the support of a road closure for approximately three nights) to introduce the physical restrictions.

Advance signage will be installed from 31 January (with the support of a lane reduction supported by a 'Give and Take' arrangement) at strategic locations in the surrounding area, to provide drivers with sufficient notice of the new limits in place at the bridge.

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We appreciate that these measures may be unwelcomed, however they are designed to keep the public safe and minimise further deterioration of the structure, until longer term improvements are determined.

For further information about our works please visit: www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes choosing the link for 'Ealing Bridge, Sheering Road, Harlow'. Alternatively, using a QR reader (such as the camera on your smart phone) you can access the webpage using the QR code at the bottom of this letter.

Please be aware that these works may be subject to weather conditions being suitable so dates may be subject to change at short notice.

If you have a general highways enquiry you may wish to contact the Essex County Council customer service team via the online form: www.essex.gov.uk/enquiries, or for urgent highway matters call: 0345 603 7631.

We appreciate these restrictions may cause some local inconvenience however we would like to assure you that it is important that these are carried out. Please support us by taking additional care travelling in the area and observing signage in place.

Yours sincerely

Essex Highways

