



MILL ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE

Consultation and feedback on the trial bridge closure

The trial closure of Mill Road bridge to all traffic except buses, cyclists and pedestrians will continue into the summer.

In order to promote cycling and walking during the COVID-19 pandemic, and greener, safer transport, the bridge has been closed to private motor vehicle traffic since June 2020. Red and white 'build outs' have also been in place along Mill Road to help people social distance when out and about.

A consultation on the trial closure of the bridge, received over 3,500 responses with more feedback by letter and email. Unfortunately, a large number of duplicate entries were detected which raised concerns that there had been attempts to skew the feedback to several questions.

It has therefore been decided that whilst the general comments made via the survey can be analysed, it is not possible to analyse the quantitative data gathered about the bridge closure due to the extent of the issue.

This means that the project could no longer be reviewed at committee in March. The Mill Road bridge project will now be reviewed by the Highways and Transport Committee in June.