

## **SUMMARY OF AN UPDATE GIVEN BY OFFICERS FROM AMEY BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAYS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

### **Proposed diversion route for vehicle traffic while the bridge is closed:**

Moor Green Lane will be closed to vehicle traffic approximately 20 metres to the east of the bridge and Dogpool Lane will be closed to vehicle traffic immediately to the west of the bridge whilst still allowing access to Cecil Road. A temporary footbridge will provide a route across the river for pedestrians, wheelchairs and cycles.

Westbound vehicle traffic, other than the No 76 bus, will be diverted via Pineapple Road, Cartland Road, Pershore Road and Warwards Lane. For eastbound traffic the route is reversed.

In order to maintain a close service for residents living between Pershore Road and the bridge, the No 76 bus diversion is as follows: Westbound buses will travel via Shutlock Lane and Moor Green lane, turning left at the Highbury public house onto Dad's Lane and then continuing via the Pineapple Road etc diversion. Eastbound buses will turn left from Pineapple Road onto Dad's Lane to the Highbury then via Moor Green Lane and Shutlock Lane to resume their normal route.

Some preparatory work on modifying junctions will be required to facilitate the safe turning of large vehicles including buses. Some additional parking restrictions (double yellow lines) will be required to allow safe and free movement of traffic. The residential roads linking Dogpool Lane and Cartland Road which include Lyndworth Road, Ashbrook Road, Derwent Road, Avebury Road and Green Oak Crescent will be closed to all traffic other than for access to properties in order to prevent these roads being used as rat runs. Also the Cartland Road service road will be no entry at its entrance from Pineapple Road and the entrance from Cartland Road for access to properties only to prevent it from being used as a cut through to avoid the Pineapple Road and Cartland Road junction.

There will be extensive signage warning of all of these diversions and restrictions and advanced signage outside of the immediate area to encourage traffic to use other routes such as Edgbaston Road and Fordhouse Lane.

All of these measures were discussed with residents at the public open meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. They will be discussed again at the meeting of Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum at Stirchley Community Church, Hazelwell Lane at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November when officers from Amey will give the latest progress report on the bridge replacement project.

**Amey is committed to an early completion date of the project (target during 2012) and will continue to use its best endeavours to plan and carry out the work as soon as possible and to press other parties to do the same.**

Final approval of the construction programme is hoped for shortly from the Environment Agency.

The bridge carries several main service utilities through its deck and so negotiations are currently ongoing between Amey and Severn Trent Water, National Grid (gas), Eon - Central Networks (electricity), and BT and Virgin Media (telecommunications and cable TV) regarding the scheduling of the diversion of these services.

**Further information and background is to be found on the LOCAL NEWS page of the website.**