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Ardleigh Green Bridge: Final Demolition Phase, Road closures over the Christmas period 21– 27 December

I am writing to advise you that we will soon be carrying out the final demolition phase of the old Ardleigh Green Bridge. This will involve the removal of the bridge piers and foundations below the road at railway track level.

To facilitate this work, it will be necessary to close the westbound side of the A127. The closure is needed to allow TfL's contractors to safely lift railway track protection mats, heavy equipment and machinery using a crane, adjacent to the A127 westbound lane. Access for residents and businesses will be maintained throughout.

As you will be aware, this major project is necessary because the current bridge is at the end of its useful life and is beyond simple repair. The new bridge will provide wider carriageways, footways and verges, and taller parapets to protect cyclists and pedestrians.

Unfortunately, these works have to take place over the Christmas holidays as an extended railway closure is required to complete them. In fact the next suitable closure would not be until Christmas 2019.

How our works may affect you

Details of the road closures of the A127 and directional westbound road closures are set out below.

Dates and times	Impacts
From 10:30 until 21:00 on Sunday 23 December	There will be a westbound closure of the A127 Southend Arterial Road (between Gallows Corner and Squirrels Heath/Ardleigh Green Road.) Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout Vehicle access for local residents and businesses will be maintained at all times
From 21:00 on 23 December until 07:00 on 24 December	Closure of A127 in both directions, night times only

	<p>Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout</p> <p>Vehicle access for local residents and businesses will be maintained at all times</p>
<p>From 07:00 until 13:30 on Monday 24 December</p>	<p>There will be a westbound closure of the A127 Southend Arterial Road (between Gallows Corner and Squirrels Heath/Ardleigh Green Road.)</p> <p>Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout</p> <p>Vehicle access for local residents and businesses will be maintained at all times</p>
<p>From 05:30 on Tuesday 25 December until 05:00 on Wednesday 26 December</p>	<p>There will be a westbound closure of the A127 Southend Arterial Road (between Gallows Corner and Squirrels Heath/Ardleigh Green Road.)</p> <p>Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout</p> <p>Vehicle access for local residents and businesses will be maintained at all times</p>

We will make every effort to finish the works on time but adverse weather may necessitate a change of plan. Visit tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews, tfl.gov.uk/status-updates/major-works-and-events/christmas-travel or follow [@TfLTrafficNews](https://twitter.com/TfLTrafficNews) on Twitter for live travel updates.

Buses

Buses will be running normally but please allow extra time for your journey. Visit tfl.gov.uk/bus/status or follow [@TfLBusAlerts](https://twitter.com/TfLBusAlerts) on Twitter for live updates.

Parking

There will be no impact on parking.

Pedestrians

We will keep footways and pedestrian crossings open and clearly signpost any diversion. Residents nearby will be able to access their property.

Noise

We are working closely with our contractors to ensure that any noise from these works is kept to a minimum by using tools and methods that are not expected to be too disruptive, and that the noisiest work takes place during day times. Working hours have been agreed with the London Borough of Havering.

Next steps

After these closures, work will continue in the area on weekdays and over some weekends in two shifts: 08:00 to 18:00, and 17:00 to 05:00, until the new bridge and road are complete. We remain on track to reopen all four lanes of traffic on the A127 by spring 2019.

Find out more

This work forms part of our programme to build a safer, more reliable road network across London. Visit tfl.gov.uk/roads for more information.

Please accept my apologies in advance for the inconvenience over the festive period, and my thanks for your patience while we complete these improvements.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the works, please contact us using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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