Vital workstostrengthenthe embankmentsofthe bridge overthe A329(M) are settotakeplace during thesummer (Monday August 2 to Sunday September 5, 2010).

Theworkswillmean traffic lights and a road closure on the B3030 Robinhood Lane / Davis Street, Winnersh between Bluebell Meadow and Davis Way. The road will be closed from 10pm on Sunday August 8 until 6am on Friday September 3, with a diversion in place.

At all other times, traffic lights will control one-way traffic.

Read on for maps, diversion routes and more about the work.

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Why is the work necessary?
We need to carry out work to strengthen the embankments supporting the bridge over the A329(M). Built in the 1970s by the then Department for Environment, and inherited by Wokingham Borough Council in 1998, the embankments have a history of instability.

Monitoring has shown the embankments moving up to 33.5cm over the last 30 years; in the last couple of years, we've recorded movement of up to 3cm.

What will the work be?
The embankments will be strengthened by drilling out an original retaining wall and inserting steel piling - interlocking panels to form a continuous sheet wall - along the northwest and south east approaches to the bridge. As part of the same project we will be installing safety barriers and rebuilding the road and pavement surfaces.

Why does the road have to close?
The embankment repairs require major construction work, which simply cannot be carried out while the road is open. A road closure also allows us to work on both embankments at the same time to keep the construction period as short as possible.

What about noise and vibration?
The works will undoubtedly cause some noise and vibration but we are working hard to keep these to a minimum and will be discussing this with those residents living closest to the works.

When will the work be happening?
Work will continue seven days a week: Monday to Friday 6am to 2am (quiet working 6am to 8am and 6pm to 2am); Saturday 8am to 4pm; Sunday 9am to 3pm (quiet working only).

Why do it now?
The work needs to be done, to make sure the bridge and embankment are safe for the future. We're hoping to keep disruption to a minimum by carrying out the majority of the work during the summer school holidays.

Will I still be able to access homes and businesses?
Access to homes and businesses both north and south of the road closure will be maintained throughout the work.

What about local bus services?
Thames Travel services 126, 128 and 129 to and from Wokingham Broad Street will be diverted via Sawpit Lane and the A321. The 190 service provides an alternative for those passengers travelling between Winnersh cross roads and Wokingham Broad Street.

Will I be able to walk/cycle across the bridge?
Yes, at all times.

Where can I find out more?
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Major work to strengthen the embankments of the bridge over the A329(M) mean a temporary road closure will be in place on the B3030 Robinhood Lane / Davis Street between Sunday August 8 and Friday September 3, 2010.

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