

We have had an email from Balfour Beatty (BBLP) They had started to build their scaffolding in place ready to commence the repair. However, they have just heard that the case has only just been allocated to an Environment Agency (EA) case officer and the 8-10 week period of consultation only starting now. Without the correct permission from the EA, BB cannot continue with the scaffold installation over the watercourse and commence the main works. This is clearly very frustrating for all parties; this has been escalated to a senior level at the EA by the Head of Highways at HC and collectively HC and BB continue to press them for a swift permit approval. Unfortunately, at this point the EA have not made any commitment as to when that will be granted. BB will keep us updated further once we get further feedback from the EA. We will keep in contact with the agencies involved and update when we have news.