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Dear Occupier,

NOTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL WORKS AT CHETWYND BRIDGE.

Staffordshire County Council are intending to carry out essential emergency works to reinforce the current traffic restrictions on Chetwynd Bridge. The works have been planned to for Tuesday 13th May 2025 and will last approximately half a day, (out of hours 18:45 to 23:45), weather permitting. The bridge will remain closed to all traffic for the duration of the works. Affected vehicles will need to use a planned diversion route.

Chetwynd Bridge on the A513 Croxall Road near Alrewas is the largest surviving cast iron arch bridge in England and second largest in the world. To protect this grade II* listed structure, (top 6% of important structures in the UK), and public safety a series of traffic restrictions were introduced following a comprehensive structural assessment. Regrettably, both the 7.5 tonne weight restriction and 2.3m wide width restriction are currently being breached on a regular basis evidenced by extensive monitoring putting both the historic bridge and public safety at risk. To address this, we are planning to replace the ineffective plastic water barriers currently narrowing the road to 2.3m with fixed concrete barriers anchored to the road.

Please find attached a plan showing the bridge location plan and diversion route which will be signed when the road closure is in place. Access to all properties and land will be maintained.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your patience whilst we are carrying out these essential works. Please contact me on the details above if you need any further information. Updates for these works can be found on the website address below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/roadworks/lichfield/Overview.aspx>.

Yours faithfully,

John Dixon
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