




National
Trust

Stiffkey Bridge

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Decision to remove & replace the bridge

- No-pre-planned intention to remove the bridge.
- Ongoing maintenance and repairs planned.
- Erosion / age - removed on safety grounds.
- Paused to review the situation in 2022 - cost, wildlife, sea level rise, safety, access and legal.
- Decision to proceed in February 2023 as planned due to health and safety.
- Signage remains in place to remind people of tide times and that that bridge has been removed.

Steps required to replace the bridge

- Complex project – multiple ownership, multiple designations, permissions, construction regulations.
- Ownership - bridge spans NT and CE (NE lease).
- Permissions - CE, NE, Planning (NNDC), MMO, EA, LLFA.
- Construction, Design and Management Regulations.



An update on progress to date

- Conisbee appointed (lead consultant/structural engineer) and quantity surveyor.
- Design requirements shared.
- Key stakeholders engaged, permissions understood - CE, NE, NNDC, NCC, MMO, EA, LLFA.
- Explored temporary structure.
- Entered feasibility stage.
- SSSI consent obtained and instructed ground investigation surveys.
- £21,500 spent and committed to date.



Next steps & project timescales

- Completed surveys by October.
- Initial design approved by NT before Christmas.
- Detailed design and pre-app stage.
- Planning application submitted by spring 2024.
- 12 weeks for planning consent.
- 4 months for MMO consent (concurrently).
- Secure funding.
- Tender construction.
- Bird breeding season (April – August).
- Build September.
- Completion autumn 2024.
- Footpath application conversation ongoing.

Questions?

