

Response from Transport for London on Bowes Road footbridge

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Thank you for your email.

Works commenced on site on 30 March 2016 and all the civil works for the supports to the stairs were completed by 29 April 2016. The next stage of works was the strengthening of the supporting trees for the footbridge. Before this could be carried out a detailed survey to confirm the dimensions of the welds and gaskets to be used was carried out. This survey showed that the dimensions of the drawings used to design the welds and gaskets to strengthen the trees were different from the actual dimensions on site. This meant the proposed design could not be implemented and a new solution had to be found.

While work progressed off site to determine a new solution, at this point all work on site stopped. We have now found a new solution and the new model for the weld and gaskets are being generated. After the model is completed the structural design will be carried out to ensure the weld and gaskets can carry the load.

Our contractors have committed resources to ensure these proposals are submitted to us for review by 30 August 2016. After this review, work should commence on site on 2 September 2016 and be completed by 18 November 2016.

I would stress however that these works involve jacking the bridge deck and welding, which requires a lot of specialist activities that are easily affected by weather conditions.

I hope this information is helpful.