

## Planned bridge closures to reduce traffic in your local area

We're making changes to local neighbourhoods as part of our ambitions for safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods.

This includes installing better walking and cycling facilities in neighbourhoods to meet rising demand and reducing levels of traffic using quiet streets by closing small bridges.

The bridges include:

- Salters Bridge, Parklands ward
- Dene Bridge on Castle Farm Road, Dene and South Gosforth ward
- Haldane Terrace Bridge, South Jesmond ward
- Argyle Street Bridge, Ouseburn ward
- Stoneyhurst Road Bridge, Dene and South Gosforth ward

All the bridges are key routes for people walking or cycling to local schools or amenities but suffer from high levels of traffic cutting through residential streets rather than using more appropriate routes. We want to reduce levels of traffic in residential areas and by closing off these routes, we can stop unnecessary traffic from driving through local streets.

We are using Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders for closing the bridges. The legal orders will be operational from 13 August. Public consultation will be in place for six months.

Please visit our web site - <https://safenewcastlebridges.commonplace.is/> find out more about the bridge closure in your area and have your say.

You can email us [transport@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:transport@newcastle.gov.uk) or phone 0191 277 7681 to leave a message and request a call back or information in another language or format.

Further information is also available at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/ournewcastlerecovery](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/ournewcastlerecovery)

# Dene Bridge, Castle Farm Road



Castle Farm Road, South Gosforth

Image shows what the closure could look like on Dene Bridge, Castle Farm Road

**Dene Bridge, on Castle Farm Road** crosses over the Ouseburn in South Gosforth. The bridge itself is narrow, only allowing priority for one motor vehicle and also has height and weight restrictions due to its weak infrastructure. Furthermore, regular use by motor vehicles, and an absence of walking and cycling infrastructure (including no footpath on the bridge itself) is a barrier to the use of active modes of transport for journey around the area.

We are using experimental traffic regulation order to close this bridge to vehicles. This will be operational from 13 August 2020. The bridge will remain open to people on foot and on bikes providing a safe and convenient route for people using active modes of transport for journeys in and around their local area.

Under an experimental traffic regulation order, the first six months of the closure is for public consultation. During this time, people can leave feedback and comments on the closure, and these will be considered before a final decision is made on whether or not to make the changes permanent. **Please visit our web site - <https://safenewcastlebridges.commonplace.is/> find out more about the bridge closure in your area and have your say.**

If You wish to object to the possibility of the Order being made permanent, you should send your objection or representation by **15 February 2021** to Newcastle Parking Services, PO Box 2BL, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 2BL, or by email to [traffic.notices@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.notices@newcastle.gov.uk) in either case quoting reference GH/P44/1257 Any objection or representation **MUST** be made in writing and where an objection is made, it must state the grounds of the objection.