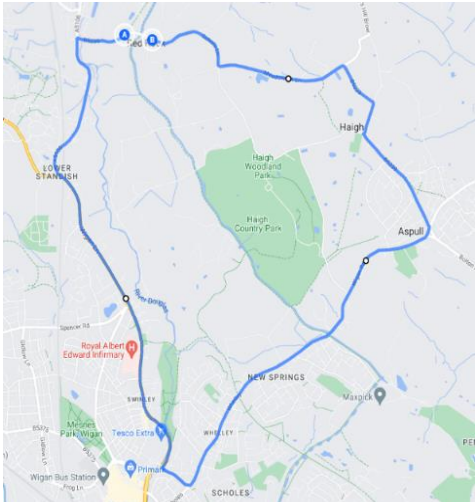


Red Rock Canal Bridge Signals – Frequently Asked Questions

| <i>You Asked</i> | <i>We answered</i> |
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| <p><i>Why are we doing the upgrades?</i></p> | <p>The signal improvement scheme at Red Rock, alongside other infrastructure upgrade options for the area, were originally identified via the Standish Infrastructure Assessment (SIA) back in 2013.</p> <p>In accordance with the Wigan Local Plan Core Strategy, the SIA was produced to inform the Council’s decision making on planning applications for housing development in the broad location of Standish. Further information can be found on the Council’s website via the following links:</p> <p>Standish, Golborne and Lowton investment (wigan.gov.uk)</p> <p>Strategic infrastructure assessments (wigan.gov.uk)</p> <p>Following consultation review, the refined programme of infrastructure upgrades, including Red Rock (and previously completed schemes at Bradley Lane and Market Street), followed the Council’s governance process and were formally approved by Wigan Council’s Cabinet in July 2022.</p> |
| <p><i>How long will the closure of the bridge last?</i></p> | <p>The scheme has been programmed to commence from 8th August 2024 for a period of three weeks. Due to the bridge being impassable during this time, a temporary road closure is required, however should the road closure be able to be lifted any sooner, we will endeavour to do so.</p> |
| <p><i>Will Arley Lane be accessible during the construction period?</i></p> | <p>Whilst Red Rock Lane will be temporarily closed, Rosgal, who are the scheme contractors have advised that they are able maintain access to and from Arley Lane for the majority of the construction phase. They will endeavour to complete any works to the Arley Lane arm between the 12th and 14th August.</p> <p>During these days access to Arley Lane may be slightly affected, however the contractor will be happy to work with residents and businesses with regards to access requirements.</p> <p>There may be a few minutes delay whilst maintaining access, should the contractors need to move any vehicles and materials or cover any excavations.</p> |

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| <p><i>Will I be able to access the Canal via the bridge during the construction period?</i></p> | <p>There will be no access over the canal bridge itself during construction of the scheme at Red Rock for vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians. However, the Canal Towpath underneath the canal bridge will remain open for use.</p> |
| <p><i>Will businesses in the area remain open?</i></p> | <p>Whilst the closure of Red Rock Lane will be limited to either side of the canal bridge during construction, surrounding businesses including Haigh Woodland Park and Wigan Golf Club remain open as usual.</p> <p>During scheme development, we have met with Wigan Golf Club to discuss access requirements and to confirm access will be maintained to the Golf Club, and surrounding residential properties.</p> |
| <p><i>Is there a diversion route for me to use during construction?</i></p> | <p>When closing a road, an appropriate diversion route is required to travel on as an alternative (pictured below.) To accommodate all vehicle classifications and sizes, the route needs to be either the same or a higher road type / classification.</p> <p>To maintain required access to properties and businesses, surrounding roads will remain open as access. <u>There will be no signposting for the use of local unadopted roads as a diversion as these are unsuitable for traffic.</u></p> <p>These alternative routes have been and will continue to be communicated via the Council's social media channels, including Haigh Woodland Park's social media to inform visitors and Park residents.</p>  <p>A larger copy can be found via Red Rock Diversion Route Map (wigan.gov.uk)</p> |

What signage will be put in place to notify road users?

Advanced warning signs in relation to the scheme have been arranged and will be in place at either side of the canal bridge, to give ample notice of the construction period dates and inform the correct diversion to use.

Consequently, further signage will be placed on local roads during construction phase as a further warning, to prevent the mis-use of unsuitable roads in the area.