

**Friday 3 July 2020**

### **Information sheet for Newcastleton residents – Dawston Bridge works and B6357 improvements**

This information sheet is designed to give you details about the Council's plans to repair the Dawston Bridge and outline further work that will be taking place along the B6357 in the coming months.

We hope you find the information below useful and we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we carry out this significant programme of works to ensure the infrastructure in your area is as robust as possible for the future.

#### **Dawston Bridge repairs**

We are now in a position to confirm that the major repair works on the Dawston Bridge near Newcastleton are to get underway later this month.

This will see the B6357 close at the bridge from 21 July for around 10 weeks.

As you know, the structure was badly damaged by flooding that affected the area back in February.

These repairs are part of a significant investment along the B6357, which is of course a vital link for the community in Newcastleton.

Once the bridge works are completed three further closures of the road will be required:

- Burnmouth Lodge – full road closure (late September, exact dates to be confirmed) lasting one week: This will allow carriageway repairs to take place
- Riccarton - daytime road closure lasting two weeks (early October, exact dates to be confirmed): Resurfacing will take place
- Ralton Bridge - daytime closure lasting one week: (mid-late October, exact dates to be confirmed): Resurfacing will take place

Resurfacing work will also be carried out on North Hermitage Street where temporary traffic lights will be put in place.

We will confirm nearer the time the exact dates for all of these works but they will not take place until the bridge repairs are completed.

It is crucial that we start work to repair Dawston Bridge as soon as we can to safeguard its long term future.

I realise this will all result in some major disruption to your community and I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

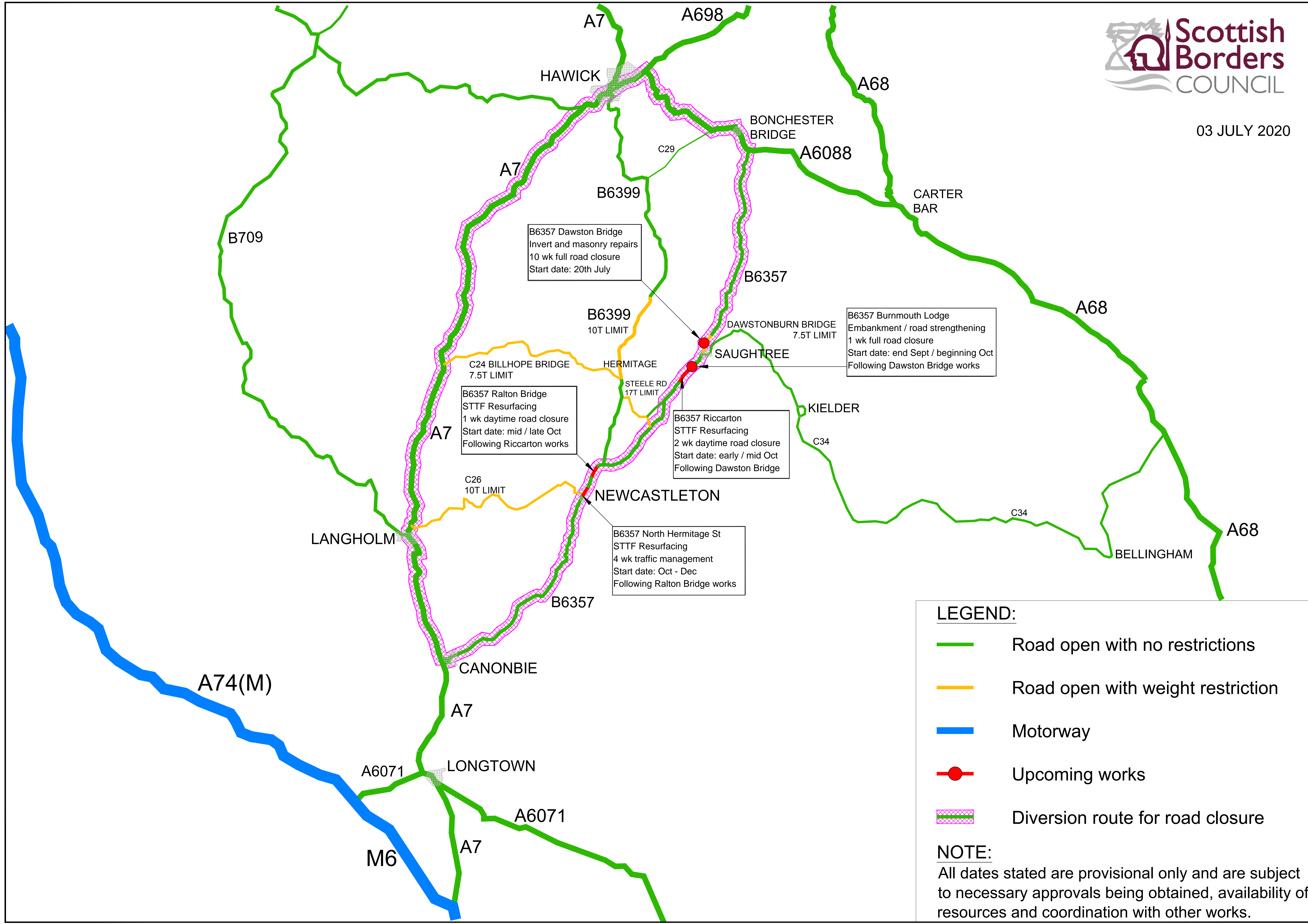
We strongly believe that by carrying out all this work in the coming months, we will avoid future disruption that would otherwise be necessary. It will also ensure the road is able to be used by both residents and visitors for years to come.

Unfortunately it is not possible to undertake all these works at the same time. They have been programmed to maintain access and avoid properties being cut-off.

While the B6357 is closed official diversions will be in place. Motorists will be advised to use both the A7 and A6088 to and from Newcastleton.

Please see the plan on the next page which has more information.

If you have any queries please email [roadworks@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@scotborders.gov.uk)



**LEGEND:**

- Road open with no restrictions
- Road open with weight restriction
- Motorway
- Upcoming works
- Diversion route for road closure

**NOTE:**  
All dates stated are provisional only and are subject to necessary approvals being obtained, availability of resources and coordination with other works.