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Dear Leon Graham,

### **Proposed replacement Moss Lane bridge and ongoing road closure**

I am getting in touch to discuss the proposed replacement of Moss Lane bridge and the associated road closure. We are responsible for the management of the [Historical Railways Estate \(HRE\)](#), including this structure.

The structure was built in the 1880s and carries Moss Lane over Cheshire Lines Brook and the National Cycle Network Route 62 which follows the route of the disused railway line. Due to its poor condition, the bridge and the road it is on was closed in September 2024.

Investigations found a number of defects that have prompted preliminary discussions around a replacement bridge as opposed to a refurbishment.

We would like to hear from yourselves and members of the public who have any observations or hold an interest in the structure or the route.

We are exploring options with our contractors to create a new replacement bridge that could either provide access to vehicles or be opened as a cycle and pedestrian route. We want to know what kind of impact this would have on drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to help inform our future plans.

Depending on the feedback we receive, there are options for any new design to keep Moss Lane closed to vehicles but provide an active travel route to cyclists and pedestrians. Alternatively, a replacement bridge could still carry vehicles depending on demand.

We would also like to hear feedback from people who may have been impacted by the road closure put in place. We would also be happy to discuss the proposed work and address any concerns, should you wish.

If you would like someone to discuss our proposals please send any correspondence to the address above or send an email to [hreenquiries@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:hreenquiries@nationalhighways.co.uk)

We kindly ask that you please get in touch before Friday 19 December 2025, after which point we will be reviewing the feedback received and deciding on a preferred option.

You can find out more about the Historical Railways Estate, including further information and images of the structure, on our [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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