

Bridging the Gap

Bridge Installation

Sunday 3rd September 2017 00.30hrs – 07.00 hrs

We recognise that the many dedicated supporters of the GCR have been waiting for several years to see the first part of the Bridging the Gap project come to fruition. For individuals planning to come along to view the installation, we would like to issue some information which we hope will enable spectators to remain safe and abide by the instructions given to us by our contractors.

- You will have noted the size of the crane and be aware that each of the two bridge decks is approximately 37m long, each weighing 40 tonnes. This means that the radius across which the crane has to swing will be considerable and we are advised by MPB that the bridge decks will swing across the north embankment (owned by EMRT/GCRN)
- **It is imperative that No SPECTATORS attempt to access the embankment or the GCR railway bridge over the A60 to view the installation work during the hours of operation.**
- There will be no access to the two site compounds by members of the public – either from the access road off the A60 opposite the Brush entrance or off Railway Terrace. Security guards provided by the contractors will be positioned at each site entrance.
- There will be no access via the Preci Spark car parks adjacent the work site. Please be aware that the Preci Spark site is private property and Preci Spark have been very cooperative throughout all the planning and installation work.
- The only viewing areas will be from the A60 road or close to the entrance to the recycling centre off Railway Terrace. Be aware that these are public highways and it has not been possible to close the roads on the night.
- Be aware too that the parapets of the road bridge on the A60 over the Midland Mainline are very high and it is difficult to see over these and the pavement is very narrow.
- Free parking will be available at the Railway Station across the road – we have been given permission to park in the bus and taxi areas. Please note that the barriers to the main car park will remain closed.
- GCR cannot be held responsible for the actions of the public on the night but urge anyone attending to be mindful that this is an operating site with work scheduled to take place during the overnight closure of the main line. **Work cannot continue after the scheduled times so must not be delayed by the actions of GCR/members of the public.**