

Wroxall Embankment Stabilisation Project

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the work being done now

Ideally, we would have liked to have carried out the work sooner. However, we have had to take into account other major works, including the closure of Leeson Road and need for maintenance on The Graben, both of which are on the main diversion route.

Weekly inspections have been undertaken at the site to ensure the temporary measures are fit for purpose. Specialist consultants Atkins undertook a special inspection in November 2025, they have advised that temporary measures should not remain in place past summer 2026.

Obviously, we do not want to undertake the work in the main tourism season and neither is it advisable to undertake heavy earthworks in the winter when rain can be expected. This leaves us with the planned window of opportunity.

Why can't work be done as part of the current resurfacing work?

This work cannot be completed under the existing closure because doing so would leave properties between the two work sites inaccessible. Additionally, the section of highway adjacent to the new retaining wall requires resurfacing as part of the current scheme.

Operating two adjacent work sites simultaneously would also create operational challenges and risk extending both projects.

Though work cannot be carried out simultaneously, we have, to minimise disruption, already co-ordinated with BT so the utility company can carry out preparatory work during the current closure.

What material is being used to create the new embankment?

We are using a specialist system of pre-cast concrete blocks that will be contoured to look like traditional stonework as per the picture below. The solution is strong and durable and will complement the rural nature of this location.

Please see photograph - example of Redi-rock system, similar in nature to what will be installed at Wroxall:



Won't the recently resurfaced road be damaged by the embankment work given that heavy plant and earth removal is involved?

This section will be protected against possible damage during the embankment project using matting and sheeting.

How can I be kept informed of progress?

We will be issuing updates via the X platform (formerly Twitter) @Island Roads and via the media as required.

We will also be posting updates on our website www.islandroads.com under the 'current works' tab on the home page. In addition, an email group has been created an email group to distribute updates on the current resurfacing scheme. Updates will be sent to this group which you can join by emailing info@islandroads.com

You can email the project team via info@islandroads.com