

Hi Susan,

We're currently having the design completed by our structural consultants. From there we'll be able to get the Risk Assessments and Method Statements documented so that we can get the EA permit. As we apply for the permit we'll be able to discuss with EA when we're best to carry the works out.

Kind Regards

From: assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk <assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2021 10:15

To:

Subject: Collapse of Wall and Road into River on Halifax Rd Opposite Lobb Mill

Dear ,

I was asked at the last meeting of the Development Committee to express serious concern about the collapse of the wall and road on Halifax Rd between Haugh Rd and Lobb Mill into the river.

Members noted that there had been a barrier erected around this site for some time, possibly since the lockdown in March 2020. Upon closer inspection it seems that around 10 metres of the wall and road has collapsed into the river, approximately 7 metres below. The bus stop and speed limit signs and the fire brigade indicators along with a large pile of rubble and road surface are lying on the river bank. It is also noted that a large amount of stone has been deposited in the river against the lower part of the wall to shore up/protect a further section of road (nearer to Haugh Rd) along from the collapse. On closer inspection it seems that the wall under this section supporting the road is in a fragile condition.

Members are very concerned that a larger section of the wall supporting the road is in danger of collapsing which could give way under the weight of passing traffic and could cause a serious accident. Members are also concerned that if more of the road falls away this will compromise the use of this busy and important road which people rely upon to travel towards Halifax and Burnley and beyond. This road is heavily used and any reduction of traffic to a one lane road would hit the residents, visitors and the local economy hard.

After speaking with the owner of the stables below she said that the site has been inspected over time so this site must be on the list of vulnerable stretches of roads in need of repair. The owner also commented that the load of stone positioned to protect the river wall from erosion is diverting the flow to the wall on her property (on the other side of the river) causing it to be damaged too. She is very concerned about the precarious state of the wall and road but also about the erosion caused to the wall on her property by the redirection of the flow of the river.

I attach photos that illustrate the issue.

I should be grateful if you could please update me on the plans and timescales for repairing this stretch of road as a matter of urgency.

Thank you,
Susan