

Dear Mr,

Thank you for your email and for your direct questions about the Ralph Butcher Causeway. I fully understand the frustration felt by residents, and I want to address your concerns as clearly as possible.

1. Is the causeway and bridge likely to be torn down in the near future?

There is no indication that the bridge or causeway will need to be torn down. Investigations are ongoing to determine the underlying cause of the cracking, and any decision about further action will depend on the results of these investigations.

2. Can the cause of the movement be rectified or not?

The goal of the ongoing investigations is to identify the root cause and determine a feasible solution to rectify the issue. While we do not yet have a definitive answer, the contractor is conducting thorough soil sampling and other tests to provide clarity.

3. How long is the wait going to be for a proper diagnosis and decision on the future of the causeway?

The contractor is actively working on this, but I recognise the frustration over the timeline. While I cannot give you an exact date, we are pushing for the results of these investigations as soon as possible and will ensure residents are kept informed once we have more concrete information.

It is also worth noting that the Ralph Butcher Causeway was constructed under a design and build contract signed by the previous (Conservative) administration. This type of contract significantly limits the council's control over the construction methods and materials used. The council is now in a contract dispute with the contractor over the defects and is pressing them to address the issues swiftly and thoroughly.

I acknowledge the disappointment this situation has caused within the community, and I assure you that we are doing everything within our power to resolve it effectively. For regular updates, please visit the council's page here: [Whittlesey Traffic Update](#).

Thank you again for your patience and for reaching out with your concerns.

Best regards,

Alex Beckett

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