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9. Heritage and archaeology



Effects on the existing historic bridge

Taking traffic off the existing historic bridge will reduce impacts on this bridge. It will also free the bridge up for walking and cycling and will enable traffic related additions that have been made to the historic bridge (such as steel guard rails) to be removed. This will allow restoration of the bridge's original appearance and represents an opportunity to showcase the bridge's heritage values. The new bridge will have some impacts on the setting of the historic bridge.

Effects on sites of archaeological significance

Digging up the ground during construction can potentially damage archaeological sites. During the construction phase, associated earthworks and excavation will be managed to ensure that disruption to any archaeological sites are avoided. If any archaeological remains are uncovered, a protocol will be in place to ensure works halt and the material managed appropriately.

