

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 14 April 2025**

**Question from: Jeanette Hunton**

**Question to: Councillor Courtney, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Regeneration and Transport**

**QUESTION**

The A629 Calder and Hebble Junction (Phase 1b) Project cost circa £40m, the construction and installation of the new link bridge over the canal being a major part of this development.

The new bridge opened about a year ago. However, one lane has never been opened. Is the bridge not fit for purpose?

**Response**

Following a quality review undertaken by the main contractor's supply chain, it was identified that the A629 bridge structure was not in compliance with the project's weld specification requirements. As a result, remedial works to bring the scheme into compliance have been agreed and are being implemented at no additional cost to the Council. To facilitate the completion of these essential defect works, along with ongoing inspections and safety assessments, two lanes on the Canal Bridge are intended to remain closed, with temporary traffic lights in place for 16 weeks. Once the works are complete, all four lanes will be fully reopened.