

DOCUMENT	Moreton Bridge Damage	REVIEWED BY: Colin Thompson
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LOCATION		
BROAD DESCRIPTION	During the Consultation, several residents raised their concerns on the state of repair of Moreton Bridge. This grade II Listed Bridge is in the Moreton Conservation Area and has suffered considerable damage from passing vehicles	
WHAT DOES THE POLICY SAY THAT HAS DIRECT RELEVANCE TO THE PARISH?	BROADBAND	Nil
	DESIGN	Nil
	EDUCATION	Nil
	ENVIRONMENT	An iconic element of our environment
	HEALTH	nil
	HOUSING	nil
	TRANSPORT	A view has been expressed that some form of weight restriction should be applied to the bridge for its' protection
	RENEWABLES	nil
	ROADS/RoW	A key Highway issue
WORK	nil	
IMPACT ON POLICY	Highway issues are <b>not within the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan</b> or the Parish Council. However because of the clear concern expressed by residents during the consultation process, protection of the bridge has been incorporated into the plan under  <i>Improved public rights of way</i> (policy MBL 5.3)	
OTHER COMMENTS	<p>Moreton Bridge is a well loved iconic structure in the village and wider communities. Two thousand years ago it was the point at which a Roman style road, connecting Great Dunmow (Stane Street) to London, crossed the Cripsey Brook. In 1761 the parishioners of Moreton agreed that a new cart bridge should be built in place of the old horse bridge and a new one was build by Moreton &amp; Bobbingworth Parishes. A grant of £30 was made from county funds towards the building. By 1783 the bridge had become a county charge and in the same year it was ordered that it should be rebuilt with brick according to the plan prepared by John Johnson, the county surveyor.</p> <p>Various minor repairs have been carried out over time but none since 2008 when ECC Highways, carried out a protection scheme to install cast iron bollards to try to prevent large vehicles colliding with the bridge. Despite this several collisions have occurred in particular in December 2013 when a large Spanish Vehicle collided with the bridge at midnight, causing a crack between the roadway and the bridge brickwork. ECC Highways has been informed by the Parish Council but on inspection claim no serious structural damage has occurred.</p>	

## Photographs Showing Damage to Moreton Bridge



Main View of Moreton Bridge

Parapet & Brickwork  
Damage



Crack & scoring caused by  
lorry wheel nuts



This Picture shows significant damage with cracks and displaced/ protruding brickwork

