

A487 New Dyfi Bridge – A493 Closure Frequently Asked Questions

What is happening?

As part of the New Dyfi Bridge Improvements Work construction work is to improve drainage to protect a row of Grade 2 listed properties (Dyfi Cottages) from future flood events. This work needs to take place in early February 2024.

The A493 needs to be closed to all vehicle traffic over a length of about 100 metres along the front of the Dyfi Cottages at Pont ar Ddyfi over a 30-day period for this work to be carried out safely. Pedestrian and cycle access will always be maintained.

The A487 New Dyfi Bridge will be open to traffic during the road closure.

The construction programme has been developed by Alun Griffiths Contractors as part of the construction contract for the New Dyfi Bridge on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The plans have been discussed with the public and stakeholders and emergency services, local GP surgeries and schools have been informed of the proposal.

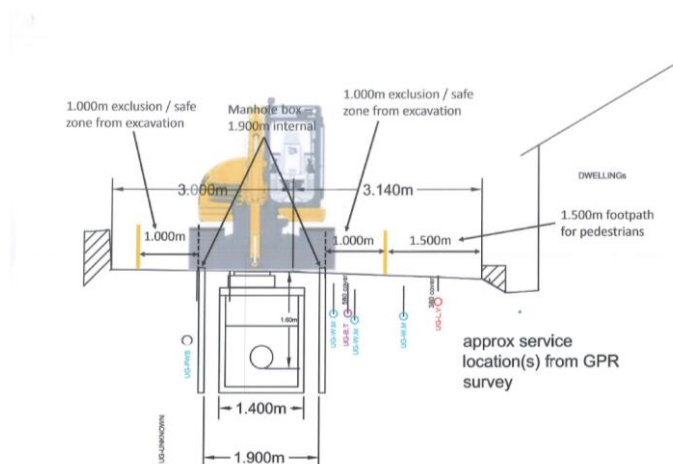
The road closure will come into effect from Saturday 10th February 2024. It is expected that all the required works will be completed within 30 days (subject to weather permitting).

Why does the A493 need to be closed?

The reason for the full closure to vehicle traffic is because the A493 in front of the cottages is narrow and congested with several underground public utility services including a high-pressure water main, electricity and communication cables.



This limits the available route for the drainage works to the centre of the road. A deep excavation is also needed to carry out the drainage improvement work and the safety measures to protect the workforce and public during excavation means that almost the full width of the carriageway is required for the work.



How long will the A493 be closed for?

The A493 will be closed for a period of 30 days from 10th February 2024 until Monday 11th of March 2024. However, every effort will be made to reduce this timescale to open the A493 sooner.

Will the New Dyfi Bridge be open to traffic during the A493 road closure?

Yes, the New Dyfi Bridge will be opened to traffic before the start of the road closure and open throughout the road closure period.

Will pedestrians and cyclists be able to travel through during the road closure?

Yes, access to pedestrians and cyclists will always be maintained.

Can emergency vehicles travel through during the A493 closure?

No, emergency vehicles will not be able to travel through the closure and the emergency services have been informed of the road closure.

What is being done to mitigate the impact on school bus services?

To complete the work within the 30-day period and minimise the impact on school travel, works will need to take place during the school February half term period.

A replacement bus service for the X29/ G21 will also be in operation during the road closure. This service will require passengers to embark/disembark at the roadworks and walk a short distance to board another bus on the opposite

side of the roadworks to continue the journey. Details of the replacement service will be available at:
<https://lloydscoaches.com/serviceupdates/>, Gwynedd transport and Traveline websites.

What are the contractors working hours during the road closure?

The contractors will be working from 7am to 6pm seven days a week during the road closure. This will allow the works to be completed as soon as possible and minimise the impact of weather delays on the programme by working at times with traditionally better weather. No works will take place at nighttime in consideration of the residents of Dyfi Cottages.

What can I do to minimise disruption to my travel?

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An alternative mode of travel for you to consider is using the rail travel for your journey by using services from Tywyn or Aberdovey serving Machynlleth. Transport for Wales Transport for Wales (TfW) offers discounts for passengers travelling on the Cambrian line, including the Cambrian rail card which gives users up to a third off rail travel. Further information can be found by visiting [Railcards | Railcard discounts and offers | Transport for Wales \(tfw.wales\)](#). Transport for Wales advise passengers to always check before they travel. [Before your journey | TfW](#)

Taxi service - A free return taxi service will be available between the road closure site and Machynlleth for those requiring medical assistance only from services based in Machynlleth town and will be managed by Mach Taxis. The service will be available 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday throughout the period of the road closure.

Will I be able to drive up to the roadworks, park my car, and walk into Machynlleth during the road closure?

Yes, designated parking arrangements will be in place on both sides of the closure (East and West of Pont ar Ddyfi) where you can park your car and walk through the site.

What financial support is available for people and businesses whose are going to be affected by the closure of the A493?

There is no statutory compensation for people or businesses that are affected by the road closure. Every effort has been made to minimise the disruption to journeys. Arrangements have been made for a replacement bus service and provision of an emergency taxi service to mitigate any disruption to your travel. Discounted rail travel on the Cambrian Route is available to the public which is an alternative travel option connecting Tywyn with Aberystwyth (and all stations in between).

[What diversion routes are in place during the A493 road closure at Pont ar Dyfi?](#)



Proposed Diversion Route (A493 Closure Machynlleth)

The following signed diversion routes will be in place during the road closure:

For those travelling from the West – take A493 for 31 miles through Aberdyfi, Tywyn, Peniarth, Llwyngwrl to Dolgellau. Turn right on to A470 for 4 miles. Turn right on to A487 at Cross Foxes south through Corris towards Machynlleth for 22 miles. At Ffriddgate (north of Machynlleth) take A487/A493 towards Aberdyfi 0.5 miles.

For those travelling from the East – take A487 north towards Dolgellau through Corris for 23 miles. At Cross Foxes turn left on the A470 towards Dolgellau for 4 miles. At Dolgellau turn left on to A493 through Llwyngwrl Peniarth, Tywyn and Aberdyfi towards Machynlleth for 31 miles.

Updates to this information will be provided in the News Section of the Griffiths Dyfi website at [A487 New Dyfi Bridge – Griffiths Community](#)