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Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge Hi Rachel - Thanks so much for all the detail you've given - we will be coming back with lots of responses when we can

· Commented on by David Morgan · 6 December at 20:55

Rachel Meddoms You are welcome, I am more than willing to talk through my thoughts. Until you have used a walking stick, walker or wheelchair, you don't realise how a little slope, step or uneven surface can be a real barrier to free movement. I found Stratford is really good for accessibility and was always a favourite to visit.

· 6 December at 21:04

Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge Thanks for all the comments so far - we will take a look at everything you say and have a new post in the next few days - please do share if you can!

· Commented on by David Morgan · 6 December at 18:29

Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge This is one of the three options that could make Lucy's Mill Bridge a bridge for Everyone - what do you think?

· Commented on by David Morgan · 6 December at 16:33

Jan Goddard-Jones Just seen survey and completed it. It would be so great to have a bridge all could use instead of an eyesore.

· 7 December at 17:43

Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge Thanks very much Jan - for anyone else reading these comments the survey is only available until midnight - please 'do' if you can!

· Commented on by David Morgan · 7 December at 17:51

Julie Crawshaw Where and how does the ramp land on the town side of the river? Who owns the land there?

· 7 December at 12:42

Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge Hi Julie - this ramp would go over to join the footpath by the Severn Meadows Road - using public land

· Commented on by David Morgan · 7 December at 12:47

Julie Crawshaw Ok thanks for that. My initial thoughts are there are a lot of right angle turns making this trickier for those in wheelchair and buggy users. Are these likely to become troublesome pinch points if the bridge becomes as well used as you hope? Also, is the bridge meant for cycles too? The bridge parapet guardrail looks like it might be designed for that purpose but the deck seems very narrow for shared space.

· 7 December at 14:17

Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge Hi Julie - all of your questions will be answered in the New Year

· Commented on by David Morgan · 7 December at 14:59

Kate Heritage I agree a bridge is needed to allow everybody to cross with ease, but this to me looks awful sorry

· Message · 6 December at 21:03

Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge Hi Kate - Thanks very much for your feedback - we want to hear whatever people think!

· Commented on by David Morgan · 6 December at 21:21

Dominic Skinner As an owner of an award winning local architectural design practice we'd be interested in submitting an entry. I understand the reasons behind having the long ramps; this is due to the gradient required by Building Regulations for access. Though if you...See more

· 6 December at 18:36

Christine Susnik Exactly. The metal construction is not in keeping with our town character, is it? It really does need to blend with the rural scene with eco friendly materials.

· 7 December at 17:10

Dominic Skinner Christine I've been thinking about this a lot since reading the post yesterday. A timber frame with some steam bent timber cladding to follow the lines of the countryside could work really well I think. Change the long ramps for more curved ramps with ...See more

· 7 December at 17:13

Christine Susnik ...and some flowers or shrubs...? Yes!

· 7 December at 17:46

Christine Susnik Dominic Skinner yes! And please could we have flowers, or shrubs or hanging baskets? Perhaps a "photo point" alcove half way for the tourists? But please no steel or metal. Many of us dislike the metal construction by the lock on the Bancroft, don't we?

· 7 December at 17:51

Dominic Skinner Some trees and wild flowers would be ideal.

· 7 December at 18:14

Dominic Skinner Christine I much prefer the wooden walkway by the chain ferry. Why they didn't use that all the way around the Bancroft I don't know.

· 7 December at 18:15

Mark Hartley I understand why and I'm a proponent for the work but it's a shame that the ramps have to have such a long run and are so intrusive on a beautiful stretch. It would be good to see the other designs also! Has anyone approached RIBA? Maybe they could help run a design competition, I am sure many newly qualified architects would jump at the chance to have one of

their designs in such a prestigious town!

· 6 December at 17:11

Neil Williams The current bridge is neither attractive, nor fit for purpose and it is certainly not in keeping with the rest of Stratford.

Here is the perfect opportunity to replace the old bridge with an exciting, modern design that allows all users access from t...See more

· 9 December at 00:05

Anthony Bean Gutted. Amazing proposals for a brilliant bridge further north was abandoned due to local fear of change, 'the bridge will ruin the view'.

Bridges make views and open up opportunity, but this one is an ugly bridge with ramps by a bridge. Oh dear Stratford.....

· 7 December at 23:04

Katy Revans I would love the bridge to be accessible but this appears to me to be very imposing and detracts from the 'green open space' feel of walking along that stretch of river bank. I really hope that there is a less metal 'super structure' solution.

· 6 December at 22:46

Rachel Meddoms When I walked over this bridge I found the steps quite steep. I could imagine it would be difficult for the elderly and infirm to use that bridge. I could see the benefits to families with pushchairs as this provides great access to a circular walk....See more

· 6 December at 20:37

Nicki Phillips I wholeheartedly support the objective to make this bridge more accessible, but in doing this you make some of our beautiful park inaccessible ! It's too long and I am sorry but it is an eyesore. My concern would also be the bike and scooters and skateboards that would see this as a right great ramp for riding ! Got to be better solutions

· 7 December at 08:31

Kate Heritage Well said

· 7 December at 08:38

Andrea Milton Functionally this works well and would achieve the 'bridge for everyone' aim. I agree that the ramps seem excessive though. The design competition is a great idea although that takes more time/money - would any local businesses sponsor it maybe? You will never please everybody unfortunately!

· 7 December at 06:08

Neal Barry I'm all for accessibility but this design is far too imposing for its surroundings. Surely something can be drawn up on a smaller scale that fits h and s regulations and is more pleasing to the eye.

· 8 December at 13:57

Emma Swift I'm not sure what the solution is but having a look at this one it looks so intrusive on the beautiful surroundings. It would be a terrible eye sore. Could a lift of some type work?

· 6 December at 23:20

Milo Withay It would be such a shame if the bridge was butchered too much. It would probably be better to build a new bridge further up.

· 9 December at 10:29

Pat Elliott Too many right angle turns. Wouldn't be easy to negotiate for someone with a pram or in a wheelchair. Needs to be wider.

· 10 December at 08:39

Jo Langford I notice there are no bicycles on the video...is the proposal that this is another pedestrian-only crossing?

· 6 December at 23:09

David John Reed Totally over the top, all it needs is a curved ramp either end - job done.

· 6 December at 23:52

Jack Mee With the height of the bridge a curved ramp at the end would be far too steep. So it wouldn't comply with regs. And would be more of a slide than a ramp

· 7 December at 06:40

Roly Hayward That looks a bigger job than building a new bridge ,need arms like popeye to go up ramp the rec side but that might be just the way its filmed ,nice try tho

· 6 December at 16:57

David Morgan Hi Roly - the ramps have to be a set gradient (which is very low and easy to walk up - push up) - this is all set by regulations so that they are easy to use

· 6 December at 16:59

Roly Hayward I know I use one,wheelchair i mean

· 6 December at 17:03 ·

David Morgan Hi Roly - we have asked for all the details of the work already done (on the three options) and when we get it, we will make it available to everyone so that they (you) can see what the costs and the work would be

· 6 December at 17:02

Mel Harper Looks like a good plan

· 6 December at 17:07

Stuart Taylor How big will that ramp have to be!?! Looks like a quarter of a mile detour to get up it... Not keen on the idea, though I know that's not a popular opinion on here, so whatever happens, happens.

· 6 December at 17:16

Mel Harper What would you suggest because it seems the only way to make it wheelchair friendly is to ramp it and it has to be at a certain angle.

· 6 December at 17:18

Stuart Taylor I'm not asking for it to be made wheelchair/bike/pushchair friendly.

· 6 December at 17:19

Susan Holmes If it makes access for all it will be a great job done!

· 6 December at 17:19

Chris Bingham Looks great, love the design...

· 6 December at 17:35

Roly Hayward Next job access to 7meadows and weir brake

· 6 December at 17:59

Shirley Bosworth Hope it happens sooner than later. Looks good

· 6 December at 18:03

Margaret Tattersall Well done everyone needs access

· 6 December at 18:11

Gill Keeley Looks really good well done!

· 6 December at 18:21

Darren Clifford Looks just the ticket, will make the bridge and river crossing more accessible for everyone... Much needed..

· 6 December at 18:40

David Mills Have I missed something? Where is the grass in this picture? Where are the River banks I used to sit on?

· 6 December at 19:00

David Morgan Hi David - They are still both there

· 6 December at 19:00

David Mills Well, that's a relief David.

6 December at 19:01

Sue SuttonGroup moderator I know we need a bridge that is accessible to all, but I just think that looks huge and rather invasive.

· 6 December at 19:05

Mel Harper Might create more access too when the river floods

· 6 December at 19:07

Jeanette Parkin Our lovely town needs much improvement in terms of accessibility for all. It would be great to have an accessible bridge at this end of the park.

· 6 December at 21:09

Duncan M On the rec side of river I'd have the slope continue straight then using the slope of the Severn meadow bridge before curving along the back behind the trees.
More of an alternative route through the trees

· 8 December at 18:35

Lisa Champion Looks good, I use this route daily but have to carry my bike across the bridge. The

steps are steep and slippy but it cuts 10mins off my journey home. Let's make it accessible for everyone!

· 6 December at 22:45

Sharon Weatherhead Great idea 💡 ?

· 6 December at 22:51

Terri Lancashire Great idea to give access to all.

Just one thought; I don't think the sharp right angles are either practical or aesthetically pleasing. I can see if being a bit of a bottle neck trying to manoeuvre round especially if you have, say, a wheelchair and a mobility scooter trying to pass each other, or even a double-buggy. Make them bends not angles and extend them over a longer length to give a relaxing flowing line

· 6 December at 23:02

Kate Milward Fabulous idea

· 6 December at 23:49

Gemma Sizer Carole Sizer

· 7 December at 05:23

Carole Sizer I know Gems and have been to the town hall to look at the plans

· 7 December at 16:41

Jason Robbins I do think it needs wheelchair access. But that looks massive and think it would ruin this part of the river. Surly it doesn't need to be so big.

· 7 December at 06:56

Joanne Chase Meadow Crafts Francesca and Emily, have you seen this? X

· 7 December at 07:27

Francesca Brooks I was in Stratford the other day talking to someone about this. It looks fab! Xxx

· 7 December at 07:46

Jo Tedd I like the idea of the bridge being more accessible but this is horrible looking! Akin to the new bypass taking up the field the other side of the road bridge. There must be another way? Why not see what Dominic Skinner has to offer?

· 7 December at 08:15

Sharon Walpole Are there plans submitted for this? is anything happening?

· 7 December at 09:29

David Morgan Hi Sharon - and everyone who has commented - thanks very much for all your thoughts (and sometimes professional input) - in answer to your question Sharon no plans have been submitted - this design has been produced after looking at lots of options/lan...See more

· 7 December at 09:41

Sharon Walpole It certainly needs doing. And I think right angles are needed to make cyclists dismount! Or at least slow down. Don't want it to be used as a cycle route.

· 7 December at 09:57

Terri Lancashire I thought about that too but have to disagree - why make it difficult for ALL the people that need to use it just for a minority of idiots. Educate, don't discriminate... Hopefully the end product will take all this into account though

· 7 December at 17:13

Susan Holmes Thank you David it has been going on for years so fingers crossed one day soon we will have access for all,brilliant

· 7 December at 09:50

Patricia Harries what an eyesore. Would like a ramp but surely something more pleasing

· 7 December at 09:53

Andrea J Cox That looks huge and invasive with too many right angles. Surely there is a better solution than this?maybe start again with a new elegant bridge rather than zig-zag all over the pretty river bank. Or even a low impact lift??

This is just really ugly.

· 7 December at 10:35

Roz Currie Agree totally that there is a need for better access for all. But this looks way over the top. Love to see other designs first. We have to consider what will look in harmony with surroundings.

· 7 December at 13:08

Nick Asbury I am all for dragging Stratford out of the mire of cosy nostalgia, but its aesthetic in the centre and by the river has largely remained because it works. It feels nice and has grown over centuries somewhat 'organically', for want of a better word. Thi...See more

· 8 December at 09:17

Dominic Skinner You don't have to use right angles at all. There are far more creative ways to break up the long runs required to maintain the gradient of the ramp. Personally I would have used gentle curves and seating platform areas to soften the impact of the required ramps. These areas could be planted, and by using materials such as wood, it would settle into the local environment much more suitably.

· 8 December at 09:22

Tom Eardley I actually think the contrast of the bridge in that setting would look fantastic.

· 8 December at 10:38

Tom Eardley What an excellent idea! Looks great too!

· 8 December at 10:32

Luke Boff Great for getting my fishing tackle across 👍 🇮🇪 🇮🇪

· 8 December at 11:30

Roly Hayward What about a low level walkway with a counterbalanced drawbridge or something like a lockgate to allow boats through?

· 8 December at 13:51

Chloe Alice Print-Lambert As I wheelchair user I am all for standing up for the need of accessibility and inclusivity in Stratford. This is a great starting point, but I do think there is work to be done on fine tuning this to maximise its usability ensuring it reaches optimum ...See more

· 8 December at 16:57

David Morgan Hi Chloe - Thanks very much for your comments and advice and yes we'd very much like to talk with you early in the New Year - we are collecting together all the feedback from here at Facebook and putting it together with all the responses we've had fro...See more

Ramps for Lucy's Mill Bridge

Possible Ramps for Lucy's Mill Bridge First shown to Residents at our Open Afternoon Saturday 2nd...

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· 8 December at 17:54

John Ward Excellent !!!!!!!

· 8 December at 20:50

Milo Withay It's probably cheaper to knock it down and start a fresh

· 9 December at 10:30

