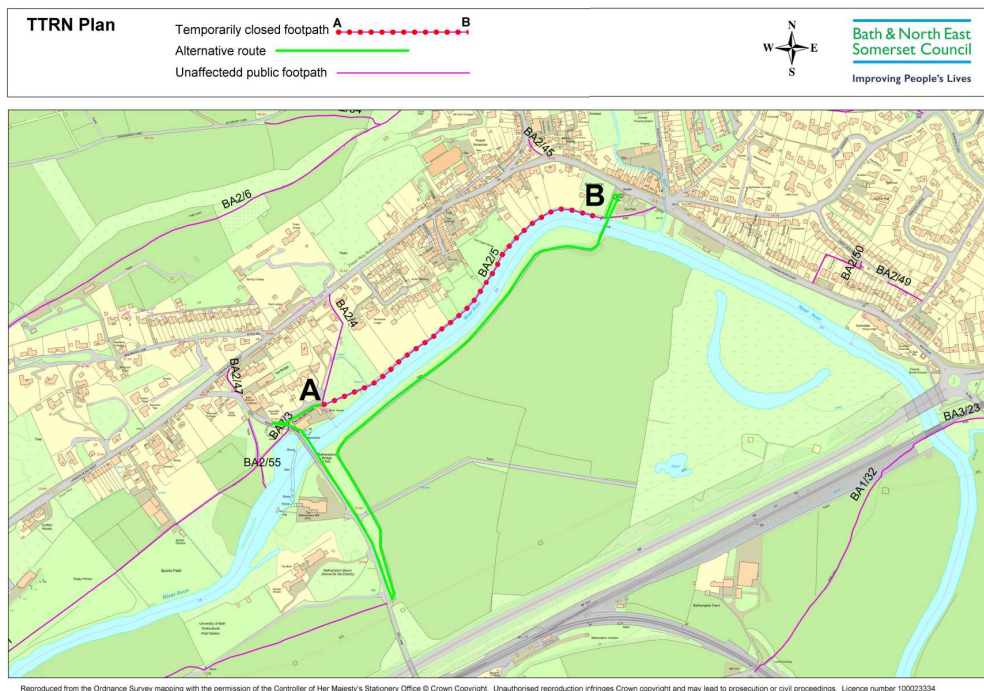


FOOTPATH CLOSURE UPDATE

Public footpath BA2/5, which follows the northern bank of the River Avon between public footpath BA2/4 (near Bathampton Bridge) and Batheaston carpark, has been closed as a result of riverbank erosion which has rendered the path unsafe for use by the public. Two small sections of the path have collapsed into the river and a larger section has developed significant cracks in the surface. While this cracking has been obscured by footprints on the surface, the underlying weakness in that section of riverbank remains and, consequently, there is a significant risk that it too will collapse without remedial works.

Since the path was closed, Bath & North East Somerset Council have been working with AtkinsRéalis to carry out the necessary geotechnical, ecological and topographic surveys to i) identify the most appropriate works to repair the damage already caused, ii) reduce the likelihood of further erosion in the future, and iii) obtain the necessary consents from the Environment Agency to carry out these works.

We are grateful for the public's ongoing patience while these works are carried out to safeguard the future of the footpath and, in the meantime, the alternative route shown in green on the below plan is open and available for use by the public.



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