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Planning application submitted by Havant Borough Council to replace an unsafe structure

Following design work and estimates undertaken by Havant Borough Council, a planning application has been submitted to replace a retaining wall in North Street, Emsworth which was declared unsafe earlier in the year.

Following extensive investigations since the condition of the wall was first brought to the attention of Havant Borough Council, research has been unable to locate an owner of the wall. As a result, Havant Borough Council has therefore now used its powers to assume liability for a replacement structure. The result is that a replacement structure will be provided using unbudgeted public money. The wall will be faced with bricks to integrate with its setting, and meet the requirements of the community-produced Emsworth Design Statement.

Assuming the planning application is successful, the project remains on schedule for delivery starting this September. Until the project commences, the footpath next to the retaining wall remains closed and the alternative route for pedestrians via Washington Road should still be used.

Planning applications can be viewed online at www.havant.gov.uk .

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