

Eller Beck Bridge Application of Certificate of Lawfulness Supplementary Statement

Maintenance works are required to remove tree trunks and vegetation from the south arch of Eller Beck Bridge, known to the County as Skipton Mill Culvert structure no. 868. We will also be carrying out vegetation removal to the adjacent retaining wall at Back O'Beck. The wall does not form part of the bridge structure and is not listed, but is built with the same materials. Repairs to the wall will be made to the same standard and with the same materials as to the south arch of the bridge.

Eller Beck Bridge is a grade 2 historic listed structure, list UID 1131849. The work is essential as trees have previously grown through the base of the parapet at the south arch and caused damage to the structure, if the trunks are not removed water will continue to enter the structure and cause further deterioration both to the appearance and the structural integrity of the bridge. There is also light vegetation including ferns growing all along the base of the parapet and on the east spandrel wall, and a small tree has taken root in front of the east abutment. The light vegetation and small tree will be removed during these works.

In order to be able to remove the trunks and their roots the south parapet will be taken down. The parapet will be taken down by hand, the existing stone/brick will be retained and the parapet rebuilt using the original brick once the works are trees are removed. 4 no. missing bricks will be replaced with matching Pendle Grit Sandstone bricks to match existing in texture, density and colour which are to be sourced locally. All mortar used for rebuilding the parapet and for localised repointing on the east spandrel will be type N 1:1:6 mix. The same materials will be specified for the adjacent retaining wall.

The works will be carried out by a contractor from NYCC's framework, no contractor has been appointed at this time. Experience of working on historic structures will be a requirement in the works specification.

We do not believe that the works proposed require listed building consent as we will be making no alterations other than to repair damage previously caused. The maintenance will not affect the special character of the structure.