

BRIDGE OWNERS FORUM

BOF 74: TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023

Website Summary

BOF 74 was held as a face to face meeting at Kings College, Cambridge, but with a number of members taking advantage of joining via MS Teams.

The subjects covered included a report of discussions with other interested parties on a proposal for a mandatory reporting of bridge collapses and elemental failures, possible options for ensuring the competence of bridge inspectors, and a discussion on Net Zero and Carbon with specific input from Network Rail and the Net Zero Bridges Group.

The meeting also considered a report from its working group on suicide interventions and also discussed the new BOF website and, in particular, a refresh of the BOF Grand Challenges. One of the newer BOF members – the Heritage Railway Association – gave a report on their bridge stock and the issues they are facing.

BOF's links to the UK Bridges Board and the ADEPT Bridge Committee were also discussed, as well as a proposal to better engage with the Department for Transport's Transportation Research and Innovation Board.