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PLANS TO BE REVEALED FOR WORKINGTON'S DAMAGED BRIDGE

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The future of Workington's flood-damaged Calva bridge will finally be revealed next week.

The bridge has been closed for the past six months after it was battered by raging flood waters and it has remained unknown whether it will be replaced or repaired.

Next week there will be a drop-in session to outline plans following a detailed structural analysis and investigation.

Representatives from Cumbria County Council and Connect Roads, which maintains the bridge on behalf of the council, will be at the session and answer questions from the public at the town's Carnegie Theatre on Finkle Street between noon and 7pm on Tuesday.

There will also be display boards on show to explain the planned approach for the bridge.

Andy Dean, regional manager for Connect Roads, said: "We look forward to meeting people to give us the opportunity to explain our decision and plans for the bridge's future."

And councillor Tony Markley, Cumbria County Council's cabinet member for highways and economic development, said: "I'd encourage anybody interested in finding out about our plans for Workington (Calva) bridge and re-establishing a vital road link across the River Derwent to get along to this drop-in session."

Plans are also moving forward at a fast pace for the replacement of the collapsed Northside and Navvies bridges in the town.

A drop-in session takes place today in The Carnegie between noon and 7pm for people to have their say on the plans.

Cumbria County Council is working alongside Allerdale Council and Places Matters on the public consultation project, called Workington Connected.

A temporary road bridge opened last month over the River Derwent to link the two sides of the town, meaning that the focus can now turn to building permanent bridges.

The two sides of Workington were cut off for five months after the November floods struck the county after the Northside bridge and Navvies bridge collapsed and the Calva bridge was damaged.

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