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## DECISION SOON ON FLOOD DAMAGED CALVA BRIDGE IN WORKINGTON

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**The future of Workington's condemned Calva Bridge, which was severely damaged in last year's floods, could be known next week.**

The bridge has been closed ever since flood water battered it in November, as it was feared it could collapse at any time. A decision is expected to be announced as early as next week about whether the structure can be reused or if it needs to be demolished.

Workington residents will be anxious to know the outcome of the findings, as the town has been split in half following the closure of the Calva and the collapse of Northside Bridge.

Transport minister Sadiq Khan visited the town on Monday to announce that Rugby-based engineering firm Morgan Est had won the contract to build a temporary road bridge between the two bridges. It is hoped that it will be open to traffic by the end of May.

A host of bridges remain closed across the county, causing major disruption.

Gote Bridge and Cocker Bridge in Cockermouth, Isel Bridge, Stair Bridge near Keswick and Scamess Bridge, Bassenthwaite are all still closed—because of damage or for traffic management reasons.

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