

Railway Neighbour

151 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5NW12th December 2016Ref: **ANI 3 119m 946yds**

Dear Neighbour

Aberdeen to Inverness Improvement Project – Forres Bridge Works Greshop Path

Following on from my letter in the summer of this year, Network Rail and their contractor, BAM Nuttall have now completed the advanced works in Forres and will be commencing the main project works in January 2017.

As part of the main works, the bridge north of West Road will be lengthened by approximately 5m northwards to support the new track design. During the works the bridge will be closed to vehicles but access for cyclists and pedestrians will be maintained for part of the project. There will be periods where the bridge will be fully closed during high risk site activities. Advanced warning signs will be erected either side of the bridge advertising closure dates and times. These works are planned to commence from 9th January to 5th May 2017.

Our programme of works is as follows:

Mon 9th January to Sun 26th February – preparation works, footpath open
Mon 27th February to Thurs 16th March – preparation works, footpath closed
Fri 17th March, 08:00hrs to Mon 20th March 18:00hrs – main construction works, footpath closed
Mon 1st May to Fri 5th May – Surfacing works, limited access

These works will be undertaken during both day shifts (07:00hrs to 18:00hrs) and night shifts (23:00hrs to 07:00hrs) but we do not anticipate that they will be noisy.

During all of these works, for safety reasons, we would ask that all dogs be kept on their leads, and cyclists dismount whilst travelling along the footpath.

We will continue to have the **Project Office** within the compound to allow the public to come and find out more information about the project, meet the team and myself or to get an answer to a particular question.

This office is open to the public on the first Thursday of every month between 3pm and 7pm, due to the holiday period the next event will take place on 2nd February, and monthly thereafter.

As the project progresses, updated information will be issued advising all line side neighbours of planned night shift activities and confirmation of the key dates and working times.

A proportion of these works are required to be carried out while trains are not running to reduce the risks to our staff and contractors. We are contractually obliged to work, whenever possible, at times that cause the least disruption to train services. Unfortunately, this means carrying out a lot of our improvements during the night and at weekends.

The equipment we use means some disturbance is unavoidable, but we will make every effort to minimise any unnecessary noise. Furthermore, those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause. However, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please email aberdeeninverness@networkrail.co.uk or find us on Twitter @NetworkRailA2I. Alternatively you can call our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41**.

Yours sincerely

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In advance of the main track works the auxiliary track side civils and the installation of the associated equipment will commence on 9th January 2017. These works include the installation of precast concrete bases, trough routes and small structures. **All of the construction will be carried out using hand tools; however the materials will be delivered to set locations using a road rail vehicle during Saturday night shifts.** Please be aware that for safety reasons the road rail vehicle will sound its horn prior to carrying out any operation to ensure that all members of the site team are in a position of safety.

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Monday 9th January to Friday 31st March
Night shift works 11pm to 7am Saturday to Thursday

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