

Railway Neighbour

151 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5NW4th January 2016Ref: **ANI 2 11m 000yds to 13m 000yds**

Dear Neighbour

Aberdeen to Inverness Improvement Project – Elgin Vegetation Clearance

Following on from my letter last year, Network Rail and their contractor BAM Nuttall will be starting the vegetation clearance works adjacent to the railway line in Elgin as part of wider Aberdeen to Inverness Project.

The vegetation clearance works will be carried out adjacent to the railway line from 16th January to 20th February 2017 and will involve the use of chain saws and chippers. Where permitted, the clearance works will be carried during day shift operations but night shift work will be required at key locations for Health and Safety reasons.

Additional day shift works planned in February and March include the removal of redundant utilities and site compound set up which will involve traffic management.

Ahead of the main works starting, we are holding a community drop in event in Elgin where anyone can come along, meet the project team and ask any questions about what we are doing, how and when.

Community Drop In Event**Time: 4pm to 7pm****Date: Thursday 9th February****Location: Elgin Sports and Community Centre
Trinity Road
Elgin
IV30 1UE**

Our programme for the vegetation clearance works are as follows:

Monday 16th January to Monday 20th February 2017

Day Shifts - Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm

Night Shifts as follows:

Saturday 21st January 11pm to Sunday 22nd January 9am

Saturday 28th January 11pm to Sunday 29th January 9am

Saturday 4th February 11pm to Sunday 5th February 9am

Saturday 11th February 11pm to Sunday 12th February 9am

Saturday 18th February 11pm to Sunday 19th February 9am

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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