

RAILWAY NEIGHBOUR

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Dear Neighbour,

Electrification update – Bath Road and Hunts Mill bridges, A3102

The A3102 in Royal Wootton Bassett is due to reopen to traffic on 20 April 2017, following the reconstruction of the Bath Road bridge. The temporary link road will close to traffic once the A3102 has reopened. The work has created the additional space required for the Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) that will power a new fleet of electric trains. We would like to thank you for your patience while this work has been carried out.

As part of our Railway Upgrade Plan, we will shortly begin further improvement work to the railway near to your property. Although this work is essential, please accept our apologies in advance for any disturbance it may cause you.

Why do we need to undertake this work?

We need to raise the parapets, or sides, of the A3102 Hunts Mill bridge using specially made railings to provide a barrier between users of the structure and the OLE. We will need to close one lane on the road under two-way traffic management to safely complete the work.

We also need to lower the track under the bridge, in preparation for the installation of OLE. Lowering the track will provide the required height clearance to install the necessary wires and cabling that are needed to electrify the railway.

Why electrify the railway?

Electrifying the Great Western will improve one of Britain's busiest and oldest railways, better connecting major towns and cities across southern England and South Wales. It will make journeys smoother and more comfortable for passengers, providing more seats, reducing costs as well as stimulating economic growth in the region.

What are the works involved?

The track lowering work will involve site preparation works, delivery of new materials and removal of old materials using engineering trains, renewal of existing rail, tamping (A tamping machine is used to pack the track ballast under railway tracks to make the tracks more durable), and follow-up works.

When will the work take place?

Parapets work

We will be installing the parapets at Hunts Mill bridge, under temporary traffic lights on the A3102 from:

Monday 8th May to Monday 15th May inclusive
Shift times: 9:00pm – 06:00am

Track lower work

Please be advised that the below work does not require any traffic management. We will be carrying out preparatory works for the track lower from:

01:10am Sunday 30th April until 08:00am Sunday 30th April
01:10am Sunday 7th May until 08:00am Sunday 7th May
01:10am Sunday 14th May until 08:00am Sunday 14th May
01:10am Sunday 21st May 2017 until 08:00am Sunday 21st May 2017

The works will then be carried out over the following dates. Please be advised that we will be working continuously from:

01:30am Saturday 27th May until 05:00am on Tuesday 30th May
01:30am Saturday 10th June until 05:00am on Monday 12th June

Follow up works will be undertaken during the following dates and times:

Mid-week shifts 22:30pm – 05:00am
Weekend shifts 01:10am – 08:00am

Monday 5th – Friday 9th June
Sunday 18th June
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd June
Sunday 25th June
Sunday 16th July
Monday 17th – Thursday 20th July


How we will manage the impact on our neighbours?

We recognise that construction work on the railway can be disruptive to those living or working nearby. The nature of our work often means some disturbance is unavoidable, but please be assured that every effort is made to minimise any unnecessary noise and we have reminded all staff to be considerate to our neighbours.

Contact Us

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the work taking place in your area please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on: **03457 11 41 41** or visit **www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus**

Yours faithfully,



Sarah Newman
Community Relations Executive