

Railway Neighbour

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Dear Neighbour,

FOOTBRIDGE REPLACEMENT – CHURCHILL ROAD – ROAD CLOSURE FROM NOVEMBER 2014

I am writing to inform you that Network Rail will be undertaking essential improvement works near your property and business in order to replace the railway footbridge at Churchill Road. We are demolishing and rebuilding the bridge due to its age and poor structural condition

Replacing the bridge will also allow us to increase the headroom to accommodate our plan to electrify the London Overground Gospel Oak to Barking. Electrifying the overhead line will result in newer, longer trains and more reliable services for passengers and freight. Those living alongside the railway will experience less pollution from fewer diesel trains. These improvements are a vital aspect of our strategy to provide a safe, reliable and efficient railway fit for the 21st century.

Information Event – Wednesday 15 October 2014

We will be holding an information event on **Wednesday 15 October 2014**, from **4pm to 8pm** at Ingestre Road Community Centre, Ingestre Road, NW5 1UX. It will be an opportunity to meet the project team who will be on-hand to answer any questions or queries on the footbridge closure.

Vegetation Clearance

In order to gain sufficient access to the worksite we will need to cut back general vegetation from land within our boundary as indicated on the attached plan. Only the minimum amount of vegetation required will be removed in order to minimise the disruption to you. Before the vegetation removal begins we will carry out an ecological survey of the area. The timing of these works has been planned to fall outside the main bird nesting season and vegetation clearance will be conducted in line with ecological best practice to keep the disruption to a minimum.

Diversion Route

We anticipate the railway footbridge linking Churchill Road to Ingestre Road will be closed from **mid-November to mid-February 2015**. The proposed diversion route will be Churchill Road → Dartmouth Park Hill → Burghley Road → Ingestre Road.

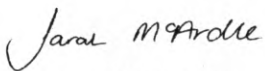
Ingestre Road will also have a lane closure from **mid-November to mid-February 2015**. The existing access to the estate will be maintained by two-way traffic light system. Please note pedestrian access to and from the Ingestre Road Estate will not be affected.

We realise that the bridge provides an important route for businesses, schools and homes and that this work will have an impact on normal driving routes as well as lead to some noise and dust for those living and working close to the bridge itself. However, we are committed to completing this work with as little disruption or inconvenience as possible. Furthermore, those working on site are briefed fully on working responsibly in the local community.

Safety is our number one priority and, for this reason, work of this type must be carried out while trains are not in operation. We endeavour to undertake works, whenever possible, at times that cause the least disruption to train services and to ensure the safety of our workers. Unfortunately, this means undertaking elements of the required improvements works during the night and at weekends.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus or telephone our dedicated **24-hour National Helpline on 08457 11 41 41**. In the meantime, we would like to thank you for your patience and apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause and we look forward to meeting you at our information event.

Yours sincerely



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