



Railway Neighbour

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Dear Neighbour,

**Gospel Oak to Barking Electrification – Vegetation Removal**

I am writing to inform you that Network Rail will be undertaking essential works near your property. In order to electrify the London Overground Gospel Oak to Barking route from 2017, we need to cut back general vegetation from land within our boundary between Gospel Oak and South Tottenham.

Electrification will result in new longer London Overground 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

From the end of August 2014 to late March 2015, we will be working at night and over weekends when the trains are not running. Safety is our number one priority and for this reason work of this type must be carried out while trains are not in operation. Every effort will be made to minimise any unnecessary noise and those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

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 undertake these works, we will use a variety of equipment including chainsaws, flail machines, chipping machines or handsaws. Where suitable, logs and branches will either be left to create a safe habitat for wildlife; chipped and spread evenly; or will be completely removed from site.

Further information will also follow in advance of the main works, which are planned to begin in April 2016.

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 visit [www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus) or telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on 08457 11 41 41.

Yours faithfully

Ms Sarah McArdle  
**Contact and Communities Manager**