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Dear stakeholder,

I am writing to you to alert you to the work we are planning for the Chapel Milton viaduct.

The viaduct is a 160-year-old Grade II listed structure. The work is needed to keep important freight services, that serve local quarries, moving for years to come.



To carry out this work, we will soon be arriving on site in the area to prepare for the work.

What are we doing?

We will be strengthening the viaduct and repairing damage that has been sustained over time. We will also be installing waterproofing and drainage systems.

Between May and September, the team will be preparing the worksite and the railway so they can safely deliver the refurbishment of the viaduct. Our contractor, AMCOGiffen, and their subcontractors will be carrying out this work.

Provisionally, we are planning to carry out the main work over nine days at the end of August into September. The dates for these nine days are not confirmed yet, however we wanted to make sure you were informed at the earliest possible stage.

Our compound location is on the land opposite Chinley Chapel to the west of the railway. Over the coming months, our teams will be carrying out preparatory work.

From Thursday 8 May, the team will be on site to set up the compound. This will include installing welfare cabins and offices, generators, and skips. There will be deliveries to site during this time.

The land in the area needs to be levelled out to create a safe work site, so there will be plant and machinery in use so we can complete this work.

Our ecologists will be carrying out biodiversity and ecology studies. Although there is some requirements to remove vegetation (such as grass and hedges) during this work, we are committing to a biodiversity net gain of 10%. This means whatever is removed during the course of the work will be replaced with an additional 10%. We're discussing with local landowners exactly what this will look like when the work is finished.

What this means for you

We want to be good neighbours, and we'll do everything we can to keep noise levels to a minimum throughout the work.

There will be three-way traffic lights in place on Hayfield Road from 12 May – 17 October 2025 at the turn-off into the Wash Road, where Chinley Chapel is located. This is to make sure the entry to our worksite can be safely managed whilst allowing traffic to flow past conveniently.

There will be some overnight and weekend shifts in the area to prepare the railway for the main work:

May

23:30 Saturday 10 May – 08:05 Sunday 11 May
23:30 Saturday 17 May – 08:05 Sunday 18 May
23:30 Saturday 24 May – 08:05 Sunday 25 May
23:30 Saturday 31 May – 08:05 Sunday 1 June

June

23:30 Saturday 7 June – 08:05 Sunday 8 June
23:30 Saturday 14 June – 08:05 Sunday 15 June
23:30 Saturday 21 June – 20:00 Sunday 22 June
23:30 Saturday 28 June – 20:00 Sunday 29 June

July

18:00 Saturday 5 July – 20:00 Sunday 6 July
18:00 Saturday 12 July – 20:00 Sunday 13 July
18:00 Saturday 19 July – 20:00 Sunday 20 July
18:00 Saturday 26 July – 20:00 Sunday 27 July

August

23:30 Saturday 2 August – 08:15 Sunday 3 August
23:30 Saturday 9 August – 08:15 Sunday 10 August
23:30 Saturday 16 August – 08:15 Sunday 17 August
23:30 Saturday 23 August – 08:15 Sunday 24 August

During the night shifts, we'll be accessing the railway from the compound and then travelling to the viaduct by rail to carry out preparation work.

Our team is committed to keeping noise to an absolute minimum. We will do everything we can to be as little inconvenience to you as possible.

Below is a map of our worksites and the traffic management location:



Want to know more?

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