

Railway Upgrade Plan work in and around the Bath area

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Keynsham station

Preparation work has started at Keynsham station, in readiness for a full closure of the railway between Bath and Bristol, planned for 2-10 April 2016. Network Rail and its supply chain partners are currently undertaking work to the platforms at the station, however the station is open and rail services are still in operation. A small compound has been set up in the station car park, so a number of parking spaces are no longer available while work is in progress.

The closure of the line in April, which will see both Keynsham and Oldfield Park stations closed and rail services suspended, is required to undertake essential work to support the electrification of the Great Western Route. Once all railway upgrade work is complete, this will bring greater capacity, cleaner trains, higher frequency services and better connections.

During the closure period, rail replacement services will be provided by Great Western Railway (GWR). More information on these services can be found on the GWR website www.gwr.com, in passenger leaflets and via in-station communication channels.

To find out more about the work, please come along to a drop-in near Oldfield Park station on **Thursday 3 March at Hayfield Girls School, Broughton Hayes Campus, 17.30 – 19.30**. For further information about the Great Western Modernisation Programme, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk.



Stakeholder engagement



A drop-in was held recently in Keynsham at St John's church hall. The event was organised near the station, so rail users, members of the public and local businesses could come along and find out more about the work Network Rail is undertaking to modernise the Great Western Route. Information was also provided specifically about the work planned at the station before and during the Temporary Period of Disruption (TPoD), planned for April 2016.

Following on from this event, Network Rail will be presenting to Keynsham Town Council on the 9 February 2016 about its plans for the station.

Change to Bath drop-ins

Over the past 18 months or so, a monthly drop-in has been held at the Guildhall in Bath. These were originally set up to provide a regular update to the local community on Network Rail's plans in the Bath area, while providing information leading up to the six-week TPoD, carried on the line in Bath last August. These will now be held on a quarterly basis, with the next meeting to be held on **Monday 21 March, 16.00 – 19.30, at the Guildhall**. The new quarterly dates will be published soon at www.networkrail.co.uk.