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**17 December 2024**

Dear neighbour,

**Railway Improvement Works – Earley station area - drainage works**

I am writing to let you know that we need to carry out essential works to the drainage system in the Earley station area,

which if left could cause flooding to the track and potential disruption to the train services. For the safety of our

passengers we need to act to reduce the risk posed to the railway.

The work will take place between the tracks through Earley Station, and beyond either end of the station.

To carry out these works, it must be during a period when there are no trains running so works are scheduled during a planned weekend line closure in January 2025. To facilitate these works, there will also be some minor works before and after the weekend to setup and demobilise the site.

**Work will take place as follows:**

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| **Start** | **Finish** | **Work to be carried out** |
| 01:20  Tuesday 21st January 2025 | 04:30  Tuesday 21st January 2025 | Works will be undertaken during overnight closures of the railway.  Works will be limited to survey works, without the use of any noisy tools or equipment |
| 01:20  Wednesday 22nd January 2025 | 04:30  Wednesday 22nd January 2025 |
| 07:00  Thursday 23rd January 2025 | 17:00  Friday 24th January 2025 | Works will be undertaken during daylight hours to setup our Construction compound in Earley station Car Park. This will involve the delivery of cabins, plant and materials via HIAB lorry. |
| 22:00  Friday 24th January 2025  **Continuous work** | 04:00  Monday 27th January 2025  **Continuous work** | Excavating the ground alongside and between the tracks in and around Earley station using track machinery and materials which have been loaded onto an engineering train, installing new drainage pipes and chambers.  We will be accessing and egressing rail-mounted machinery from the access point at Earley Station Car Park.  **These works will be continuous throughout this time, and you may experience some disturbance during these works through the movement and operation of Trains and machinery** |
| 07:00  Monday 27th January 2025 | 17:00  Friday 31st January 2025 | Daytime working to demobilise the compound, remove all remaining plant and equipment from the site and to carry out survey works of the railway from the Platforms. This will be carried out whilst trains are running, so there will be vehicle movements in and out of the station Car park throughout the day. |

We will have our temporary compound and site welfare set up in Earley station car park between Thursday 23rd January and Friday 31 January 2025, from where we will be accessing the work area with machinery and materials. Our teams will be constantly accessing the car park throughout these works and colleagues will be briefed on being considerate and to keep unnecessary noise to a minimum.

**The photo below shows the areas of our work sites.**

**A aerial view of a neighborhood

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Delivering the highest standards of safety is paramount to our work and keeping people safe on and around the railway is at the heart of everything we do. Often, work needs to be carried out while trains are not running. We are obliged to work, whenever possible, at times that cause the least disruption to train services. Unfortunately, this means carrying out a lot of our improvements during the night and at weekends.

If you are planning to travel by train during the dates mentioned above, your journey may be impacted by these works.

Please check before you travel at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk).

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind co-operation. However, if you have any additional questions or

concerns, please visit[**www.networkrail.co.uk**](http://www.networkrail.co.uk) **or** telephone our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 quoting Earley drainage works.**

Yours sincerely

Community Relations, Wessex Route

**Digital Lineside Notification service is here for lineside neighbours to be notified of railway works happening nearby. Please sign up to start receiving notifications.**

A close-up of a sign

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