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Dear neighbour,

**Stechford to Aston (SAS13) Bridge Replacement Project**

Network Rail is continuing to help prepare for Britain's new High Speed 2 (HS2) railway. We're working to demolish and replace the existing SAS13 Bridge. This will enable the construction of the new HS2 railway lines underneath it. Once complete, the new structure will also allow for a road to the new train depot and maintenance facility for HS2.

The current plan is to demolish the existing bridge and install the new bridge in May 2022 during a railway blockade. Most of this work will take place during daytime hours, except for when we need to carry out work on track that requires trains to not be running. The nature of the work means that there will be some noise and at times we will need to use bright lights, however we'll make every effort to minimise disturbance to you. Unnecessary noise will be reduced where possible using a variety of techniques including super-silenced generators, and we'll regularly monitor noise levels during our work. All our staff and contractors will also be briefed on their obligation to work responsibly in the local community.

**What are we doing?**

We last notified you in July 2021 about upcoming work which involved the following:

- Assembling the new steel bridge on an area of land that sits behind the train lines just off Aston Church Road.
- Construction of the foundations for the new bridge on the East and West side of the Birmingham to Derby line.
- Blockade preparation works involving vegetation clearance, construction of compacted stone areas for plant to operate safely on.
- Diverting electrical and drainage cables.

The bridge is now assembled and work leading up to the blockade in May will involve the following:

- Construction of the bridge deck on the new steel bridge.
- Completion of new bridge foundations.
- Ongoing work to divert electrical and drainage cables.
- Blockade preparation works involving vegetation clearance, construction of compacted stone areas for equipment to operate safely.
- Installation of drainage.
- Track and Overhead Line preparation works.



### **Timeline of work**

<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Cable Diversion Work</b> Includes excavating trenches and making holes for cable ducts to take electrical cables off the top of the Stechford to Aston railway embankment, down the embankment, and under the Derby line, through the existing River Rea channel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to March 8 2022</li> <li>• Mon-Fri 08:00 – 17:00</li> <li>• Sat 08:00 – 13:00</li> </ul> (Overnight working when no trains are running)
<b>Drainage work</b> Construction of drainage for the new bridge which involves excavating and laying new drainage pipes in the ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb 10 - March 22 2022</li> <li>• Mon-Fri 08:00 – 17:00</li> <li>• Sat 08:00 – 13:00</li> </ul>
<b>Bridge deck construction</b> Includes installing a reinforced concrete base of the bridge, ready for the track to be installed on top. Also includes installation of a handrail and waterproof coating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing until April 4 2022</li> <li>• Mon-Fri 08:00 – 17:00</li> <li>• Sat 08:00 – 13:00</li> </ul>
<b>East and West bridge structure</b> Construction of permanent bridge pillars at either end of the bridge and the building of the bridge structure prior to steel bridge being lifted into place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing until May 5 2022</li> <li>• Mon-Fri 08:00 – 17:00</li> <li>• Sat 08:00 – 18:00</li> <li>• Sun – 09:00 – 17:00</li> </ul>
<b>Blockade preparation work</b> Includes laying and compacting concrete, excavating and removing soil, equipment checks prior to bridge move.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing until May 7 2022</li> <li>• Mon-Fri 08:00 – 17:00</li> <li>• Sat 08:00 – 13:00</li> </ul>
<b>Track and Overhead Line preparation works</b> Includes installing a new overhead line switch and track modifications prior to bridge move.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing until May 7 2022</li> <li>• Overnight Weekday 22:00 – 06:30  <b>Dates as follows –</b>            14,15,16,17 February            18,19, 20 April</li> <li>• Weekend Hours - Sat-Sun 22:00 – 08:30  <b>Dates as follows –</b>            5, 12, 19, 20, 26 February            5, 12, 19, 26 March            2, 9, 23 April</li> </ul>

If any work changes at short notice, we'll advise you via the website, where you can also sign up to receive news alerts <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-birmingham/>

### **How you can contact us:**

If you have any queries or complaints about the work, please telephone our 24-hour national helpline on **03457 11 41 41** or email **NRHS2@networkrail.co.uk**. Please use the reference at the start of this letter.



If you have any questions about the HS2 project or HS2 construction work, please contact the **HS2 helpdesk** on **08081 434 434** or email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
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## Appendix A – Site plan

