

Railway improvement work in your area

Electrification of the Poplars line

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Dear neighbour,

Noisy work between Noel Road and Old Oak Common Lane

What's happening?

I'm writing to inform you about railway upgrades taking place in your area to support the construction of HS2 — Britain's new high speed railway. In this letter, I'll provide details of where we'll be working over the next few months and what to expect.

Work to electrify a section of railway between Noel Road and Old Oak Common Lane

We'll be continuing our work to electrify a 1.35 mile (2.2km) section of railway sometimes referred to as the 'Poplars electrification project'. We will be installing piles and masts to carry new overhead line equipment. Our electrification work, which is expected to be completed in 2026, will enable electric trains to be diverted during planned closures of the Great Western Main Line railway to support the construction of HS2. This is to help reduce disruption for passengers and will provide a long term benefit to allow greener and cleaner electric trains to run on this section of the rail network. Because this route is used by a lot of freight trains, we need to do this work during weekends at night to minimise disruption to the railway.

When and where are we working?

On the other side of this letter is a map along with dates and times of what we are doing. The nature of our work means we'll regularly move up and down the railway which means we won't be working next to individual properties constantly. For safety reasons, we will need to use lighting and floodlights during our night time working. Our teams will make every effort to minimise any disturbance.

Electrification: What do we mean by piling, masts and overhead wires?

Our website has really good information on what we do and what it involves, scan the QR Code or visit the site via https://bit.ly/rail-electrification

We are sorry if our work disturbs you, but we'll make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

If you have any queries about the work, please telephone our 24-hour national helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or visit networkrail.co.uk/contact

Yours sincerely,

Community Relations Executive

Where & When	
What's happening	Dates and times of our work
Piling – the process of installing foundations for the masts and gantries that will carry electrified wires along the railway.	9-10 Nov (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 23-24 Nov (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 30 Nov-1 Dec (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 7-8 Dec (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000
Installation of overhead line equipment including structures and wires.	14-15 Dec (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 21-22 Dec (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 25-26 Dec (Wed-Thu) 1000 – 1000 4-5 Jan (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 11-12 Jan (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000 18-19 Jan (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000
	25-26 Jan (Sat-Sun) 1800 – 1000

We will be in touch with you again to confirm more shift-times in January 2025.

