

Railway improvement work in your area

Electrification of the Poplars line

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Our ref: OOC Poplars

Dear neighbour,

Noisy work between Noel Road and Horn Lane (Acton Mainline Station)

What's happening?

I am writing to inform you about railway upgrades taking place in your area to support the construction of High Speed Two (HS2) — Britain's new high-speed railway. In this letter, you will find details of where we will 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

We're now in the last few months of construction, focusing on completing the installation of new overhead wires. We're hoping to finish construction by the end of this year, and to bring the scheme into operation in Spring 2026. This 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 also 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 will regularly move up and down the railway which means we will not be working next to individual properties constantly. For safety reasons, we will need to use lighting and floodlights during our nighttime 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're sorry if our work disturbs you, but we will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

We expect this will be the last letter we send you in relation to this project. 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

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Where & When		
What's happening	Who is working	Dates and times of our work
Installation of overhead line structures & new electrification wires. (How we power trains and signalling) Installation of new lineside signs, fences & walkways. Putting in/replacing the railway equivalent of traffic signs & speed limits & creating walking	Network Rail	Saturday - Sunday 1800-1000 27-28 Sep, 04-05, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 Oct, 01-02, 08-09, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov 06-07, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 Dec 2200 - 1000 (Wed-Sat 24/7) 24 - 27 Dec

