



RAILWAY NEIGHBOUR

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Dear Neighbour

UPDATE: S305 Culvert - 4 Track Capacity Improvement (Bristol)

I am writing to inform you that we will shortly be undertaking works near your property. This work is part of our work to transform Brunel's railway throughout Bristol and meet the expected growth in passenger numbers. Doubling the number of tracks between Dr Days Junction and Filton Abbey Wood Station will achieve greater capacity, reduce journey times and allow for trackside maintenance work to be undertaken without disrupting services. It will also allow more freight services to operate.

What will the work involve?

In November, we need to carry out important work on the drainage system running underneath the railway located adjacent to Masefield Way. We need to divert the existing drain (culvert) and install a new one.

In order to complete this important work, construction plant such as concrete pumps / wagons, excavators, and material wagons will be working on the rail corridor adjacent to Masefield Way.

All access to the works is currently planned along the rail corridor from our compound at Dovercourt Road. However, should there be wet weather in the period leading up to the works, Masefield Way will be required to be used as an access point and we will need to position a concrete pump and wagons at the end of Masefield Way.

This approach will only be used as a last resort for completing the works and if Masefield Way is required for access, traffic cones will be set up along the North side of the road to restrict parking from 07:30hrs on Monday 13 November until 18:00hrs on Monday 20 November.

Noise will be kept to a minimum while the works are ongoing, however, noise from concrete pours, plant movement, and general construction activities will be unavoidable.

These works are crucial to the safe running of trains because the existing culvert is severely damaged. The railway drainage must be diverted into a new culvert to avoid potential failure in the future.

When will the work take place?

This work will take place over a 2-week period, from Monday 13 November to Friday 24 November.

The bulk of it will be completed during a solid weekend, from 22:00 on Friday 17 November until 08:00 on Monday 20 November (when no trains will be running), an overview of the full works schedule is as follows:

- Monday 13 – Friday 17 November: Daytime culvert diversion works (08:00 to 18:00)
- Friday 17 – Monday 20 November: 24/7 construction of new culvert (22:00 Friday to 08:00 Monday)*
- Monday 20 – Friday 24 November: Daytime completion works (08:00 to 18:00)
- Monday 20 – Friday 24 November: Night time follow up tamping if required. (23.00 – 08.00)

*Due to the close proximity to the railway, we need to divert the culvert overnight when no trains are running for health and safety reasons.

How will we manage the impact on our neighbours?

We recognise that construction work on the railway can be disruptive to those living or working nearby. The nature of our work often means some disturbance is unavoidable, but please be assured that every effort is made to minimise any unnecessary noise and we have reminded all staff and contractors to be considerate of the environment they are working in.

Contact Us

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work taking place in your area, please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on: **03457 11 41 41** or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus

For further information: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/western/great-western-mainline/city-of-bristol/>

Yours faithfully



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