

**The Midland
Main Line Upgrade**
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Bromham Road Bridge

Improvement work



March 2019 into 2020

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Bromham Road Bridge

Bromham Road Bridge lies in the centre of Bedford to the north of Bedford railway station. It is a two-span brick arch bridge carrying the 2-lane single carriageway Bromham Road (A4280) over the Midland Main Line.

Having been identified as having insufficient clearance for Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) to pass safely beneath, the bridge needs to be raised to enable the electrification of the line northwards.

Bromham Road Bridge has a significant amount of underground services running through the structure, which must be diverted before demolition to enable the reconstruction to take place.

Work on these utilities (phase 1) will take place between Monday 4 March – Thursday 18 April 2019 and will be supported by a partial closure of Bromham Road (A4280) over the bridge.



This will be followed by the demolition and reconstruction phase, during which the structure will be reinstated at an increased height – with supporting work to the nearby embankment and roadway. We will further communicate our plans for this next phase at a later date.

Pedestrian access over the railway will be maintained throughout our work.

During the partial closure pedestrian access will be maintained over Bromham Road Bridge. During demolition and reconstruction access will be maintained using a temporary footbridge that will be constructed adjacent to Bromham Road Bridge. Cyclists would need to dismount before accessing the temporary footbridge.

For regular updates on how this work may affect you please visit: networkrail.co.uk/bromham.

Bedford railway station car park

From late autumn for approximately 9 weeks we will need to temporarily suspend some parking bays at Bedford railway station.

Due to the constraints of the construction site, this is the only location where the crane required for the reconstruction of the bridge can safely be located.

(The crane will remain in situ when not in use).

Midland Main Line

To help meet rising demand the Midland Main Line is undergoing the largest upgrade since it was completed in 1870.

Upgrades include track realignment, station remodelling, construction of a 4th line between Bedford and Kettering and the electrification of the line northwards to Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby.

Electrifying the railway enables modern bi-mode trains to operate on our network that are both quieter and cleaner than diesel, benefitting passengers and people living close to the railway.

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We appreciate that roadworks and construction noise can be disruptive and apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

The equipment we use means some disturbance is unavoidable but we will make every effort to minimise any unnecessary noise.

Furthermore, those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

We will continue to communicate disruptive work in advance through events, the media and online.

Contact us

If you have any questions concerning our work please visit: www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus
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