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Dear Neighbour

Protecting the railway through Dawlish and Teignmouth

In 2014 the railway to the south west, through Dawlish and Teignmouth, was cut off for six weeks due to severe storms. It cost £50 to repair the railway as well as costing the local and regional economy an estimated £1.2 billion because of the significant disruption to residents and businesses that rely on the railway.

Since then we have been working, with the support of funding from Government, to investigate what we need to do to protect the railway between Dawlish and Teignmouth and prevent this from reoccurring. In 2016 we completed a detailed geological and environmental study that showed that unless we put in place short, medium and long term measures the events which took place in 2014 would occur more frequently.

The study identified three priority areas that needed measures to make them more resilient to the impact of extreme weather and coastal erosion;

- 1) Dawlish sea wall from Dawlish station along Marine Parade
- 2) Between the Kennaway and Parsons tunnels
- 3) Teignmouth cliffs from Parsons tunnel to Teignmouth station

What are we doing now?

We now have funding from Government to undertake more detailed geological and marine studies to help us determine what measures might be put in place in these three areas to enable them to withstand extreme weather and coastal erosion.

We have appointed globally-recognised coastal, tunnel, cliff and railway engineering companies to work with us alongside the Environment Agency, Maritime

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Management Organisation and Department for Transport to undertake a number of detailed site investigations over the next two months

You will see these contractors in the area and in survey ribs out in the sea over the course of the next 8 weeks. The specific dates and exact work they will be undertaking at the three priority sites in Dawlish, Holcombe and Teignmouth are covered in the attached work schedule.

What will we do with the information from the investigations?

Following their investigations at the three priority sites we will work over the summer and into the autumn analysing the results of the surveys; and in close cooperation with Teignbridge District Council, Environment Agency, Maritime Management Organisation and Department for Transport we will start to work up detailed designs of possible options for these three areas.

We will be holding public information meetings later in the year to share these results and the design options with you and the local community and will inform you well in advance of when we intend to hold these information events.

Will this work be disruptive?

We do not anticipate this work being disruptive; however, the nature of our work often means some disturbance is unavoidable. Please be assured that every effort is made to minimise any unnecessary noise and we will remind all staff to be considerate to residents when carrying out their surveys.

Contact us

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any additional questions or concerns about our work to safeguard the railway between Dawlish and Teignmouth please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on **03457 11 41 41**, visit **networkrail.co.uk/contactus** or email **crwest@networkrail.co.uk**.

Yours sincerely,

Community Relations Executive

Enc. Work schedule for three priority sites

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Exeter to Newton Abbot resilience: Marine Parade, Dawlish
Work schedule

Dates	Time of work	Work scheduled	Notes
Monday 30 April – Friday 11 May	08:00 – 17:30 Monday-Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage surveys • Topographical Surveys 	
Monday 21 May – Sunday 10 June	08:00 – 17:30 Monday-Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground investigation • Drainage investigations 	Work along the railway section adjacent to Marine Parade
Saturday 19 May Saturday 26 May Saturday 2 June	22:00 – 09:30 Saturday- Sunday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey work during closure of the railway 	

Exeter to Newton Abbot Resilience: Between the Kennaway and Parsons Tunnels
Work schedule

Dates	Time of work	Work scheduled	Notes
Saturday 5 May – Sunday 6 May	16:00 – 06:00 Saturday- Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Walkthroughs • Topographical Surveys 	Area not publicly accessible
Monday 7 May – Friday 11 May	06:00 – 21:00 Monday – Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff Toe Investigations (Ground Investigations, Coring and Trial Pitting) • Drone Surveys 	Area not publicly accessible
Saturday 12 May – Sunday 13 May	2300 – 06:00 Saturday- Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Surveys 	Area not publicly accessible
Monday 21 May – Friday 8 June	0800 – 1900 Monday – Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff Top investigations (Boreholes) 	Area not publicly accessible

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Exeter to Newton Abbot resilience: Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth Work schedule

Dates	Time of work	Work scheduled	Notes
Saturday 5 May – Sunday 6 May	16:00 – 03:00 Saturday- Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Walkthroughs • Topographical Surveys 	Undertaken along the sea wall and beach
Monday 7 May – Friday 11 May	07:00 – 19:00 Monday-Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drone Survey 	
Saturday 12 May – Sunday 13 May	22:00 – 06:00 Saturday- Sunday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Investigations • Topographical Survey 	Undertaken along the sea wall and beach
Monday 14 May – Friday 1 June	07:00 – 21:00 Monday - Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff Top investigations (Boreholes) • Beach Investigations (Boreholes, Coring, Dynamics Probes and Trial Pitting) 	Working within tide times in daylight hours
Saturday 19 May – Sunday 20 May	22:00 – 06:00 Saturday- Sunday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Investigations 	
Monday 4 June – Friday 22 June	07:00 – 19:00 Monday - Friday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff Top investigations (Boreholes) 	Includes 1x borehole in Eastcliff/ Mules park

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