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Dear neighbour,

### **Merlins Bridge railway bridge replacements**

We are writing to invite you to attend further information 'drop-in' events we will be hosting in January 2019 regarding the essential work to replace the Merlins Bridge railway bridges.

We will be replacing Pembroke Road railway bridge (which crosses Pembroke Road) and Milford Road railway bridge, (which crosses the A4076, on Dredgeman Hill) both in Merlins Bridge, Haverfordwest, in 2019. This £4.25m project is part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

We will be hosting two 'drop-in' events on **Thursday 10 January and Thursday 31 January from 3pm to 6pm at the Merlins Bridge Welfare Hall, Pembroke Road, SA61 1JW**. No appointment is necessary and representatives from Network Rail's project team will be on hand to provide information and answer any questions.

#### **Pembroke Road railway bridge**

The preparatory work at Pembroke Road bridge will commence in January 2019. To ensure we can complete this work safely and effectively a single lane traffic management system will be in operation on Pembroke Road, at the railway bridge, **from 10pm on Saturday 5 January to 10am on Sunday 6 January and from 10pm on Saturday 12 January to 10am on Sunday 13 January**.

In order to demolish the existing deck spans and replace them as efficiently and safely as possible, it will be necessary to fully close Pembroke Road, at the railway bridge, **from 8pm on Friday 18 January to 6am on Monday 21 January**.

To ensure we can complete all our finishing works to Pembroke Road bridge safely, a single lane traffic management system will also be in operation on Pembroke Road, at the bridge, **from 10pm on Saturday 26 January to 10am on Sunday 27 January and from 10pm on Saturday 2 February to 10am on Sunday 3 February**.

We have been working closely with our partners including Pembrokeshire County Council, Welsh Government, South Wales Trunk Road Agency and the Emergency Services, to develop diversionary routes which will be clearly signposted throughout the road closures. We understand that closing the roads for any length of time is inconvenient and we thank the local community and road users for bearing with us during this time.

### **Milford Road railway bridge**

The A4076 at Milford Road railway bridge will be fully closed from **7pm on Friday 15 February until 6am on Monday 18 February**.

**There will be no pedestrian and cyclist access during the temporary full road closures at each bridge so Network Rail will be providing a shuttle bus service from one side of the bridge to the other throughout the temporary closures.**

Alongside Network Rail, our principal contractor working on site is AMCO. Preparatory work commenced earlier this month when we started setting up our compound site next to Merlins Bridge Welfare Hall on Pembroke Road. Work to set up our main compound site on the existing builders yard on Dredgemans Hill will commence in January 2019.

The work on both bridges will be carried out during both day and night time shifts. Safety is a key priority and for this reason most work on the railway must be delivered when trains are not running. This means carrying out a lot of our improvements during the night and at weekends.

Throughout the duration of the works Network Rail and our partners will endeavour to work responsibly in the local community, ensuring the site is managed effectively. We will be completing these works using methods which minimise the impact to the local community by minimising noise, dust and vibration, and by managing deliveries to and from site so they do not add to congestion at peak times.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please visit our webpage [www.networkrail.co.uk/merlins-bridge](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/merlins-bridge), telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email [crwales@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:crwales@networkrail.co.uk).

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for bearing with us as we build a better railway for Wales & Borders.

Yours faithfully



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