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Dear neighbour,

Milford Road railway bridge renewal

We are writing to remind you that Network Rail will be carrying out essential work to replace Milford Road railway bridge in Merlins Bridge, Haverfordwest, next month (February). This work will involve some temporary road closures.

The 80-year-old bridge deck, which crosses the A4076 on Dredgeman Hill, requires replacing as it is nearing the end of its lifespan. We will demolish the existing railway bridge deck - which carries the South Wales Mainline - and install a new, more resilient structure, all part of our Railway Upgrade Plan to improve the reliability of the railway.

The core work to replace the bridge will take place from **7pm on Friday 15 February and to 6am Monday 18 February**. To ensure the work is carried out as efficiently and safely as possible, we will require a short temporary road closure on the A4076 at Milford Road railway bridge. The road will be closed to all through traffic, with the exception of residents within the road closure and emergency services.

Milford Road railway bridge will be closed to pedestrians and cyclists during this weekend and a courtesy shuttle bus will be located at either side of the bridge for the duration of the road closure to transport those who require it from one side of the bridge to the other, via the official diversion route.

We have been working closely with our partners to develop the diversionary routes which will be clearly signposted throughout the road closure. **Please see at the end of this letter a copy of the diversion route maps.** We understand that closing the road for any length of time is inconvenient and we thank the local community and road users for bearing with us during this time. The site compound for our work on Milford Road railway bridge will be located at the existing builders yard on Dredgeman Hill.

Alongside Network Rail, our principal contractor working on site is AmcoGiffen. The work on the bridge 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.

Single lane traffic management

To ensure we can complete the preparatory and finishing work safely and effectively a single lane traffic management system, with three-way traffic lights, will be in operation on the A4076 at Milford Road railway bridge during the following days and times:

From 8pm on Saturday to 10am Sunday on the following dates:

26th January- 27th January

2nd February - 3rd February

9th February - 10th February

23rd February - 24th February

2nd March - 3rd March

From 7pm to 6am (overnights) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on the following dates:

28th January - 1st February

4th January- 8th February

19th February- 22nd February

25th February - 1st March

Changes to rail services for passengers

Network Rail is working in partnership with TfW Rail Services to minimise disruption during this upgrade work and a bus replacement service will be in operation between Whitland and Milford Haven for rail passengers on Saturday 16 February and Sunday 17 February. There will also be amendments to the timetable during this weekend so passengers are advised to check before they travel at www.nationalrail.co.uk

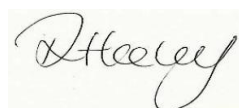
Want to know more?

We will be hosting a 'drop-in' event on **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.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please visit our webpage www.networkrail.co.uk/merlins-bridge, telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email 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



Rebecca Heeley,
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A Welsh language version of this letter is available upon request; please call 03457 11 41 41 or e-mail crwales@networkrail.co.uk if you would like to receive it. / Mae fersiwn Gymraeg o'r llythyr hwn ar gael ar gais; ffoniwch 03457 11 41 41 neu e-bostiwch crwales@networkrail.co.uk os hoffech gael copi.

Diversions route maps

