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Dear neighbour,

Pembroke Road railway bridge replacement: Temporary road closures

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

The 80-year-old bridge deck, which crosses Pembroke Road, 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.

Temporary road closures: 18-21 January 2019

The core work to replace the bridge will take place between Friday 18 and Monday 21 January. To ensure the work is carried out as efficiently and safely as possible, part of Pembroke Road will require a short temporary closure between the railway bridge and our temporary compound site which is located next to Merlins Bridge Welfare Hall (village hall). The road will be closed to all through traffic, with the exception of residents and emergency services, **from 8pm on Friday 18 January 2019 to 6am on Monday 21 January.**

During this period, Clay Lane will also be temporarily closed to all through traffic with the exception of residents and emergency services, via a one-way system. Traffic management operatives will be on hand to control vehicle movements throughout the duration of the road closures.

Pembroke 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 closures (please see enclosed maps at the end of this letter). 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.

Alongside Network Rail, our principal contractor working on site is AMCO. 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 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 12 January to 10am on Sunday 13 January.**

To complete all our finishing works 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.**

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 19 January and Sunday 20 January. 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 10 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



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