Upgrading the railway in Northamptonshire

For the past two years Network Rail has been upgrading the track and signalling between Kettering and Corby – installing a second track as well as improving the performance of the existing line, to allow for smoother, faster trains.

This work is now approaching completion before the new line is brought into use following by extra services later this year. Before it is finished the line needs to be closed temporarily for final testing and other preparatory works. This will see services suspended between Kettering and Corby for nine days from Saturday 17 February 2018 to Sunday 25 February 2018. Bus replacement services will be in operation.

Find out more at networkrail.co.uk/ketteringandcorby

Working for you
The Kettering to Corby Capacity Project is part of our Midland Main Line Upgrade Programme and, once complete, will deliver additional capacity that enables more frequent passenger services to/from London St Pancras as well as a speed improvement.

The Midland Main Line Upgrade Programme re-energises one of Britain’s oldest railways. Between now and 2020 the line between Bedford, Kettering and Corby will be electrified, have track and signals modernised, station platforms lengthened and see new trains with more carriages introduced.

Completion of this project has seen...

- 14 structures strengthened and improved – including Harpers Brook Viaduct, a 12 arch structure constructed in 1879
- 21km of track laid plus: 4km of drainage, 15km of embankment work, 73km of cabling, 6 signal gantries installed
- A performance improvement of the pre-existing line – enabling a line speed of 90 mph (up from 60 mph)
- Additional capacity created for potential future use – capacity now five train per hour in each direction (up from previous two per hour in each direction)
- Creation of a more robust route that will help to minimise future disruption through:
  - Better capacity for freight to be carried on rail
  - A diversionary route for when the main line is blocked making it possible to divert services via Corby rather than cancelling services

If you would like to see some of the films made to support communications with lineside neighbours and stakeholder during the project, these are available at the links below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2_wi7Tk6CQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjCP5onAzMg
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNziszBoTkM
Replacement bus/coach services

When the line is closed temporarily for final testing and other preparatory works train services will be suspended between Kettering and Corby from Saturday 17 February 2018 to Sunday 25 February 2018. Bus replacement services will be in operation. Services resume as normal from Monday 26 February.

Bus replacement services bus will run between Corby and Kettering stations in place of trains. Please note that in order to make connections at Kettering, some bus services may depart slightly earlier than the normal train services so customers are strongly advised to check times in advance of travel. There also may be occasions when bus services need to be re-timed, so customers are strongly advised to check the timetable at eastmidlandstrains.co.uk.

Please note, any customers travelling on a replacement bus service will need to buy a rail ticket for their journey. Bikes, pushchairs and dogs can all be taken on the rail replacement services, space permitting.

The station car parks at nearby Kettering and Market Harborough stations are already very busy, it is recommended that customers continue to use Corby station and the replacement coach service to guarantee car parking.
Alongside our partners we endeavour to ensure our sites are managed responsibly and to minimise the impact of works on people living close to the railway. We make every effort to minimise unnecessary noise and brief construction teams on working responsibly in the local community.

We appreciate that the diversions or road closures that are often required when undertaking bridge work can cause inconvenience. However, these are necessary to ensure the safety of road users, pedestrians and Network Rail personnel.

Please be assured that minimising the disruption arising from our work and completing it in a timely manner are priorities for Network Rail - as is keeping communities informed of the impact of our work.

As well as drop-in events prior to the start of work, Network Rail will use the local media, posters and letters to the lineside neighbours most affected by our work to share information

For more information about the railway upgrade in Northamptonshire
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