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Dear Neighbour

UPDATE: Railway Upgrade Plan – Butts Hill Road Bridge

As part of our Railway Upgrade Plan, we are electrifying the railway between Paddington and Cardiff. This work will enable GWR to introduce electric services linking the two capitals on a fleet of brand new trains providing more space, greater capacity, improved WiFi and a better environment for passengers, lineside neighbours and the countryside.

We will shortly be continuing our works to make sure Butts Hill Road Bridge is safety compliant. We will raise the parapets (sides of the bridge) to provide a barrier between vehicular traffic and the overhead lines required to power the new trains.

To achieve this, we have blast clean and paint the bridge, install strengthening steel, remove the existing parapet and install a new raised steel parapet.

When will the work take place?

The work will continue from now until 31 October 2018, working hours as follows:

- Monday to Thursday from 22:00 until 06:00 (each night)
- Saturday to Sunday from 22:00 until 08:00 (overnight)

During these times the bridge will remain closed to vehicular traffic and a diversionary route will be in place, pictured overleaf.

Outside the working hours, the bridge will be open to traffic with traffic light in place to maintain the safety of the work site and the passing traffic.



Diversion Route:



How will we manage the impact on our neighbours?

We recognise that construction work on the railway can be disruptive to those living or working nearby. The nature of our work often means some disturbance is unavoidable, but please be assured that every effort is made to minimise any unnecessary noise and we have reminded all staff to be considerate to our neighbours.

Contact us

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause.

However, if you have any additional questions or concerns about the work taking place in your area please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on: 03457 11 41 41, visit <u>networkrail.co.uk/contactus</u> or email crwest@networkrail.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Community Relations Executive