

Issue 5

Leeds Station Improvements

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Hello

We are continuing to progress with the construction of the new Platform Zero to ensure this essential expansion of Leeds Station is completed on time by December this year.

(During the Covid-19 crisis, strict social distancing measures have been put in place to help ensure the safety of our staff working on site).

We would also like to thank you for your continued patience whilst work has continued and recognise that many more people may currently be working from home, and therefore noticing the work to a higher degree than usual.

We are doing our best to limit disruption where possible in line with our noise mitigation plan, however, carefully planned continuous overnight working is required over the next few months. It would be great to be able to do all the work during the day, but unfortunately with this being a railway project it is simply not possible.

Your support is very much appreciated and please feel free to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Construction Update – what we have done

You may well have noticed the visible progress that is now being made to construct Platform Zero and its associated infrastructure. To summarise:

- Much of Platform 1 is now dismantled and we hope to have this complete by the end of June with the removal of all of the riser wall, foundations and surface.
- The new railway sleepers that will serve Platform Zero have been laid and we are nearing the



completion of constructing a 130m long temporary platform that will come into passenger service on Tuesday 26 May. This is to replace the main Platform 1 whilst it is closed for rebuild.

- We are in the process of finishing the construction of a new 40m long passenger walkway which will link the temporary platform to the station.
- We have carried out a range of OLE, track and signalling work such as gantry removals, piling, signalling testing and electrical wire transfers.

You can find the latest information on upcoming work by visiting: **networkrail.co.uk/LSI**

Upcoming Disruptive Work

As part of being open and honest, overnight work will be continuous for the next few months and there will be an increase in wagons delivering essential materials to site.



I appreciate this is not ideal but it is unfortunately unavoidable. However, we are committed to limiting noise and light disruption where at all possible.

There is a detailed noise mitigation plan in place, which encompasses trying to limit what we deem as 'noisy' activity to daytime hours - such as wagon stone deliveries, concrete break-out, and general machinery movements – however, some of this will have to still be done at night when trains are not running so that we can continue to work on the railway.

Key Dates:

- From Saturday 23 May Monday 25 May we will be taking possession of the railway and working 24/7 for three busy days and nights which is expected to be more noticeable.
- We are approaching the final phase of piling activity with work scheduled for overnight on Saturday 30th May which has the potential to be disruptive.
- From late May early June extensive excavations will be required as part of foundation strengthening works.
- From early June to late September we will be progressing with building the actual platform for Platform Zero and the new Platform 1

Public Information Event Review



We held a successful public and stakeholder information event on Friday 13 March where members of our project team were on hand to talk about the upcoming works and answer any queries attendees had.

The event was well attended, with around 75 visitors, however our analysis did show that not many local residents were able to attend.

We will closely monitor the situation, and if it is felt productive, we will explore creating a virtual engagement event to help gather your feedback on construction activity and explore potential adjustments that can be made to working practices.

If you are interested, we recommend visiting our webpage at networkrail.co.uk/LSI to watch a short explainer video about the project that was displayed at the event.

Any Questions



If you have any questions you would like to ask the project team, you can contact our National Helpline:

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