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| **Railway Neighbour**  | Community RelationsNetwork RailGround Floor, Northern HouseRougier StreetYorkYO1 6HZNational Helpline: **03457 11 41 41** |
| 06 January 2020**Our Ref: Overhead Line Equipment Installation- Piling** |

Dear Neighbour,

**Essential Piling Work- Important Update - Amendment to Schedule**

Following up from our January ‘work tracker’, we would like to inform you that there has been an amendment to the schedule for essential piling work. These adjustments have been made due to ground conditions and to allow us to finish the piling programme sooner than originally forecast.

Our specialist teams will now be working along the track between the following dates:

* **Saturday 16 January (PM) – Sunday 24 January (AM)** - We will be piling overnight along the line in a southward direction starting north of Bolton Percy and moving to Ulleskelf and Church Fenton
* **Monday 25 January (PM) - Friday 29 January (AM)-** We will be piling overnight along the line in a southward direction through Church Fenton

The work will be carried out overnight during the following times:

* **Weekday nights (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday): 23:00 – 06:00**
* **Weekend nights (Saturday overnight to Sunday): 00:10 – 07:45**

Installing foundations to support overhead line equipment (OLE), which we call piling, is part of this preparatory work. Once the cylindrical steel piles have been installed, we then begin to erect trackside posts and overhead wires. To undertake this work, we will be using a hammer pile mounted to an excavator – this will be used to vibrate and hit the cylindrical steel piles into the ground.

Due to the nature of this work, it is expected that you will experience a moderate/high level of noise disturbance. We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause to you. We understand that carrying out this work is far from ideal for those living closest to the railway, but this work must be carried out when the line is closed.

**Please note:** There may be minor adjustments to the updated piling schedule depending on unforeseen ground and weather conditions.For further updates,please visit our website at: **networkrail.co.uk/York2CF**

You can read more about the piling process and the level of disruption you may experience, please visit our website at: **networkrail.co.uk/piling**

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via our 24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

Once again, we would like to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this date change may cause you.

Thank you for your support and patience during this time.

Yours faithfully,

**Natalie Thirkell**

Communications Manager