

Railway Neighbour

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Dear Neighbour,

Sheet Piling and Temporary Compound – Sunnyside Lane

We would like to update you on the essential railway work that is due to take place near to your property. We will be working over the next few months to replace the road bridge at Sunnyside Lane, to allow the installation of Overhead Line Equipment (OLE), so that it can safely run underneath the bridge structure. In order to carry out the work, our teams will need to set up a temporary compound for four months to support this activity, as well as carrying out some sheet piling near to the bridge to stabilise the embankment.

The work forms part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU), which will deliver major upgrades including more frequent and reliable trains along the 76-mile route from Manchester to York, via Huddersfield and Leeds. As you'll be aware, we have recently been carrying out piling work in your area also, ready for the new OLE to be installed as part of TRU.

Whilst we understand it is not ideal for us to be working close your property, we want to provide you with as much information as possible and we will be hosting a virtual community event to answer any further questions you may have. Below you will find the full details on the upcoming work and event. We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this work may cause to you.

Temporary Compound

This site will be a vital element in the organisation of the improvement work and our teams will need to use this site for a short period of time.



The compound will be active from **04 October 2021 – 31 January 2022** (maximum duration of 4 months).

As shown in the red line drawing to the left, we will be using this space to store materials, machinery and provide essential welfare facilities for our team, including parking (within the compound).

Due to the compound being active over the next few months, we expect there will be a low- moderate level of disturbance, whilst the team access the railway for the improvements.

Our teams have been briefed and are mindful that they are working close to our neighbours and the disturbance this can cause. This includes, not running car/van engines, no shouting, no littering. We will be enforcing these measures as strictly as possible.

Sheet Piling

Sheet piling involves large metal sheets being driven into the ground to stabilise the embankment. To undertake this work, we will be using a hammer pile mounted to an excavator - this will be used to vibrate and hit the sheets into the ground. Due to the nature of this work, it is expected that you will experience a moderate/high level of noise disturbance. Mitigations will be in place to try and minimise the disturbance where possible.

Please see the image below, which shows the area of track we will be working on.

Our specialist teams will be piling between the **Saturday 02 October 2021 – Friday 05 November 2021**. The times in which the team will be carrying out this work are as follows:

Saturday night-time work (10pm - 8am)

- **Saturday 02 October**
- **Saturday 09 October**
- **Saturday 16 October**
- **Saturday 30 October**
- **Sunday 31 October**

Sunday day-time work (8am - 10pm)

- **Sunday 31 October**

Weekday night-time work (10pm - 8am)

- **Monday 01 November - Friday 05 November**



Following the sheet piling work, we will write you to inform you of further work that will need to take place in order to install the new bridge.

To find out more about the work, we would like to invite members of the community to a 'Virtual Community Event'

18:00 – 19:00 on Thursday 23 September 2021.

Our project team will be on hand to go into more detail about the compound and work needing to take place to install the new bridge, as well as answering any questions you may have.

To join the event, please type: <https://bit.ly/3h56agC> into your web browser bar at the event start time.

If you would like, you can read more about the piling process and the level of disruption you may experience by visiting our website at: www.networkrail.co.uk/piling.

You can also find out more about the Manchester Victoria – Stalybridge Improvements by visiting our webpage: www.networkrail.co.uk/Manchester-improvements.

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 work may cause to you.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Herbert
Community Relations Executive