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Dear Neighbour,

Piling and Sunnyside Lane Railway Work Update

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support whilst we work to install the new railway bridge at Sunnyside Lane. As you'll be aware, we have recently been carrying out upgrade work in your area and are writing to update you on our latest stage of the work.

Please see below further details regarding piling at Clayton Bridge Viaduct and our work schedule for Sunnyside Lane, including our upcoming community event.

SHORT NOTICE - Piling Work (Clayton Bridge Viaduct):

While we have completed our sheet piling work that we were carrying out to the embankment at Sunnyside Lane, I am writing to inform you of some short notice piling work we are carrying out this weekend at Clayton Bridge Viaduct. This is needed as most of the signalling in the area is outdated and needs replacing. We are installing new signal gantries, lights and cabling. The first stage in this process is installing the signal base (piling).

Due to a change in our schedule, we have had to bring this work forward, and we would like to apologise in advance for the short notice. We understand the importance of timely communications and understand this is far from ideal. **Our specialist teams will be piling overnight from Saturday 4 December – Sunday 5 December (10pm - 8am).** Please see the image and red line below, which indicates the area of track we will be working on.

If we are unable to complete the piling overnight due to the ground conditions, we also have further overnight piling contingency shifts planned from:

- Monday 6 December until Friday 10 December (10pm – 8am)
- Saturday 11 December until Sunday 12 December (10pm – 8am)



Sunnyside Lane - Bridge Construction Work:

Throughout the month of December, we will be continuing our work to replace the road bridge at Sunnyside Lane. This will allow for the installation of Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) to safely run underneath the bridge structure.



Below shows the date and time we will be working:

Work Taking Place	Month	Time/Date
Bridge Installation Work	December	• Midweek day-time work (8am - 5pm) • Saturday night-time work (10pm - 7am)
Bridge Demolition Work	24 – 27 December	• Day-time work (8am – 7pm) • Night-time work (10pm – 7am)

Over Christmas, we will be demolishing the old Sunnyside Lane Bridge structure. To carry this work out, a long arm excavator will break the current concrete structure into three sections. These sections will then be lifted out by a crane which will be situated in the compound on Sunnyside Lane. Once this is done the old structure's piers and abutments will be broken down using the excavator. Following our work over Christmas, in January 2022, we will be carrying out some further piling work, however we will update on you shift dates and times in the next few weeks.

While we carry out our work over Christmas, the equipment our teams use means some disturbance is unavoidable, but we will make every effort to minimise any unnecessary noise. Furthermore, those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community and will be mindful that they are working close to our neighbours.

Parking:

We have organised space for our teams to park within the temporary compound to avoid congestion within your community. As we continue our work throughout December to January, Lancaster Road will remain as our direct route and entry into the compound for deliveries including cranes and the new bridge sections.

We would kindly request that all residents along this road refrain from double parking where possible so our deliveries can easily access the compound. We are extremely thankful for your cooperation during this time and apologise for any inconvenience the increase of vehicles using this road may have on you and your neighbours.

Community Event:

We would like to invite members of the community to a 'Community Event'

16:00 – 19:00 on Wednesday 08 December 2021.

The event will be at: **St Martin's Church, Greenside Lane, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7QS**
The project team will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the upcoming work over Christmas.

Please note: You can drop in anytime between the times above.

Once again, we would like to sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause to you and we look forward to meeting you at our event.

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**. You can also find out more about the Manchester Victoria to Stalybridge Improvements by visiting our webpage: **[networkrail.co.uk/Manchester-improvements](https://www.networkrail.co.uk/Manchester-improvements)**

Thank you for your continued support and patience while we carry out the work. We will continue to update you on further upcoming work.