Brent Cross West Station – part of the Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration Programme

Dear Neighbour,

Further to our letter of 1 February advising you of main works starting on our project near to your properties, I’d like to update you on the latest detailed programme.

We’re carrying out work to enable the new Brent Cross West Thameslink station by making changes and improvements to the track layout, installing new signalling and overhead line equipment, erecting a replacement drivers’ accommodation building and relocating the existing sidings.

This Barnet Council project is being delivered by several contractors including Graham Construction and Amey on behalf of Network Rail. We are working together to coordinate and communicate our activities to those who may be impacted.

Some noise and disruption is inevitable on a project of this nature but we will continue to work towards minimising our impact on you, our neighbours.

Key overnight works (in approximate chronological order)

**Thurs 18 - Mon 22 April: Easter weekend (10pm-8am):** 24 hr working including piling works on the Midland mainline on Saturday night and Sunday and daytime works on the waste transfer station and (with evening/night contingency) on the overhead line equipment structure on Sunday.

**Fri 24– Mon 29 April (10pm-5am):** 24 hr working including points installation and walkway construction on the Friday night and Saturday, piling and installation of overhead line equipment on Saturday night; installation of points on Sunday night.

**Fri 3 – Mon 6 May: Bank holiday weekend (8am-5am):** 24 hr working including points installation and walkway construction on the Friday night and Saturday, piling work on the Midland mainline on Saturday night and Sunday and daytime work on the overhead line equipment.

**Sat 11 – Sun 12 and Sat 18-Sun 19 May (8am-8am):** Walkway construction and night-time piling work on the Midland mainline.

**Mon 13- Fri 17 May and Mon 20 – Fri 24 May (8am-6pm):** Day time piling work in the new sidings.
Please note that with all of the above, construction activity is permitted to take place between 8am to 6pm (Mon-Fri) and 8am to 3pm on Saturdays (until 1pm only on the Sidings project). As the railway will remain operational throughout this project, there will be times that we need to work on the line at weekends or overnight when the trains are not running. Network Rail maintenance teams and other contractors may also work at night on the railway over the same period as is normal.

**Noisy Works**

You will note that much of our works take place during 24-72 hour weekend closures of the railway because these give us the safest opportunity to undertake significant works to the existing railway. Most night time activity will not be noisy and we try to undertake the noisiest activities during daytime hours. We are limited on the levels of noise we can make, and we monitor noise levels to make sure we can take prompt action before it unduly impacts our neighbours.

Also, to remind you that you may be noticing a small increase in traffic entering Brent Terrace South. As previously advised, an existing access gate has been opened for staff cars and small vans who are working on site. We will not tolerate our contractors parking on the street, or deliveries or large loads to arrive or depart through this gate and this will be carefully monitored.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction works, please contact Network Rail on the 24- hour helpline on 0345 711 4141 or at www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus quoting ‘James Wood, Network Rail Project Manager, BREN T CROSS THAMESLINK’.

In addition to the new station, the Brent Cross Thameslink programme is delivering associated infrastructure work to provide pedestrian and cycle links across the railway and replace outdated waste and freight facilities. The development is part of the wider Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme which will deliver a vibrant new mixed-use town centre and we will be updating you on the project throughout the year.

For more information, please visit http://www.barnet.gov.uk/brentcrossthameslink

Yours faithfully

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