

Railway Neighbour

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Dear Neighbour

East Linton station – work update

As part of our ongoing investment in the railway, we are working to construct the new East Linton station.

Recent works

Work has commenced on the footbridge and lift foundations. The installation of the lift shafts is scheduled for late August with the footbridge due to be installed in September. We will provide further updates on the installation dates and process in due course.

The layout of the compound has changed with the project offices relocated to the east of the site to give us the necessary space to undertake the car park works. The car park excavations are complete but work on the car park will continue for several more months.

Finally, we have completed the installation of an under-track crossing (UTX) for cabling.

Upcoming works

In our previous letter we advised that we would begin piling for the footbridge in July. Unfortunately, we encountered logistical issues securing a police escort for the piling rig, so the **piling for the footbridge will now take place across the weekends of 30/31 July, 06/07 August and 13/14 August**. We have 40 piles left to install: 20 on each side of the railway. Piling is among the noisiest activities we do on the railway and unfortunately, as it is close to the running line, it has to be at night for safety reasons.

We will, where appropriate use a less disruptive piling method (vibration piling) but some hammer piling is unavoidable. Throughout the piling work we will do what we can to minimise the impact of noise and vibration on the surrounding properties and we have reiterated the requirement for this to be in place to our contractors.

On 04 and 09 August there will be parking restrictions along School Road to allow the safe movement of the piling rig.

In August we will begin the installation of infrastructure for the car park, such as drainage works, ahead of the installation of kerbing in September.

As part of the construction process of the station car park, we'll be using a heavy vibrating roller to compact the ground. As with the piling, this activity will be noisy and will cause some vibration which is unavoidable, but we will do all we can to minimise the disruption. All of the carpark construction works will be undertaken during dayshift only.

Working hours

The site will operate during the daytime from 07:30-17:30, Monday to Friday and weekend night shifts from 22:30-09:00 on a Saturday night and 22:30-07:00 on a Sunday night. Occasionally there may be a requirement for the project to work Saturday and Sunday dayshift from 08:00-17:00.

Further information

As the project develops, we will update the community on our working times and the type of work that will be taking place. This will mainly be via our website: (<https://scotlandsrailway.com/projects/east-linton-station>)

We will offer as much detail and as much notice as we can for disruptive works but, as with any major project, the dates and timings are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

There may also be other general railway maintenance works being undertaken in the area which may generate some noise or disturbance.

The work we are doing and the equipment we use means that some noise is unavoidable, but we will do all we can to minimise it. We also require those working on site to work with consideration for the local community.

We understand that working near your property, particularly at night is not ideal, but we are obliged to work on the railway at times that cause least disruption to trains – which means carrying out a lot of our work at weekends or at night. This is also safer for those on site.

I hope our work doesn't disturb you, but if you have any questions or concerns please email EastLintonstation@networkrail.co.uk or call our **24-hr helpline on 03457 11 41 41**.

For regular project updates, please visit the East Linton project page on the Scotland's Railway web site.

Yours faithfully

**East Linton Station
Project Team**