

Railway Neighbour

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Dear Neighbour,

IMPROVEMENT WORK – Dringhouses, York

I am writing to inform you that Network Rail needs to undertake essential work which is part of the preparation for the upgrading of the Transpennine railway, which will deliver faster and more frequent services and improve connections between key towns and cities across the North.

To enable electrification of the railway – which will mean quieter, cleaner and greener trains – Network Rail will be removing vegetation from 6.5 meters either side of the tracks (from big trees to small bushes) to allow safe clearance for the gantries and wires. This will also include removing trees which are on Network Rail land and are within striking distance of the railway should they fall.

We will also be renewing fencing along the route. Dependant on the location we will be using either stock proof fencing or green palisade fencing.

Before work starts, Network Rail or its representatives, carry out an ecological survey. Any protected species or nesting birds are identified and appropriate methods of working are put into place.

To undertake this work we will use a variety of equipment that can include chainsaws, flail machines, chipping machines and handsaws. Where suitable, logs and branches will either be left to create a safe habitat for wildlife; chipped and spread evenly; or will be completely removed from site.

We will be working during day time hours Monday to Fridays 07.00hrs-19.00hrs however there may be times when we will need to work during the night. We will notify you of the dates and times of any night time work.

This work is covering a one mile stretch of track and we will be starting in December 2016 until June 2017. Please be aware that we will not be outside your property for the whole of this time but at various locations along the route.

We would like to invite you to an information event which will be held on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at St Edward the Confessor Church Hall ,Tadcaster Road York between 4pm and 7pm. Representatives from Network Rail and our contractor QTS will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about this planned work . There will also be a presentation at 5pm and 6pm.

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this essential work may cause. However, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contact or telephone our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Thompson".

Denise Thompson, Community Relations Manager