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Dear resident

Subject: Northumberland Line – Ashington station important dates and details

I am writing to provide a summary of important dates and works planned for January 2023. The works are essential for the development of the Northumberland Line rail project, which aims to improve connectivity and accessibility in South East Northumberland by bringing passenger trains back into service between Ashington and Newcastle. Staff undertaking all works will be readily identifiable through hi-visibility clothing.

Completion of overnight track works

I wrote to you previously to inform you of the works to renew the track and upgrade the level crossing, which need to be undertaken overnight. These works are running to schedule and will be completed by **5.30am Friday 9 December**. I do appreciate that these works are disruptive and apologise for any disturbance caused.

Northumberland Line drop in

We are holding a public information event for local residents to find out more about this work and the construction programme for Ashington. The event will be held **at Northumberland County Council office, Wansbeck Square, Ashington NE63 9XH on Tuesday 13th December between 15:00pm – 18:30pm.**

Members of the project team will be on hand to discuss details of the work and answer any questions you may have about these works or the Northumberland Line project more generally

Festive Holidays

Please note, the Ashington Station construction site will be brought to a safe stop on Friday 23 December 2022 and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023. Throughout this time there will be 24/7 security on site.

I can also confirm that there will no rail maintenance or upgrade works along any of the existing railway line from Friday 23 December 2022 until Sunday 8 January 2023.

Temporary closure of Kenilworth Road

This notice is to advise you that Kenilworth Road will be closed temporarily to enable excavation works to take place for the new Ashington station. This work will take place from **9 January 2023 until 27 January 2023**. Works will take place between **08:00am – 18:00pm each day**.

To carry out our works safely during this period, we will need to temporarily close Kenilworth Road. Drivers will be diverted to Wansbeck Square and Station Road via Green Lane and Park Road. **Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout.**

The temporary closure will allow for some heavy machinery, including up to 40 ton excavators to access the site safely.

As these works are close to your home, there is a chance they may cause disruption. There will be 24/7 security throughout to ensure the site is secure and to assist with pedestrian access. We will use dust suppression whilst undertaking excavation, and any noise or other local disruption will be kept as minimal as practically possible.

Any significant changes to the duration of this programme or to shift timings due to site specific conditions will be communicated via further letters.

I would like to personally thank you for your patience during the last year which has seen the demolition of the old station and the installation of precast units for the new station platform. I look forward to keeping you updated on project progress throughout 2023.

To find out more about the wider project, please visit our dedicated webpage: www.northumberlandline.uk. For any project-specific queries, please email rail@northumberland.gov.uk or call the Network Rail Helpline 03457 11 41 41.

Yours sincerely,



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