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Dear resident

**Subject: Northumberland Line –Track renewal works, Hospital Level Crossing permanent closure and public information event**

Further to my letter dated 13 June 2023, I am writing to update you on works taking place in your area in July 2023. This includes information on track renewal works and plans for the closure of Hospital Level Crossing.

The track renewal works and the permanent closure of Hospital Crossing are essential for the development of the Northumberland Line, which aims to improve connectivity and accessibility in South East Northumberland by bringing passenger trains back into service between Ashington and Newcastle.

We will be holding a drop in event at Ashington Cricket Club on the **28 June 2023** where our team can answer any questions you may have about the upcoming works and the wider project.

**Upcoming works - July**

From **10pm Thursday 20 July to 5.30am Monday 24 July**, contractors working on behalf of Northumberland County Council will be undertaking track renewals between Hospital Level Crossing and the new Ashington station site. The team will be working continuously during this time, including overnight. There will no access across Hospital Level Crossing and Green Lane Level Crossing during the works.

There will be multiple engineering trains on site throughout the works. Unfortunately these can be noisy and due to safety reasons will sound their horns when moving near to workers. There may also be workers carrying out preparation works ahead of Thursday 20 July, and immediately following the works completion on Monday 24 July, to complete checks on track stability and any minor follow up activities.

To limit noise during the works, certain equipment will be turned off when not in use. Battery operated machinery will also be used on site where possible. Please note that, although these measures may limit noise, they will not remove it. I apologise for any inconvenience that these works cause.



Image: Area of works

## Hospital Level Crossing permanent closure

Following public consultation on options for Hospital Level Crossing in 2022, the project has progressed with proposals to permanently close the crossing with no replacement.

This means that, following completion of the works in July, the crossing will not re-open and fencing to permanently close off the crossing will be put in place.

## Public information event

We are holding a public information event for local residents to find out more about this work and the construction programme for Ashington station. The event will be held on **Wednesday 28 June 3.30pm to 6.30pm** at **Ashington Cricket Club**, Langwell Crescent, Ashington NE63 8AB.

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.

## Keeping You Connected

To find out more about the Northumberland Line or if you have any queries about this letter or the wider works, please visit our dedicated webpage [www.northumberlandline.uk](http://www.northumberlandline.uk), email [rail@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:rail@northumberland.gov.uk) or call 0345 600 6400.

Yours sincerely,



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