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Dear Neighbour,

Emergency closure of level crossing on Brockhampton Lane, Cheltenham

We wanted to let you know that we have put in place an emergency closure of the level crossing over the railway on Brockhampton Lane to ensure the safety of passengers, motorists and pedestrians.

Work to upgrade the signalling and telecoms equipment at the crossing is due to take place from 11 January to 7 April 2021.

Unfortunately, latest checks show the condition of the wiring has unexpectedly deteriorated, putting the safety of passengers, motorists and pedestrians at increased risk. We therefore put in a place an immediate emergency closure of the crossing on 18 December as a vital safety measure.

The closure will remain in place until the upgrade work is complete, subject to authorisation from the local highways authority. Please follow the signed diversion route via Hyde Lane (map overleaf). We appreciate this is a lengthy closure and we are very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause you.

Under our original programme, the work required only two weekend closures of the crossing, and we planned to write to you when these were confirmed. We hope you will understand the need for us to put this longer closure in place to ensure the continued safety of all crossing users.

Please do not put your life at risk by attempting to cross the railway line while the crossing is closed. Trespassing on the railway is illegal and dangerous. You could be taken to court and face a \pounds 1,000 fine.

If you are thinking about doing any work on or near the railway infrastructure, please contact us so we can provide expert advice and assistance





I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or concerns about the work taking place, please call our 24-hour National Helpline on: 03457 11 41 41 or visit <u>www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus</u>. For more information about living by the railway, please visit: <u>https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/living-by-the-railway/</u>

Yours faithfully,

Tamison Painter Community Relations Executive

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