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Dear Neighbour,

IMPROVEMENT WORKS – Sanderstead Road Bridge Replacement

I am writing to inform you that Network Rail is replacing Sanderstead Road underbridge. Sanderstead Road Underbridge is located on the Victoria to Brighton Line between Purley Oaks and South Croydon stations.

The metallic bridge decks on both sides of the bridge are weak and in poor condition. Furthermore, the inner main girders are virtually inaccessible, making any examination of the girders very difficult. It is imperative that the reconstruction of these metallic bridge decks is undertaken promptly, or we will have no alternative but to place a speed restriction on this section of line which would have a major impact on the Brighton Mainline.

Due to the importance of these works, Network Rail engaged with the London Borough of Croydon as early as 2017 to make sure that the work could be planned accordingly and that this project was considered as part of the overall traffic management strategy in Croydon.

Works are due to commence in September 2019 to establish a working area in South Croydon Recreation Ground where the new concrete bridge decks will be built. The decks will then be driven to the site using Self-Propelled Modular Transporters.

The works to the bridge will then take place during a series of road closures and railway closures.

Key dates are noted below, along with a summary of activities:

Dates	Details	Activities
Early September 2019	Works start to create a site compound area	Fence off area, prepare land for our works, install site compound and start the work to protect the trees and buried utilities.
18 th – 23 rd September 2019	Road closure as published on Sanderstead Road and Croydon Council Website	Tree trimming along Sanderstead Road and removal of trees around bridge structure, building of temporary scaffold bridge to support railway cables.
01:05 Sunday 22 nd September – 04:00 Monday 23 rd September 2019	Railway possession (South side – trains will continue to run on north side)	24hr working to erect cable bridge over the railway, slew the railway cables onto the temporary bridge, remove the top section of the bridge to ensure it can pass under the existing arch and preparation works to the track.
6 th December 2019 – 14 th January 2020	Road closure as published on Sanderstead Road and Croydon Council Website	Preparation works for main bridge replacement. Replacement of the bridges and follow up works to north side.
01:00 Saturday 14 th December – 04:00 Monday 16 th December 2019	Closure of the railway on the north side (north side – trains will continue to run on the south side)	24hr working to erect cable bridge over the railway, slew the railway cables onto the temp bridge, remove the top section of the bridge to ensure it can pass under the existing arch and some preparation works to the track.
23:00 Tuesday 24 th December – 04:00 Friday 27 th December 2019	Closure of the railway (south side)	24hr working. Replacement of the south side deck.
23:45 Friday 27 th December – 04:00 Saturday 30 th December 2019	Closure of the railway (north side)	24hr working. Replacement of the north side deck.
01:00 Wednesday 1 st January – 04:00 Thursday 2 nd January 2020	Closure of the railway (north side)	24hr working. Follow up line closure to complete the track works, slew the railway cables back and remove the scaffold bridge.
24 th January – 27 th January 2020	Road closure as published on Sanderstead Road and Croydon Council Website	Removal of scaffold bridge and completing works to the bridge on the south side.

01:05 Sunday 26 th January – 04:15 Monday 27 th January 2020	Closure of the railway (south side)	24hr working. Follow up line closure to complete the track works, slew the railway cables back and remove the scaffold bridge.
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To facilitate this work, and to maintain the safety both of members of the public and our contractors working on site, it will be necessary to implement full road closures and parking suspensions on Sanderstead Road. There will also be times when we will need to close the footpaths.

We understand the effect our activities may have on the local community and we can assure you that our teams are briefed on working responsibly in the local community. We will endeavour to keep any noise to an absolute minimum, though some disturbance may be unavoidable due to the nature of the work.

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience this essential work may cause. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk/accessforall or telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on **03457 11 41 41** quoting the reference **Sanderstead Road Bridge Reconstruction 02**.

Yours faithfully



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