

Community Relations
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 Helpline (24/7):

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Dear neighbour,

Railway improvement work – Level Crossing and Signalling upgrades between Gomshall and Shalford Junction – from Saturday 18 February 2023 to March 2024

I'm writing to let you know that we need to renew life expired railway signalling assets and upgrade the level crossings at **Brook, Burrows Lane, Chilworth and Tangley** with modern and safer technology. This will reduce the risk by 97% at each location, building a safer and more resilient railway for passengers and railway neighbours.

We've also been working with the local authorities leading on traffic management plans to make sure appropriate signage will be in place when the level crossings are closed. Before we begin working, we'll set up a small compound and welfare facilities at Gomshall station and on the Albury Estate and we'll use site lighting for safety.

Every effort will be made to minimise excessive noise whilst this work is being carried out. Where possible, using specialist low noise equipment but unavoidable aspects of our work may cause some noise disturbance, both during the day and at night. There may be increased traffic in the area from delivery vehicles accessing the areas where we need to work. We're sorry in advance for the disruption and inconvenience this work will cause. **The table below summarises the level crossing road closures which will be in place in February.**

| Date and time | Location | Activity |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 18 February 2023 22:30 to 02:00 Monday 20 February | Brook Level Crossing | Level crossing will be fully closed; Excavation on both sides of crossing using road rail vehicles and on-track machinery; installation of cables. Road diversion will be in place. |
| | Burrows Lane Level Crossing | |
| | Tangley Level Crossing | Half road closure with traffic lights will be in place during this period. |
| We'll be working at various locations in your local area until March 2024 as part of the railway improvement works on the North Downs Line. We will be in touch with you ahead of time as these works progress. | | |

Before we begin the wider project on the North Downs Line in your local area, we will be hosting two **community drop-in sessions for the local community**. This will provide an opportunity for the community to ask any questions and our project team to outline the required essential work. Please see the following dates and times below of when these will be taking place:

- **Thursday 9 February – 4pm till 6pm at Chilworth Village Hall, New Road, Chilworth, Guildford GU4 8LZ**
- **Thursday 16 February- 4pm till 6pm at Gomshall Village Club, Queen Street, Gomshall, Guildford GU5 9LY**

Additional various essential work taking place:

We're starting these early preparation works on Saturday 18 as the railway between Guildford and Dorking West will be out of service then, due to the 9-day blockade (line closure) between Farncombe and Petersfield being extended to Guildford. There will be an opportunity to implement other improvements and maintenance work, alongside the essential level crossing and signalling improvements, thus reducing some future disruptive access to the railway.

On **Sunday 19 February 2023** during the closure of the line, multiple contractors will carry out work between Gomshall and Shalford Junction as follows:

| Contractor/ Network Rail | Location | Work |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Atkins | Brook and Burrows Lane Level crossing | Preparation Works / Foundations works |
| Octavius | Between Burrow Lane and Brook Level crossing | Gomshall Badger relocation / embankment works |
| NR Maintenance | Gomshall to Burrow Lane level crossing (33m 20ch and 35m 65ch) | Multiple Rail Defect repairs |
| NR Maintenance | Gomshall Station Crossover | Ground Frame Heavy Refurb |
| Dyer & Butler | New Barn Farm | Structures exam |
| McCODA | Ford User Work Crossing | Renewal of Level Crossing |
| Railscape | Shalford / Chilworth / Gomshall Stations | Litter & Graffiti Clearance |
| NR Works Delivery | Guildford side of Shalford Station | Drainage Repairs |

While the line is closed, passengers should check before they travel at www.nationalrail.co.uk for details of revised services and replacement buses.

I hope this is useful, if you would like more information, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk or telephone our 24hr helpline on 03457 11 41 41 quoting "Information request –Gomshall-Shalford work 18/02-03/24"

Yours sincerely
Community relations, Wessex