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Dear neighbour,

### Railway Improvement Works – Selsdon Road Bridge Replacement Works

I am writing to update you on the work to replace the Selsdon Road Bridge, as well as providing details of a virtual community information session on the 30 November 2020 where you will be able to talk to the Contractor delivering the work and representatives from the Project Team. **The Zoom details for this information session can be found at the end of this letter.**

Selsdon Road Bridge is located near South Croydon Station. The bridge was originally a brick arch which supported two lines and was widened a long time ago to carry two additional lines which are supported by metallic bridge decks. We will be replacing the metallic bridge decks over Christmas with new precast concrete decks. The new decks will be lifted into position using a Self-Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) as we used at Sanderstead Road bridge last Christmas. To facilitate these works, we will require several line closures of the railway and road closures over the course of the coming months as detailed in this letter.

As you may have seen the trackside cables for the east side, have been temporarily relocated to a cable bridge on the outside of the structure and the foundations of the new support structure are well advanced. This new structure will share the weight of the new bridge deck over the existing support structure, once the old bridge is removed. The main works will start on the east side of the bridge by removing the track and track ballast. The old bridge deck will be lifted out with a Self-Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) which will then transport it to the old Selsdon Goods yard for dismantling. We will then install the new bridge deck on the newly built support structure using the SPMT. We can then re-lay the rails, ballast, sleepers, before the rails are re-welded together and the cables reinstated to the new bridge. This will be done safely, whilst mostly maintaining two open railway lines. We will then repeat the work for the west side of the bridge.

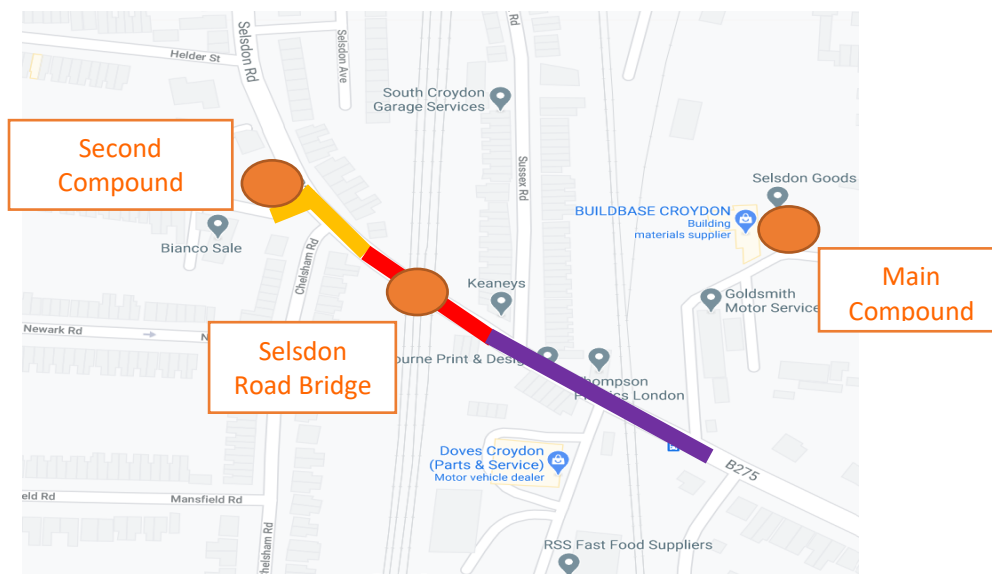
### The main work activities will take place as follows:

TIME	DATE		TIME	DATE	WORKS
Daily	25 November 2020	-	Daily	16 December 2020	Piling / constructing the bridge abutment extensions and brickwork repairs
01:00	27 November 2020	-	04:00	30 November 2020	Move trackside cables on the bridge to the scaffold bridge on the west side.
23:00	24 December 2020	-	00:05	27 December 2020	Main bridge replacement on the west side (24hr working).
00:05	27 December 2020	-	04:00	29 December 2020	Main bridge replacement on the east side (24hr working).
23:45	2 January 2021	-	08:40	3 January 2021	Track maintenance to compact the ballast to improve the track alignment.
23:45	9 January 2021	-	04:00	11 January 2021	Track maintenance to compact the ballast to improve the track alignment and final completion works to the bridge.
Daytime working	12 January 2021	-	Daytime working	31 January 2021	Clearing various work sites and around the bridge and breaking the old bridge

09:00	1 February 2021	-	17:00	26 February 2021	Bridge replacement work complete and demobilising / clearance of works from site.
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Below is a colour coded table and a map showing where the road will be closed. Please note that the red section of the road will be closed between now and the 15 January 2021 until the bridge replacement has been completed on Selsdon Road.

Key colours showing the road closures	Date	Details of Road closures and works that will be carried out during the road closure	Pedestrian access
■	19 October 2020 to 15 January 2021	Preparation works at main compound / bridge	Yes
■ ■	14 – 19 December 2020	Second site set up at the intersection with Jarvis Road	Yes
■ ■ ■	20 December 2020	<b>Transfer one bridge deck to the second compound – Bus route diversion from Sussex Road after 18:00</b>	No
■ ■	21 December – 24 December 2020	<b>Preparatory works for the Christmas line closure – Bus route through Sussex Road will be maintained</b>	Yes
■ ■ ■	25 December – 28 December 2020	<b>Major bridge replacement works – bus route will likely be diverted from Sussex Road.</b>	No
■ ■	28 December 2020 – 4 January 2021	Pedestrian access is open under the bridge from the 29 December 2020	Yes
■	5 January – 15 January 2021	Bridge replacement completed and demobilising from site	Yes



During the times where there is no pedestrian access, we will either be running a shuttlebus or Taxi service that will be COVID-19 compliant, for members of the community who need to get from one side of the bridge to the other. There will be signage at both ends on Selsdon Road to indicate where to get this bus/Taxi service from.

The times identified above for the road closures affecting Sussex Road (the purple line) and the corresponding bus route are subject to change. If the times change, we will write to you again closer to the date. When the Self-Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) is not transporting the bridge decks, we will look to make sure Sussex Road remains open as much as practical.

If you are planning to travel during this time, your journey may be impacted. Please check before you travel [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Due to the nature of the work and the tools we use, some disturbance will be unavoidable. You may also hear train horns being sounded; this is because we need to alert staff on track, of all train movements in the area. We are sorry or any disturbance and inconvenience this causes you. All staff working on site are fully briefed on working responsibly in the local area community and keeping noise levels to an absolute minimum level.

**We will be holding two Zoom virtual community drop-in sessions on the 30 November 2020 from 17:00 – 18:00 and 18:15 – 19:15 where you will be able to join either session. There will be a presentation for the first half hour of each session, followed by a Q&A session.**

**Representatives from the Project Team and BAM Nuttall, the Contractor who will be delivering the work on behalf of Network Rail, we will be presenting an overview of the bridge replacement works and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.**

**To join using video from a computer, a tablet or a smartphone:**

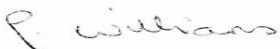
- 1) Go to: Zoom.us in your Internet browser or the Zoom app.
- 2) Click 'Join a Meeting'
- 3) Enter the meeting ID: 863 6281 5279
- 4) Enter the passcode: 508199

**To join the call using only audio from a telephone:**

- 5) Dial: 0203 051 2874
- 6) Enter the meeting ID: 863 6281 5279
- 7) Enter the passcode: 508199

I hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause. However, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit [www.networkrail.co.uk](http://www.networkrail.co.uk) or telephone our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 quoting Selsdon Road Bridge Replacement Works.**

Yours faithfully



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