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Community Relations
Network Rail Southern Region
1 Puddle Dock
London
EC4V 3DS

15 August 2022

Dear Neighbour,

Railway Improvement Works – Little Browns Embankment Stabilisation Works

I am writing to let you know that we will be carrying out essential stabilisation works on the railway embankment off Honeypot Lane, Edenbridge to remove the risk associated with any embankment collapse in the area and to remove any potential future risks.

Stable embankments are a key part of running a safe, reliable railway and is completed under the guidelines set out by the Office of Rail and Road. Therefore, for the safety of our passengers and employees we have no option but to take action to reduce the risk posed to the railway.

To stabilise the railway, we will be installing sheet piles (8.5m lengths of steel which interlock to form a continuous wall) into the ground at the top of the embankment which will act as a retaining wall, preventing the slope and track from moving. Due to the nature of the work and the equipment that we will be using there will be some noise disturbance and you may feel some vibrations. All staff working on site are fully briefed on working responsibly in the local community and keeping noise levels to an absolute minimum.

When will we be working?

The main stabilisation work will take place from 01:05 on the 10 of September to 04:00 on the 12 of September 2022, with a portion of the work being undertaken in the two weeks prior and two weeks after this time. Our teams are trained to work safely on and near the railway line whilst still allowing the normal train services to run. However, sometimes we need to close the railway to allow us to work safely and to make sure we complete as much work as possible when the railway is closed, which means we will be working 24-hours during the times shown below:

Where will we be working?

The stabilisation works will take place off Honeypot Lane, outlined in red in the first image below. There will be a compound area set up close to this location which will include welfare facilities, car parking, plant and material storage on the land outlined in blue.

Some machinery and staff will access the work area on the embankment from the compound area on third party land and track machinery will access the railway from our access point at Godstone station off Ragan Mews, as shown in the second image outlined in green. Deliveries of machinery and materials will be made outside of peak hours via Dwelly Lane. There will be a low loader and HIAB delivering the track machine and trailers on the night of the main stabilisation works as shown below.

Virtual Community Event Joining Information

We will be holding a zoom virtual information session on Monday 22 August 2022 at 18:30 where you will be able to find out more about these stabilisation works. We will have a presentation at 18:35 which will give you more information about these works and representatives from the project team will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Please visit: <http://www.zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 884 5704 1158

Passcode: 815474

To dial in by mobile phone please call: 0208 080 6591 and enter the meeting ID and passcode above.

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Work will take place as follows:

Start	Finish	Work to be carried out
07:00 24 August 2022	17:00 26 August	Improvement of existing access into third party land off Grants Lane.
22:00 30 August 2022	06:00 31 August 2022	Mid-week night to install track monitoring equipment to check for any movement after the sheet piling has been completed.
07:00 30 August 2022	17:00 09 September 2020	Setting up our compound and welfare area on third party land and creating an access ramp on the embankment from third-party land to the track.
01:05 10 September 2022	04:00 12 September 2022	Main stabilisation works where we will be sheet piling on the embankment working 24hrs from 01:05 Saturday 10 September 2022 to 04:00 Monday 12 September 2022. Sheet piling is noisy and can cause some vibrations due to the equipment that we are using. However, every effort will be made to minimise noise and disturbance.
07:00 12 September 2022	17:00 23 September 2022	Completing any outstanding works, removing the embankment access ramp, clearing the site compound area, and removing the welfare units.

Below is an image showing where our stabilisation works will take place:



Below is an image showing our railway access point at Godstone station off Ragan Mews:





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Delivering the highest standards of safety is paramount to our work and keeping people safe on and around the railway is at the heart of everything we do. We are sorry for any disturbance and inconvenience that these works may cause you.

If you are planning to travel during this time, your journey may be impacted please check before you travel at www.nationalrail.co.uk

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 www.networkrail.co.uk or telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 quoting Little Browns Embankment Stabilisation Works.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Moss-Coleman", written in a cursive style.

John Moss-Coleman
Community Relations Manager