

A905 Kerse Road, Stirling

Essential bridge works

From January 2018



Investing in our infrastructure

Network Rail will soon begin work at Kerse Road to replace the railway bridge to provide clearance for the electrification of central Scotland's railway. This work will involve partial and then full closure of the road bridge.

In November we installed a temporary service bridge which will provide access for pedestrians and cyclists. During the demolition and reconstruction weekends the temporary bridge will be controlled by marshalls, who will restrict access when materials are being lifted over head. For health and safety reasons members of the public will not be permitted on the bridge when materials are being lifted over head. Once lifting operations are finished, access to the temporary bridge will be permitted.

Subject to consents, from the 8th January until 22nd April 2018, Kerse Road will be restricted to one-way, with traffic only being permitted to travel in the direction from Craig's Roundabout to Springkerse. Traffic needing to access Stirling in the opposite direction will be diverted via the alternative route during this period. This will be ongoing until 22nd April 2018 when the road will close completely.

The road will be closed fully to traffic from 22nd April until 30th October. During this time there will be an all vehicle diversion in place, as detailed in the map.

The road will then reopen to two way traffic on the 31st October 2018. There will also be some overnight road closures (Saturday into Sunday) to complete carriageway works and remove the temporary bridge in January 2019.

There will be no disruption to train services during this work with the exception of the demolition. The demolition and reconstruction will take place over the weekends of **28th–30th April** and **5th–7th May 2018**.

A replacement bus service will be in place at this time. Further information will be available on the ScotRail website.

Community drop-ins

We have arranged a number of informal community drop-ins to provide an opportunity for you to come along and ask questions about the work.

Community

Tuesday 12th December 2017, 4pm–7pm
Crawford Halls, 70 Colquhoun Street,
Stirling, FK7 7PX

Thursday 14th December 2017, 12pm – 3pm
by HMV in The Thistles Shopping Centre,
Stirling FK8 2EA

Tuesday 9th January 2018, 4pm–7pm
Crawford Halls, 70 Colquhoun Street, Stirling,
FK7 7PX

Businesses

Thursday 14th December 2017, 4pm–7pm
The Golden Lion, King Street,
Stirling, FK8 1BD

Thursday 11th January 2018, 4pm–7pm
The Golden Lion, King Street,
Stirling, FK8 1BD

In advance of the full road closure in April there will be further community drop ins and these will be advertised in our next round of communications.

Project information can be found on Network Rail's website
<http://www.egip.info/projects/kerse-road-stirling-bridge-works>

Planned dates and times

Compound Set Up and Site Preparation

The site compound has now been set up and is located in the Story Yard, behind Kwik Fit.

Traffic information

To minimise the impact that the road closure will have on traffic flow throughout the Stirling area, Stirling Council are introducing a number of mitigation measures, supported by Network Rail, details of which can be found on Stirling Council's website.

Activity	Date
Single lane closure – access over bridge away from City Centre towards Springkerse	8th January–22nd April 2018
Full road closure	22nd April–30th October 2018
Two lanes reopen over structure (not suitable for HGVs)	31st October 2018–17th January 2019
Full road closure to remove temporary bridge and furnish carriageway	Overnight road closures Saturday into Sunday 12th / 19th & 26th January 2019

If any of these dates change we will communicate at the earliest opportunity.

Alternative methods of transport

Network Rail has worked closely with Stirling Council and other partners to identify ways to travel within Stirling during the road closure. Below are links to websites which detail travel planning options. These include public transport, walking routes, lift sharing options and the nextbike scheme.

www.gotoo.com

www.walkit.com/cities/stirling/

www.tactran.liftshare.com/

www.nextbike.co.uk/en/stirling/



Access to all businesses will be maintained throughout. Stirling will be open for business throughout the work.

Electrification – The Benefits

Electrification of the line from Grangemouth Junction to Stirling, Dunblane and Alloa (SDA), via Falkirk Grahamston is part of a Scottish Government investment to deliver a railway fit for Scotland's future. This project will see 100 single track kilometers electrified by Network Rail.

Electrification will deliver:

- Faster journey times to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- Increased capacity on morning and evening peak services to Glasgow and Edinburgh
- New, faster, longer greener electric trains



Under our licence conditions we are obliged by our regulator to work, wherever possible, at times that cause the least disruption to train services. This means we need to carry out work during the night and at weekends. The equipment we use means that some disturbance is unavoidable, but we will make every effort to minimise noise and those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

We will endeavour to employ the best working practices to minimise the impact on the local environment and residential areas. Network Rail is working proactively with Stirling Council throughout this project.

During the planning phase a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan was produced, which included the identification and mitigation measures in relation to protected species, tree preservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

A detailed Traffic Impact Assessment has also been produced which has informed the mitigation measures. Details of this can be found on both Stirling Council and Network Rail's website.

Our Commitment

As a responsible organisation, Network Rail is committed to delivering our work in a considerate manner.

Across all of our activities we take due regard of the environment and the communities where we work.

Throughout the construction we will be accessible, honest and informative, and we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to find out more about what is happening at Kerse Road and more generally in the area.

We will put in place a programme of community activities where anyone can come along, meet the project team and ask us any questions.



Contact

If you have any questions on the essential bridge works at Kerse Road, please email SDAelectrification@networkrail.co.uk

For the latest information on SDA please follow us on Twitter [@NetworkRailEGIP](https://twitter.com/NetworkRailEGIP) or visit www.egip.info/projects/kerse-road-stirling-bridge-works

If you have any other issues during the bridge works please call our 24 hour community relations helpline **03457 11 41 41**