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Charfield Station

May 2025 railway works FAQs

What works are happening and when?

During May, Network Rail's contractor, Octavius, will be installing new track drainage. This is an essential piece of enabling work and will take place during these dates and times:

- Work will **start at 00:30 on Saturday 3 May** and **finish at 04:10 on Tuesday 6 May**
- Work will **start at 00:30 on Saturday 10 May** and **finish at 04:10 on Monday 12 May**

During the same period, 100m of defective track drainage will be replaced on the railway to the north of Wotton Road Bridge.

This work will be non-stop and will include overnight working. Using special road-rail vehicles, Octavius will dig a channel along the alignment of the future station platform and install a concrete gully. This will take rain and surface water away from the platform and the railway to help prevent flooding.

Vehicles will access the railway from the existing rail access at the southern end of Station Road.

Slewing and tamping work will then take place **overnight on Saturday 24 May and Saturday 31 May**.

Slewing is realignment of the track so that it is in the correct position for the new station platform. It will take place on the above dates **between 02:00 and 06:00**.

Tamping is noisy work that is carried out by a tamping train. This is a large engineering train that moves slowly, vibrating the track and stone around it, and compacting it to form a solid and stable base for the railway. Tamping will take place on the above dates **between 00:30 and 06:30**, with workers onsite from 23:00.

Will the work be noisy?

The work will include excavations, concrete removal, generators, cutting, water pumping devices and tamping which will be noisy.

Why do the works need to take place at night?

Some railway works can only be undertaken safely at night when there are no or fewer trains running. The May works are being carried out at the above times to take advantage of an existing planned rail line closure when no trains will be running, ensuring the safety of our workers and rail users.

What is being done to minimise noise?

We are mindful of the impact of overnight works on residents and steps will be taken to minimise noise for people living close by as much as possible. Some noise is unavoidable, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused.

These are examples of how noise will be minimised:

- Temporary acoustic screening will be erected to help block noise between homes and the works.
- Plant and equipment which emits noise strongly in one direction shall be orientated away from homes and businesses as far as reasonably practicable
- Plant and machinery will not be over-revved and will be powered down when not in use.
- Contractors working onsite will be briefed to be considerate to residents by always keeping noise levels to a minimum.
- “White noise” reversing alarms shall be used on moving plant and vehicles while on site and entering site at night.
- Construction vehicles will adhere to local speed limits and 15mph within the site.

Will there be more night working?

Yes, there will be further periods throughout the station's construction programme when there will need to be night working on the railway. Dates and times will be communicated in advance.

Who should I contact with concerns about the railway works?

Call the Network Rail 24-hour helpline number on: **03457 11 41 41** or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus

For information about the Charfield Station project, please visit the dedicated web page: www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation.

For any general or highway-related questions email the Charfield Station project team at charfieldstation@southglos.gov.uk or call Streetcare on **01454 868 000**.