



Watford Area Renewals Programme

Stakeholder Update

Friday 29 August 2014



Following the third and final August closure as part of the Watford Area Renewals Programme, the Euston line is now back open at weekends!



To celebrate the line re-opening, our marketing team has launched a campaign to remind passengers that weekend services to the capital are back. Watch out for posters and listen out for the radio ad!

This is great news for commuters, who can now wave goodbye to longer journey times and rail replacement buses at weekends

During the closures

During the August closures, over 300 track workers and engineers spent over 180 hours installing five new gantries, upgrading six sets of points, realigning overhead lines and renewing over 2000 metres of track and ballast, as well as 1500 metres of power cables.



[Watch a time-lapse video](#) of the works being carried out.

London Midland's passenger handling procedure over the three weekends worked well. The number of passengers travelling was low, although the bank holiday weekend was slightly busier. This was due to the Notting Hill Carnival and complicated slightly because of the coaches running from Milton Keynes on the Sunday.

Overall the rail-replacement bus operation was a success, meaning a similar process will be implemented during the December closure.

Thank you for your support in getting the message out there to the people in your community.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email watford.feedback@londonmidland.com