



# Watford Area Renewals Programme

## Stakeholder Update

Friday 10 April 2015



The sixth closure as part of Network Rail's £81m Watford Area Renewals Programme took place over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Engineers worked continuously over the four days to complete the replacement and installation of Orphanage Road Bridge to the south of Watford Junction station.

Work was also carried out to rewire the junction to the south of the station to help trains cross over in both directions, helping in times of disruption.



Repairs were made to decaying masonry in the tunnel at the north of the station, which was blasted with concrete at high pressure.

The railway was handed back at 0320 on Tuesday 7 April, 40 minutes ahead of schedule. [Watch a time-lapse video](#) of all the work that was carried out over Easter on our [website](#).

London Midland's rail-replacement bus operation over the weekend was a success, with low passenger numbers and no major issues to report on both the West Coast main line and the Abbey Line.

A huge thank you for your help and support over the last 12 months, throughout the project.

As the two closures in February were rescheduled, there is a further closure planned for later this year or early next year. Network Rail is yet to confirm the dates, but as soon as they become available, I will provide an update.

In the meantime, if you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to get in touch.

Thank you, once again.

