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Dear Neighbour,

### **Crossrail Programme - Gidea Park Update, Including Christmas**

Network rail is undertaking essential improvement works in your area as part of the Crossrail Programme. The new railway will link Reading and Heathrow in the west to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east, via new tunnels under central London, and will be known as the Elizabeth line.

Network Rail is also undertaking essential works in your area over the Christmas period as part of the GE (Great Eastern) Renewal Project to upgrade the overhead power lines and enable the trains to run more efficiently and safely.

#### **Cambridge Avenue Worksite**

Date and Time	Description of works
December 2016 to January 2017 Daytime working Monday to Saturday Weekends Typically 23:59hrs Sat to 05:00hrs Mon	We will now focus on completion of the signal power supply system and boundary fence installation.  Construction of troughing routes and concrete bases for signalling equipment will continue. We do not anticipate significant noise levels to be generated by these activities and they will mainly be carried out during daylight hours, Monday to Friday. Some weekend working will be necessary for safety reasons.
Christmas 2016 0200hrs 24 December 2016 To 0400hrs 3 January 2017 24hrs a day	During Christmas 2016 the GE (Great Eastern) Renewals Project will use the site at Cambridge Avenue as welfare facilities for re-wiring the power lines to enable the trains to run more efficiently and safely. Critical re-wiring work will be undertaken around Gidea Park.

## Gidea Park Station Works

Date and Time	Description of works
<p>December 2016 to February 2017</p> <p>Weekends Typically 23:59hrs 00:05 Sat to 05:00hrs Mon</p> <p>Some daytime working will also take place Mon to Sat: 08:00 -18:00hrs (08:00 – 13:00 Sat)</p> <p>Also, Mid-week nights 01:00-05:00</p>	<p>Improvement work to the station building is ongoing and the temporary ticket office is in operation.</p> <p>Construction of two lift shafts from the footbridge to the platforms involves driving steel piles into the ground using the auger method. This is not as noisy as the vibration technique previously used on the platform extensions.</p> <p>Platform extension works at the eastern end of the station continue, our site team are installing platform electrical equipment and will then focus on surfacing the new platforms.</p> <p>We will also be installing bases and cable ducting for the new driver only operation system. Some of this work will have to take place during mid-week nights, Monday-Thursday. Removing spoil and hand digging on the platforms with hand tools only.</p>
<p>Christmas 2016</p> <p>0200hrs 24 December 2016 To 0400hrs 3 January 2017</p> <p>Continuous working including nights</p>	<p>During the Christmas period there is no train service from Gidea Park Station. We will be using this time to install concrete and steel piles to form the base of the new lift shafts. These works will produce increased noise levels throughout the Christmas period.</p> <p>Our site team will work continuously day and night using mechanical excavators, rail mounted cranes and an auger piling rig. Whenever possible we will schedule the noisy works during daylight hours.</p>

Whilst we do anticipate these works will create noise at times we will do what we reasonably can in order to keep noise levels to a minimum.

There is a wide variety of activities taking place on the railway over the Christmas period and train services will be affected while lines are closed at various times. In order to plan your journey, please check [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk), [greateranglia.co.uk](http://greateranglia.co.uk) or **National Rail Enquiries** before you travel over this Christmas period.

We apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause and appreciate your patience. However, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please telephone our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41** and for more information about the Crossrail Programme please visit [www.crossrail.co.uk](http://www.crossrail.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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