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**Network Rail 24-hour  
National Helpline  
03457 11 41 41**

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Our reference: **WEY 119m 22c - 123m 54c**

Dear neighbour,

### **Track renewal near Witham Friary**

We'll soon be working near you to renew the railway track which runs through Witham Friary, to ensure this line continues to run safely and smoothly for years to come.

You may have noticed us in the area already as we started to prepare for this work, but we wanted to update you about when we'll be on site and what we're doing. We also wanted to let you know what we're doing to minimise the disruption that work like this can sometimes cause.

Below is a summary of the dates and times we'll be working, but please understand that exact times and dates may change.

#### **Preparation of worksite**

Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 February	From 10pm on Saturday until 10pm on Sunday
Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 March	Overnight on Saturday, and from 6pm – 8pm on Sunday
Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 March	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am
Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 March	Overnight shift, from 10pm – 9am
Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 March	Overnight on Saturday, and from 6pm – 8pm on Sunday

#### **Track renewal work**

Wednesday 31 March – Tuesday 6 April	Continuous working, from 10pm on 31 March until 8am on Tuesday 6 April
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#### **Follow-up work**

Monday 5 – Tuesday 6 April	Overnight shift, from 12pm – 8am
Saturday 10 – Sunday 11 April	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am
Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 April	Overnight shift, from 10pm – 11am

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Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 April	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am
Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 May	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am
Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 May	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am
Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 May	Overnight shift, from 10pm – 9am
Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 May	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am
Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 May	Overnight shift, from 6pm – 11am

We'll complete the bulk of this work within our 5 days of continuous working starting on 31 March. Much of our follow-up work will be to test and treat the new track to ensure its resilient and ready for action. If you want to know about our work you can visit [www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/western/western-track-renewals](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/western/western-track-renewals).

We're working with our contractors to deliver materials by rail where possible and will use the railway access point near Wanstrow to deliver the machinery we need. For deliveries by road to the access point near Witham Road underbridge, we're instructing suppliers to approach from the South East, to reduce additional traffic through Witham Friary. We plan to set up a compound outside of the village, subject to licence agreement, ahead of our core work from 31 March. This will support parking and welfare facilities for our teams and we hope to have more information on this for you soon.

This work will be noisy at times and we would like to apologise in advance for any disturbance we may cause. We won't be near your home the whole time, but we will work closely with our teams to minimise noise as much as possible and to work with you in mind. If you have any questions or concerns about this work though you can call us any time on 03457 11 41 41 or visit [www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus) for more options.

We want to thank you for your patience and support as we work to keep the railway safe and serving your community for years to come.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Hill", written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Joe Hill**  
Community Relations Executive