

# Stapleton Road viaduct works

**NetworkRail**



The demolition of Stapleton Road viaduct has been successfully completed. We are now preparing the site for the installation of a new bridge next year.

## Why is this work necessary?

Having reached the end of its life, Stapleton Road viaduct was demolished between 28 July and 14 August 2017. It will be replaced with a new bridge next summer, carrying two new lines.

The replacement of Stapleton Road viaduct is a crucial part of our Filton Bank Four Tracking project, which is an expansion of the track between Dr Days Junction and Filton Abbey Wood station.

The new viaduct will play its part in doubling the lines through the area, enabling an increase in train services to meet expected growth in passenger numbers.

It is needed to allow the delivery of a new post-2018 timetable and will also enable an increase in freight services. These upgrade works will also help reduce disruption to rail services caused by maintenance, with four lines operational rather than two.

## What the work involves

We are now carrying out enabling works to get ready for the installation of the new viaduct in June 2018. From mid October into December, we will be carrying out sheet

piling at Fox Park. Once the new viaduct has been installed next summer we'll be working on the track formation, laying new rails and reinstating Fox Park.

Throughout the rest of the project we will mostly be working Monday to Friday, daytime hours only. Where work outside of these hours is required, we will write to local residents and businesses to provide advance warning. We will also notify neighbours of any future road closures resulting from these works.

## Project timeline

- **September/October 2017:** Ground investigations and excavations at the south abutment.
- **October/December 2017:** Sheet piling at the north abutment in Fox Park. We will be working Monday to Friday in daytime hours only to minimise disruption to local residents.
- **December 2017 to June 2018:** Enabling works, including further ground investigations and excavations.
- **June 2018:** Installation of the new viaduct will require closure of part of Stapleton Road. We will notify residents in advance.

**June-November 2018:** Track formation work over the new viaduct, connecting drainage and completing all finishing works.

## Reinstatement of Fox Park

The footpath and cycle route through Fox Park were closed in February 2017. They will reopen upon completion of the project in November 2018.

The green space at Fox Park underneath the viaduct will also be reinstated once the project is completed. We have been storing the park's furniture including benches, lighting, the park's statue and the stone river wall, and will put these back in place prior to leaving the site.

## Find out more

We are holding a community drop-in session:

**Monday 9 October, 4.30pm - 7.00pm**

St Marks Baptist Church,

St Marks Road, Easton, Bristol. BS5 6HX

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