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## Electrification of railway line between Newbury and Reading – work to continue throughout 2018

As part of Network Rail's national Railway Upgrade Plan, we will be carrying out work to electrify the line between Reading and Newbury throughout 2018. We have already completed one phase of the work, carried out between 12 and 16 March, which saw platform extensions completed, piles installed and steelwork constructed.

Our next period of upgrade work runs from 23-27 April, where amongst other things, wiring and further steelwork will be installed in the Theale area and between Newbury and Newbury Racecourse. This will allow further work to be carried out during 2018 up until the end of October on the following dates:

- Monday 14 to Thursday 17 May
- Monday 4 to Thursday 7 June
- Week 10 Saturday 2 to Monday 4 June
- Week 11 Saturday 9 to Monday 11 June
- Monday 9 to Thursday 12 July
- Monday 16 July to Sunday 5 August
- Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 August
- Monday 8 to Thursday 11 October

This work will be completed in time for the new timetables and the introduction of the brand new trains in January 2019.

We understand that there is never a good time to close the railway for any length of time but we have looked at all options and worked with our passenger and freight operating partners to complete this work at a time which will cause least disruption to passengers.

Our Railway Upgrade Plan is delivering significant investment into the railway network which will provide a better, more reliable railway for passengers and local residents alike.

If you would like to know more about the work that we are carrying out in your area:

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