

Good afternoon,

We wanted to send a reminder of these significant works which take place in February next year. They will close the railway between Three Bridges & Brighton and between Three Bridges & Lewes.

From Saturday 19 February to Sunday 27 February 2022 Network Rail engineers will renew a major junction near Haywards Heath, replace track at Burgess Hill and they will build a new underpass providing safe access under the railway at Hassocks.

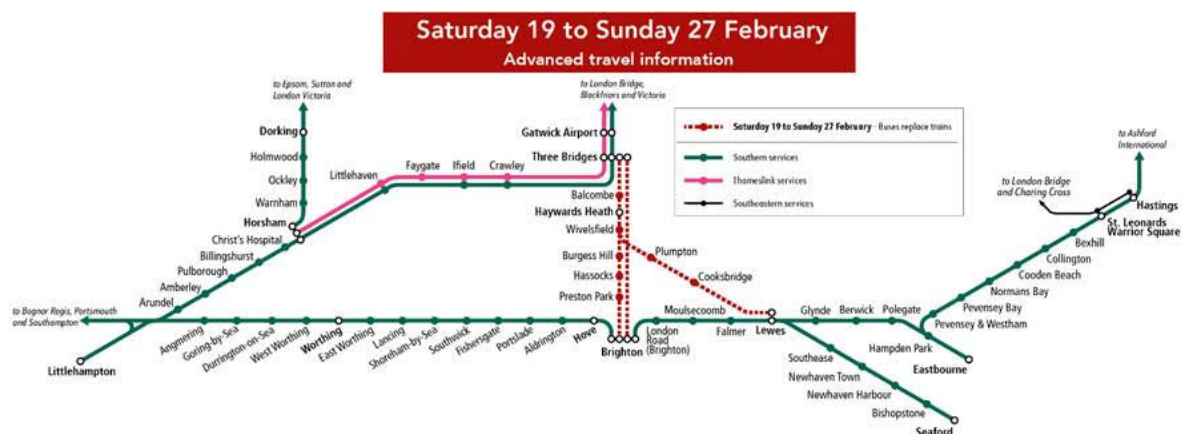
Network Rail, Southern and Thameslink are working on plans for alternative travel arrangements, including rail replacement buses, and these will be available nearer the time.

### Half terms

The work will coincide with West Sussex county school's half term. Unfortunately, the school half term for both Brighton & Hove and East Sussex runs from 14-18 February 2022, the week before the closure, so schools in these areas will be open during the works.

We appreciate that this will mean that parents, students and staff who use the rail service during term time may need to make alternative arrangements during these works. We wanted to provide this information to you in advance and ask if you would be able to share it through your communication channels.

The map below shows the lines which will be closed to trains.



Doing the work over the West Sussex half term helps ensure that there are adequate numbers of buses available for the rail replacement bus service as many of these same buses are used in the county to move school children during term time.

## **Background**

The Brighton Main Line is among the most complex and congested routes in the country and the infrastructure on the line is also some of the oldest and most intensively used. This major project has been planned in an efficient way to deliver long-term reliability improvements for passengers who use the line. Network Rail continually reviews work to minimise passenger disruption and keep the railway running as much as possible. By doing this vital work over a nine-day closure, it can be done more quickly with less overall disruption to passengers, and it will deliver more improvement work than using the traditional approach of weekend working.

## **Further information**

Further details and updates about the Brighton Main Line renewals work can be found on our websites: at [Southern](#) or at [Thameslink](#)

If you have any queries about this work and the changes to the service, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

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