

## LINE CLOSED BETWEEN THREE BRIDGES AND BRIGHTON/LEWES FOR ALL WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER

I'm getting in touch to remind you that the Brighton Main Line will be closed from Three Bridges to Brighton and Three Bridges to Lewes for all four weekends this October.

This forms part of the £67m Brighton Main Line Improvement Project. This work includes upgrades to track, signalling and tunnel drainage which will lead to fewer delays owing to equipment faults or problems caused by flooding inside Victorian tunnels. This in turn is part of a wider £300m programme to improve the reliability of some of the busiest and most congested lines in the South East, including the recently expanded Thameslink network.

On these weekends, train services to Brighton will still be in operation, using the longer diverted route via Littlehampton, as well as a replacement bus operation between Three Bridges and Brighton/Lewes.

There will be further weekend closures from November 2018 to May 2019, as well as a nine day closure of this section of the line from 16 to 24 February 2019. For more information, including all weekend closure dates, please visit the <u>project's website</u>.

We have been carrying out a major communications campaign to publicise the closures, with posters up at many stations on the line as well as on customer information screens at stations. Over late August/early September, we also had teams out at 34 stations across the Brighton Main Line and East/West Coastway lines handing out leaflets and providing information to passengers about the closures. We have also been engaging extensively with businesses across the region and have created a toolkit for them which is available on our website.

Please do feel free to share this information with residents in your area, if you'd like any leaflets for your offices, we'd be happy to provide these and we also have a series of images suitable for social media or newsletters.

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