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A solid blue horizontal bar that tapers to the right, ending in a white and orange graphic element that matches the Network Rail logo.

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**Our Railway Upgrade Plan between  
Manchester and Preston via Bolton**

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## *Keeping you informed*

Welcome to the first edition of a new regular update on Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan between Manchester and Preston via Bolton.

This e-bulletin will provide you with all the latest project news, along with details of upcoming meetings and events.

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## *Euxton Xmas work completed on time*

During the course of three night time shifts over Christmas, work to install 42 piled foundations near to where the Bolton line meets the West Coast Mainline was completed successfully. All foundations in this area have now been installed which



means we will soon start work to install the steel structures that will support the overhead wires needed to power electric trains.

Above: a shot of the team piling in Euxton over Christmas

The work was carried out at Christmas due to the extended window of access available on both the West Coast Mainline and Bolton lines. The longer shifts allowed us to install more foundations in this area than usually possible, which meant we could complete piling work over three nights, rather than a number of weeks.

Due to the time of year and noisy nature of the work, in addition to writing to our

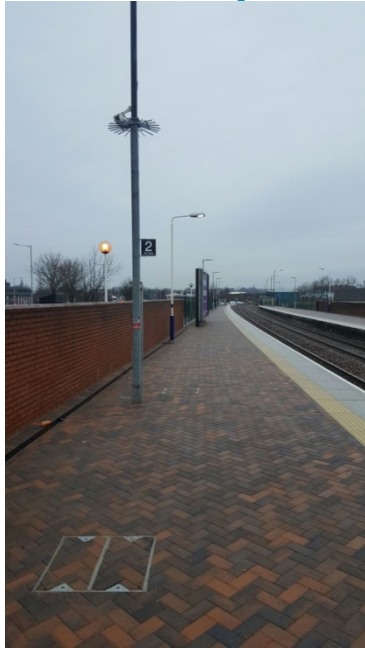
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lineside neighbours, we also knocked on the doors of those living nearest to the worksite to explain why the work was needed.

## Work completes at Chorley station



Work to upgrade the railway through Chorley station reached a major milestone this week with platform 1 - serving passengers travelling north towards Preston - reopening. Both of the station's platforms have been rebuilt to make space for a new track alignment which will allow trains to travel more quickly.

A temporary northbound platform that has allowed trains to continue running and kept passengers moving during the improvement work will now be dismantled and removed.

In addition to the platform work, the roofs of two subway decks at the station have been replaced to support more trains passing over them.

South of the station, a 400m retaining wall was installed so that the tracks beneath Lyons Lane and Brooke Street bridges could be lowered. Lowering the track creates the space needed to install new equipment that will

power electric trains on the line from December 2017.

We know that some of the work in Chorley has been disruptive at times and we are extremely grateful to passengers, local residents and businesses for their continued patience.





Above:  
Reconst  
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of Chorley station's subway in 2016.

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## ***Upgrade work set to begin at Bolton***

As part of our plans to increase capacity between Manchester and Preston, we are reinstating a fifth platform at Bolton station. The work will be delivered alongside a major upgrade of the tracks and platforms at the station - work needed to get the railway ready for faster more frequent electric train services.

The area of land used for car parking off Orlando Street will be permanently closed to motorists from Tuesday 24 January. This will our engineers to begin work on platform five at the station which was taken out of use over 20 years ago. We are working closely with Northern to inform passengers about the work and car park closure. [Click here for more information](#)



Photograph: Bolton station platform 5.

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## ***Stay in touch***

If you have any questions about our Railway Upgrade Plan in the north west, feedback on the newsletter, or do not wish to receive these updates, please respond to [Jonathan Cooke](#).

