

# South Wales Mainline Electrification Whitewall Footbridge Reconstruction

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The footbridge is expected to be closed through August, September & October

## Whitewall Footbridge

### *A new bridge arriving soon...*

Network Rail has recently commenced work to reconstruct Whitewall footbridge. The bridge – spanning the railway between Whitewall Road and Chapel Terrace – is due to be replaced as part of our work to electrify the Mainline.

To electrify the railway we need to ensure that we have sufficient clearance levels for overhead line equipment under existing bridges. As Whitewall Footbridge is too low, it is set to be demolished and replaced with a new and improved structure.

The majority of the work to reconstruct the bridge will be undertaken during the day time, however, some night time work will be required on both weekdays and weekends. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and expect to complete the project in late 2015.

### *Change of design*

The new footbridge will be of steel construction, painted 'holly green' (matching the railway palisade fencing in the area) and will have solid parapets (side walls) at a height of over 1.85metres, for safety reasons.

It will be relocated slightly, with the overall footprint of the bridge moving approximately 25 metres to the east. It will also have a different overall 'shape' with both sets of steps facing westwards as well as improved gradients, landings and footpaths leading up to the structure.

Alongside Network Rail, the principal contractor working on site is Alun Griffiths.

## Electrification

### *A better railway for a better Wales*

Electrification of the Mainline will better connect the South Wales region, as well as improve links to major towns and cities to London.

Electrifying this key railway route will mean faster, greener and more reliable journeys for thousands of passengers. Electric trains are more comfortable for those on the train as well as quieter for railway neighbours. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we undertake this major modernisation scheme.

