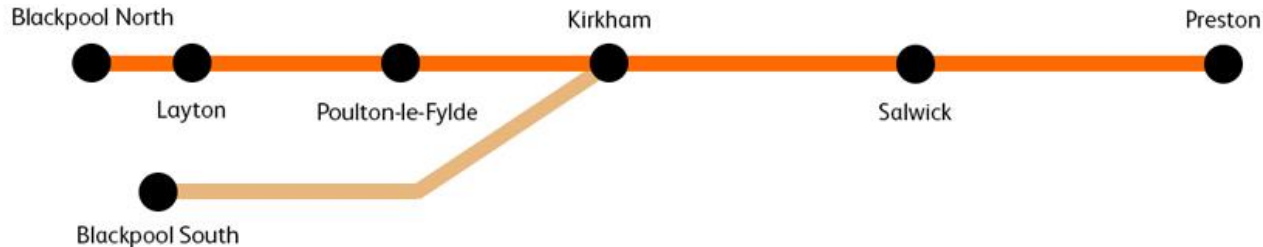


# Railway upgrade plan

Better journeys between Preston and Blackpool by May 2018

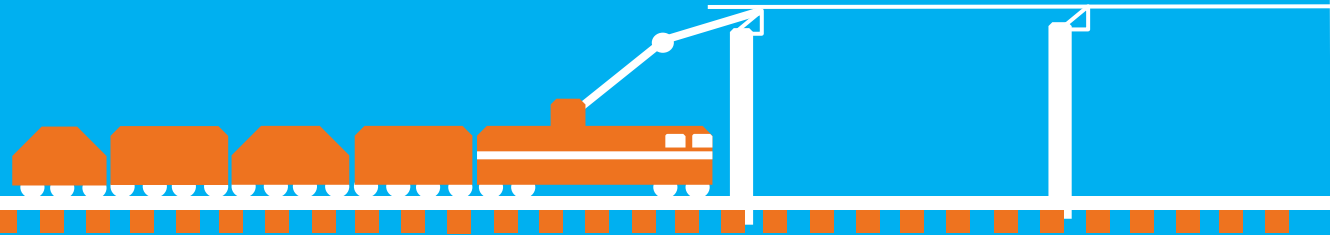


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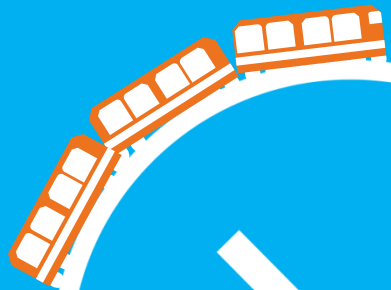
We are upgrading the railway between Preston and Blackpool as part of a £1bn+ investment in the north to deliver greener, cleaner, quieter and more reliable journeys by May 2018.



The 17 mile route between  
Preston and Blackpool North  
will be fully electrified paving the way for  
**greener, cleaner and quieter trains.**



This means  
**better journeys from May 2018.**



We're improving the track layout and modernising signalling equipment to pave the way for **more reliable journeys**.

Work includes the replacement of 84 signals and moving the signalling control to the Manchester rail operating centre.



Blackpool North and Kirkham & Wesham stations will be remodelled as part of our plans to simplify the current layout of the railway.

This will help to **reduce delays and improve performance.**

# Changes to train services

## October 2016

From 3 October there will be changes to some early morning and late evening services between Preston and Blackpool. We are urging passengers to check before they travel at [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)

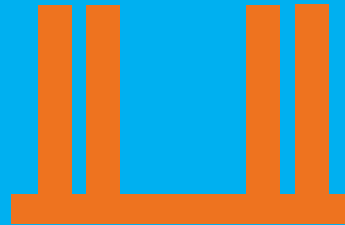
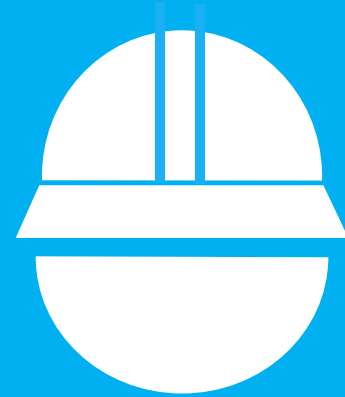
## January - March 2017

A series of weekend closures are planned in early 2017. We will communicate further details around these in late 2016.

## Late 2017

A further closure is required in winter 2017/2018.

We are working closely with Northern and Virgin Trains to keep passengers on the move between Preston and Blackpool.



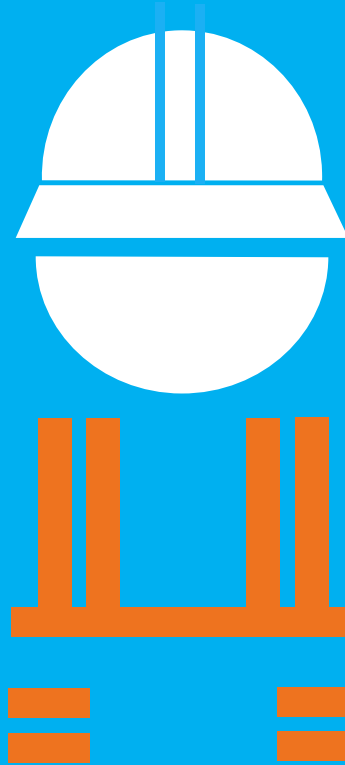
## Keeping people informed

Network Rail, Northern and Virgin Trains are working with the local councils around the messaging and this will tell people that Blackpool is open for business.

We will inform customers about changes to train services via social media, at stations via customer information screens, posters/leaflets and during passenger information events.

We will also hold information events for our line side neighbours, as well as keeping them informed by post about work taking place near to their properties.

Through these channels we will provide details of our website where people can be directed for more information.



# Any questions?

Better journeys between Preston and Blackpool by May 2018

