

Fencing put in place to ensure safety for Levenmouth rail work

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Fencing is being installed along the line of the Levenmouth Rail link.

In all, there will be nineteen kilometres of fencing put in place to allow teams to reinstate the branch line safely.

Completion of the Levenmouth Rail link will see trains on the line for the first time in more than half a century.

Nineteen kilometres of fencing will be erected so that forthcoming work to reinstate the branch line can be carried out safely. It will also help protect nearby members of the public.

The fencing being installed will extend along the full length of the route to secure the boundaries of the rail corridor. However, existing pathways and crossing points will be maintained during the early phases of work.

As well as erecting fencing, Network Rail will also section off some bridges on the route between Cameron

Bridge and Thornton junction to carry out work.

Vegetation and redundant and life-expired plant machinery has also been cleared along the five-mile corridor. Invasive plant species have been treated, structures inspected and trial holes have been drilled along the full length of the route to check ground conditions and test for contamination.

Joe Mulvenna, Network Rail project manager for the Levenmouth Rail link said: "While we understand that over the years, the disused railway has been accessed by people exercising and enjoying the river, as well as crossing on well-used paths between communities, that will not be the case for much longer.

"The whole corridor between Thornton and Leven will soon become a major construction site and while we will maintain some limited access on paths across the railway corridor during the early phases of work, in general we are asking people to find alternative walking routes.

"The scale of the work that will be involved in the project means that in the short-term there will be some disruption for the area, but It is an exciting development that has the potential to transform life for local people and the communities it will serve."