

Fewer delays for rail passengers between Ipswich, Ely and Cambridge

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Track, sleepers and ballast have been replaced by Network Rail's engineers as part of a programme of upgrade works to make train services more reliable between Ipswich, Ely and Cambridge.

Nearly four miles of track has been replaced between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds along with sleepers and ballast, the stones that keep the track in place.

Just like road surfaces, track gets worn from constant use every day. Network Rail's engineers carry out inspections and repairs regularly, but over time the track becomes so worn that a full replacement is the only option to avoid speed restrictions that cause delays and cancellations.

Ellie Burrows, Network Rail's route director for Anglia, said: "Keeping the tracks in good condition is vital to running a safe and reliable railway for our passengers and that is exactly what we're here to do. This is a busy section of our network for passengers and freight and this work will reduce the number of delays and cancellations caused by track faults."

The work started on the 18 July and was completed at weekends, finishing on the 4 October.

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