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Hilton level crossing set to reopen in April following emergency repairs

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Network Rail teams are working to reopen a level crossing in Derbyshire after it was temporarily closed for emergency work following a road traffic collision.

The level crossing over the A5132 in Hilton is scheduled to reopen to road traffic on Sunday 7 April after a vehicle crashed into it, damaging the gates at the start of March.

Colleagues will be working around the clock throughout the coming days into April to repair the barriers and reopen the road over the level crossing.

Engineers will be concreting a new post and then fitting a new gate once the foundations have set, allowing the road to be scheduled to reopen on Sunday 7 April.

The work is taking longer than initially expected because of the substantial damage to the gates.

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As a result of the continued road closure, vehicles cannot use the crossing for now, but pedestrians can still cross as normal.

Anna Ebblewhite, Route Level Crossing Manager for Network Rail in the East Midlands said: "We want to apologise to motorists for the road remaining shut longer than anticipated.

"However, we want to reassure motorists that our teams are working hard to repair the gates and the road is scheduled to reopen on Sunday 7 April.

"The safety of drivers, passengers, and train crew is essential, and the work is vital in ensuring the safe operation of the level crossing."