

# Network Rail completes vital project to improve two Grantham railway bridges

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Network Rail has completed a £2.7million project to upgrade two railway bridges in Grantham which carry the busy East Coast Main Line.

The work to strengthen the bridges – spanning Barrowby Road and Springfield Road – will keep the railway running reliably and make sure people can pass safely underneath it for years to come.

Over the last seven months, Network Rail teams have carried out vital repairs to the steel and brickwork on the bridges, as well as re-waterproofing them and re-painting sections.

The work was carried out in stages to make sure one of the two roads could stay open for the vast majority of the project. The improvements to the railway bridge at Barrowby Road were completed in early December 2020, before work began at Springfield Road in January.

The wintry weather which hit the region in February caused some delays to the work, and Springfield Road fully reopened last week.

Paul Rutter, Route Director for Network Rail's East Coast route, said: "This vital work to strengthen the two railway bridges in Grantham means they are fit for purpose for the future - to carry the East Coast Main Line and for people in the community to safely pass underneath them.

"We carefully planned the project to minimise disruption for people in the community as much as possible. The weather brought some challenges and we want to thank drivers, residents and businesses in Grantham for their continued patience while the work was carried out."

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