

Network Rail continues with major Finsbury Park station upgrade to improve accessibility for passengers

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As Network Rail continues with work to improve accessibility for passengers at Finsbury Park railway station, Stroud Green Road will be closed this weekend to allow teams to prepare for a major stage of the upgrade.

Work began onsite in July on the project which will see the installation of two new lifts to serve platforms 3/4 and 7/8 – bringing step-free access for passengers across the entire station.

For the latest stage of work to take place safely, Stroud Green Road – which runs next to the station – will be closed from 06:00 on Saturday 28 until 17:00 on Sunday 29 August. The road closure over the weekend will allow teams to set up facilities onsite for workers to use throughout the project.

A signposted diversion will be in place for drivers and access will be maintained for pedestrians during this time.

Paul Rutter, Route Director for Network Rail's East Coast route, said: "We're carrying out the vast majority of this project without disrupting passengers using Finsbury Park station or people in the community, however we are sorry for any inconvenience this weekend road closure causes.

"Finsbury Park is a major transport hub connecting passengers to central London and the East Coast Main Line. This vital work will make it fully accessible and more welcoming for passengers, people who live nearby and visitors to the area."

The work does not impact on train services and is being carried out in partnership with Govia Thameslink Railway and Transport for London – after funding was made available through the Department for Transport's Access for All programme.

In October, equipment will be installed to safely lift materials from Stroud Green Road to platform level and temporary hoarding will be put in place on platforms 3/4. This will allow the main part of the project to take place whilst keeping disruption to a minimum.

Temporary hoarding will also be installed near the Station Place entrance to allow work to begin on the new ticket office. Moving the gate line to this entrance will make it easier for people to move through the station.

Work will also take place to improve the lighting on the platforms, update the signs in the station and install tactile paving along the platforms to improve the floor surfacing.

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