

# Network Rail installs new footbridge at Suggitt's Lane ready to connect people in Cleethorpes with beachfront

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Network Rail has completed a major stage of work on a project to install a new accessible footbridge over the railway at Suggitt's Lane in Cleethorpes.

Over the weekend (Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September) engineers put part of the new bridge in place and installed ramps on the promenade side.

The new footbridge was built offsite to minimise disruption for people in the community. Once complete, it will have stepped and ramped access on both sides, connecting people in the seaside town with the beachfront.

Over the next few months, the rest of the structure will be put into place and lighting and CCTV will be installed. Landscaping work on the approach to the bridge will also be carried out to develop walkways.

Work began onsite in June after the plans were approved by North East Lincolnshire Council and the

project is expected to be completed in December.

Matt Rice, Route Director for Network Rail's North and East Route, said: "We've made great progress over the weekend to get a section of the new footbridge into place. I know the local community will be keen to see access over the railway at Suggitt's Lane restored as soon as possible, and so we're moving at pace with the project.

"We want to thank everybody in the community, as well as any passengers who were impacted, for their patience whilst this important stage of constructing the new bridge took place. We're continuing to work closely with North East Lincolnshire Council to complete this project by December."

Cllr Stewart Swinburn, Cabinet member for highways and transport at North East Lincolnshire Council, said: "Things are obviously moving on quickly now with the bridge build, and like many others, I'll be pleased to see it in place to reconnect our community in that area with the seafront – something that's been missing for a while now."

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