

Passengers advised to check before travelling as Soham station construction progresses

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Network Rail is advising Greater Anglia passengers making essential weekend journeys between Ipswich and Peterborough via Ely to check before travelling as construction work for new Soham station progresses.

As the work enters the main construction phase, engineers will need to work on or near the track to build the new platform and footbridge. Additional work also needs to take place including ground levelling and track alignment adjustment to make sure the gap between the platform and train meets the required industry standard.

This work needs to be carried out when trains are not running on the Soham branch line on the following dates in 2021:

- Sunday 14 March
- Sunday 21 March
- Sunday 2 May
- Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 May
- Sunday 30 May
- Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 June
- Sunday 20 June
- Sunday 29 and Monday 30 August

Greater Anglia will operate a bus replace service to allow passengers to complete their journey while we continue to build the new station at Soham.

Katherine Scott, Network Rail's sponsor for the Soham station project said: "The enabling work to prepare the ground for the new station is progressing well but we're now getting into the main civil construction phase when we need to work very close to or on the line.

"It's an important safety measure to plan our works when trains are not running and I'd like to thank weekend passengers in advance for their patience as we build a new station for the Soham community."

Jamie Burles, Greater Anglia Managing Director, said: "Due to the construction work at Soham, services between Ipswich and Peterborough and Ipswich and Cambridge will be affected.

"Buses will replace trains between Ipswich and Ely (replacing Peterborough services) and between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds (replacing Cambridge services). Connecting trains will operate between Ely and Peterborough, and between Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge.

"Passengers should check before they travel and allow more time for their journeys. We would like to thank customers for their patience while this work takes place."

For more information about Soham visit networkrail.co.uk/reconnecting-soham

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