

Reliability improvements between Ely and Kings Lynn following track works

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Passengers travelling between Ely and Kings Lynn will experience fewer delays and cancellations following the completion of essential track works carried out by Network Rail.

Nearly a mile of track and sleepers have been renewed last weekend (20-21 February) between Littleport and Downham market along with renewing 120 tonnes of ballast, the bed of stones that support the track. Other maintenance works were completed on the whole line during the closure to reduce delays.

Just like road surfaces, track gets worn from constant use. Network Rail's engineers carry out inspections and repairs regularly, but over time the track becomes so worn that a full replacement is the only option to avoid speed restrictions that cause delays and cancellations.

Ellie Burrows, Network Rail's route director for Anglia, said: "Renewing the track reduces the risk of track problems and keeps services running safely, smoothly and reliably for our passengers traveling between Ely and Kings Lynn. This work is vital to keep the track in good condition and prevent track issues that cause disruption."

More information about track renewals in

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