

# ***Blackford Progress Update***



14 December 2018

Please find below a summary of our work recently undertaken in Blackford:

## **Freight depot connection:**

- We have completed the construction of a haul road on southern side of the railway
- Work on the embankment needed for the new stretch of track ongoing
- Continued requirement for site deliveries – these will supply materials for embankment, track and signalling works
- Continued installation of troughing routes alongside the railway. These troughing routes will also provide a walking route for staff to access the new signalling and electrical equipment.
- Installation of new signalling equipment underway
- Surveys being undertaken for next phase of works – installation of new track

## **Four week look-ahead:**

- Over the next 4 weeks we will install new track and signals and make alterations to the signal box – major works from 5<sup>th</sup> January
- The road over Blackford level crossing will be closed on 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December and in January (5-7, 12-14, 19-21 Jan)

## **Panholes LX closure and pedestrian footbridge:**

- Ground preparation works completed
- Civil engineering work to construct bridge foundations approaching completion
- Stopping-up order for Panholes level crossing submitted

## **Four week look-ahead:**

- Installation of the new footbridge to begin in January

**Reminder:** If you have any questions or complaints about our work in Blackford, please call Network Rail's helpline in the first instance: **0345 711 4141**

All site operatives have been advised to direct queries to this phone number



New troughing route alongside railway required for signalling equipment. The troughing also provides a safe walking route for railway maintenance teams .

Haul route built alongside the railway will allow us to move equipment and materials to allow the construction of new railway embankment. Once the embankment is formed, a new stretch of railway will follow the route of the haul road, providing access to the yard.



The foundations for the new footbridge are nearing completion. Once completed, the steel support columns will be installed before the bridge deck is craned into place.