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Dear Stakeholders,

Yeovil Pen Mill to Weymouth line closure – Saturday 24 to Friday 30 September

I am writing to make sure you are aware of the weeklong line closure between Yeovil Pen Mill and Weymouth from Saturday 24 to Friday 30 September.

This will allow our engineers to carry out the latest in a series of improvements on the Heart of Wessex line (which connects Weymouth with Bristol Temple Meads on the Great Western Railway network), which saw four miles of track replaced between November and December last year.

Our engineers will work around the clock to replace around a mile of old 1950s-style track in Cattistock, between Maiden Newton and Chetnole, as well as improve signalling at Yeovil Pen Mill and in the Dorchester area. We will also resurface the platform at Yetminster station, repair brickwork at Evershot Tunnel (between Maiden Newton and Chetnole), repair steelworks at Damers Road Bridge and complete biodiversity works at all stations along this section of the network.

To keep customers informed, we've worked closely with Great Western Railway and South Western Railway to ensure as many people know about the closure as possible. Our information campaign has included posters and electronic displays at stations, platform and train announcements, social media posts and press releases to relevant local media. Journey planners have been updated and for several weeks, people looking to buy tickets for travel during the works have been made aware via warning notices at the time of booking.

Great Western Railway plans to provide a bus replacement service between Yeovil Pen Mill and Weymouth whilst this line closure is in place. Of course, we recommend all travellers to check before they travel during this period to ensure they are prepared before for this disruption. For more information from South Western Railway and Great Western Railway please see below:

Further information from South Western Railway: southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/planned-improvements/september-2022-works

Further information from Great Western Railway on the Castle Cary railway work: gwr.com/travel-information/travel-updates/planned-engineering/wessex

It would be greatly appreciated if you could kindly share this information so as many people as possible are aware. If you have any questions in the meanwhile, please feel free to get in contact at any time.

Kind regards

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