

STIRLING ALLOA KINCARDINE RAILWAY AND LINKED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION WORK

The Stirling - Alloa - Kincardine route reopening project is one of the most important railway infrastructure projects Scotland has seen for decades.

Work Starts Soon on New Rail And Road Links

The Scottish Executive's commitment to award a further £27.6 million to the project has ensured that construction work can now begin.

The aim of the ambitious project is to once again connect passenger rail services between Alloa, Stirling and Glasgow, providing huge benefits for the communities and the economy across central Scotland.

Construction work will commence immediately and members of the public are reminded that the existing railway line is now a construction site.

The entire area is to be fenced off and heavy machinery will be used throughout the construction phase. The construction works pose a serious potential safety risk to anyone straying on to the site so it is vital that people respect the new fences.

They are there for your own safety and for the safety of the workforce. Workmen on the site will wear high visibility jackets and other safety equipment to protect them from harm.

The work will continue for around 18 months and it is hoped rail services will begin in Spring / Summer 2007. The project team remains as committed as ever to ensuring that disruptions caused during the construction phase will be kept to a minimum.

Track will be upgraded and re-laid along the entire length of the route. The programme will also involve significant improvements to bridges and level crossings and extensive safety works. A new Alloa Eastern Link Road will also be built ahead of the new rail services beginning, to take traffic away from Alloa town centre and to allow Hilton Road to be closed to through traffic.

As part of the construction works a new train station at Alloa will be built, re-connecting the town with passenger rail travel for the first time since 1968.



Details of public road closures will be advertised in advance in the local papers as normal.

The construction work has been appointed to a joint venture between two of the UK's leading construction firms – First Engineering and Edmund Nuttall Ltd. Site supervision will be provided by Jacobs Babbie and project management by tie Ltd.

Over the last 12 months the project team has been carrying out a range of advanced works including design, detailed ground investigation and devegetation works. These have now been completed and the team is ready to start construction.



Provost Derek Stewart shows MSP Tavish Scott around the site where the new Alloa rail station will be built.

Further information on the proposed works can be obtained by dropping in to our weekly clinics, details of which will be posted on the project website shortly, or by sending an email to the project team via the project website.

The Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine route re-opening scheme is being promoted by Clackmannanshire Council which is a member of a steering group which also comprises the Scottish Executive, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley, the Strategic Rail Authority, Fife Council and Stirling Council.

The Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine Railway and Linked Improvements Act 2004 was the first Private rail Bill to be passed by the Scottish Parliament.

Further information and updates on the construction work will be posted every three months on the Stirling- Alloa-Kincardine Railway and Linked Improvements website www.sakrailway.co.uk.



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