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Dear Councillor Houston,

Cornton No 1 Level Crossing, Bridge of Allan

Network Rail has plans for Cornton No 1 level crossing located on Cornton Road (B823), Bridge of Allan.

The work will involve a change to the type of crossing, as well as the installation of an ancillary support building within the railway boundary to house equipment for the new level crossing.

As part of our strategy to reduce the risk to both train passengers and road users, we propose to renew the existing level crossing to provide full barriers, and introduce new safety measures including obstacle detection technology, which means the crossing can only operate when the crossing is free of vehicles and pedestrians.

The main difference for users of the level crossing is that the new barriers will extend fully across the road and it will be upgraded to include an object detection monitoring system. The new arrangement will mean that the barriers shall be lowered for longer each time a train passes, and as a result pedestrians and drivers will need to wait longer to cross. The increased barrier down time is required to allow the new monitoring system to confirm the crossing is not obstructed by a person or vehicle before the train passes. Ultimately, these changes will improve the safety of the crossing both for road users and train passengers.

At this stage the exact design of the new crossing is still being agreed, and as more detail becomes available we will share it with you. The new level crossing is planned to be installed by the end of 2020, but this may also be subject to change. We have tried to plan the work at a time when it will be least disruptive to crossing users, but the road and rail closures required for work of this nature means that some disruption is inevitable.

We know that you may have questions you would like to ask us, so we plan to hold a local drop-in session before the work begins so you can come along to discuss our plans with members of the project team. The exact date and venue of the drop-in will be advertised locally nearer the time.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss before then, we would be happy to meet you. I can be contacted by email lesleyanne.cain@networkrail.co.uk. Alternatively, questions can be sent to us through the **Network Rail National Helpline 08457 11 41 41** or through our **website** <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/contact-us/>

Yours sincerely



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