

Railway Neighbour

30/03/2026



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ELR: CWH3 34m 1628yds - OB 113/026

Dear Neighbour,

Fife Electrification Project – Main Street Bridge Replacement Work

As part of the works to prepare the railway for the future introduction of electric trains, we will be replacing the existing road bridge (OB113/026) over the railway on Main Street (B9130), next to Glenrothes with Thornton station, to ensure it meets the required height clearance for an electrified railway and allows the installation of the new overhead line equipment underneath.

This extensive engineering work is being delivered over 14 months, from May 2026 until July 2027, and will involve closing the road at the bridge from the 12 May 2026 with an ‘all vehicle’ diversion route in place via the A92.

Ahead of the main work starting, we have organised two community drop-in events to share our plans.

Community Drop-in
Thornton Public Hall,
35 Main Street,
Thornton,
KY1 4AG
9 April– 3.00pm to 6.30pm
22 April – 3.00pm to 6.30pm

The drop-ins will give you an opportunity to meet members of the project team and ask any questions you may have about the bridge replacement and the wider electrification project.

Fife Council are working on affected bus routes and will share this information with the community in advance of the bridge closing, it will also be available via www.fife.gov.uk and [@NetworkRailSCOT](https://twitter.com/NetworkRailSCOT).

Once work starts, the initial phase will involve several months of diverting a number of utilities from the existing bridge to safely house them on the temporary services bridge. We have included our work schedule for this year, up until December 2026, with this letter and will provide further updates throughout delivery of the project.

Access to and from the station car park will remain. During the works pedestrians will still be able to access the station and cross where the bridge currently is via a temporary structure.

The existing bridge will be demolished during a period of continuous working later in the year, as detailed in the programme schedule for the first phase of our activity included with this letter.

The new bridge will be a pre-cast concrete structure and will be lifted into place in sections by crane.

While we will carry out as much of the work as possible during the daytime, many of our activities can only take place at night when no trains are running, as this offers the safest environment for our team on site.

This means there will be periods of overnight and weekend working. While we will do what we can to minimise this where possible, there will be some disturbance at times. We appreciate this isn't ideal and thank you for your understanding.

We will continue to keep you updated as the bridge work progresses and hope our activity don't disturb you too much – should you have any questions or concerns in this respect, please call our **24-hr helpline on 03457 11 41 41** or email via our website at www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus,

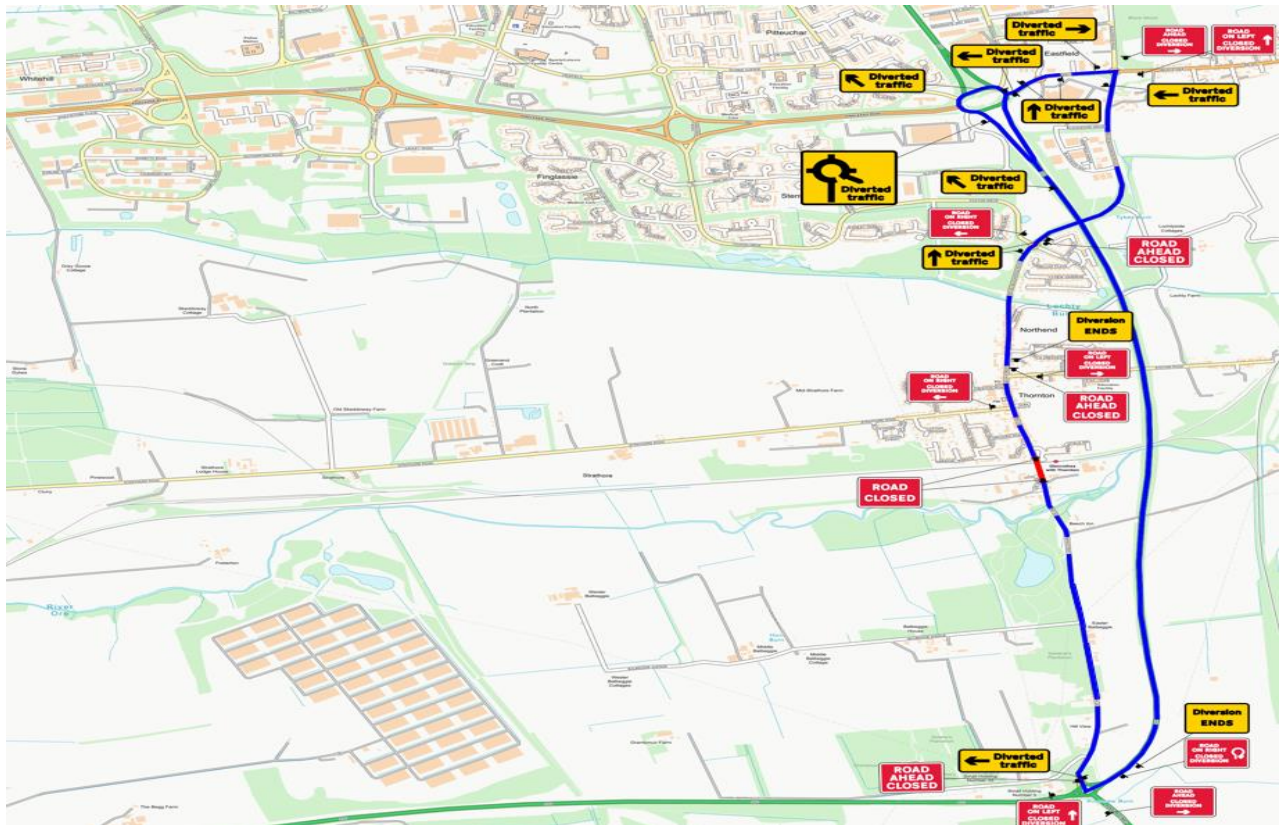
Kind Regards

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Artist impression of the new bridge



All vehicle diversion route marked in blue



Programme schedule: Road bridge Works from May to Dec 2026

Date	Shift Times	Activities	Noise Level
12 May 2026 – 22 July 2027	Road closure and traffic diversion route in place at bridge	No vehicular access over the bridge for duration of the work	
12 May 2026 – 26 Oct 2026	Dayshift 07:00 hrs – 17:00 Nightshift 22:00 to 08:00	Preparatory works including construction of temporary pedestrian and services bridge and diversion of utilities from existing bridge.	Medium
30 Oct – 3 Nov 2026	Continuous working from 22:00 hrs on 30 Oct until 07:00 hrs on 3 Nov	Demolition and removal of existing bridge.	High
18 Nov – 14 Dec 2026	Dayshift 07:00 to 17:00	Crane operations to install new bridge sections.	High