

THE GREAT NORTH RAIL PROJECT



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Dear Sir,

Great North Rail Project – Preston to Manchester Railway Electrification

As part of the North West Electrification Project between Preston and Manchester, please be aware that from **06:30 on Saturday 27th October** our new overhead power lines suspended above the railway tracks between...

Preston Station OS Ref SD 53520 29031 and
Manchester Victoria OS Ref SJ 83862 99007

...will be energised and henceforth will be **Live** at 25,000 Volts.

Whilst this will have no effect on the safety of rail users, nearby properties or those going about their legitimate business we want to make people aware of the change. Can you please ensure this message is briefed to your members? To help you, I have enclosed a Frequently Asked Questions pamphlet.

The overhead lines will be energised at 25,000 volts AC, at 50Hz frequency. It is of course extremely dangerous for any person to come close to the overhead line equipment or any associated part of it, including the supporting masts, switch feeds and cables. There is no danger to any persons as long as they remain away from the railway boundary line and rail side fencing.

Network Rail can confirm that a formal assessment has been undertaken in advance of the electrification works and has considered the effects of the scheme on electromagnetic (EMC) on third party and electromagnetic fields (EMF) relating to public health. This assessment concluded that sufficient measures were in place in terms of design and testing and there will be no adverse effects.



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I hope this information is helpful and if you would like any further information, our National Helpline team can be contacted 24 hours a day on 03457 11 41 41.

Yours faithfully.

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