

# **WCRM ENGINEERING COMMENTARY FOR MAJOR BLOCKS UP TO LATE SPRING BH, 2009**

**Items may be subject to alteration at short notice.**

## **Weeks 31 & 32: (weekend of 26th October & 2<sup>nd</sup> November): Northampton-Milton Keynes blocked**

Blocked between Hanslope Jn and Northampton from 0140hrs Sun to 0345hrs Mon and further between Cheddington and Hanslope Jn from 2350hrs Sat to 1200hrs Sun.

Buses replace trains between Milton Keynes and Northampton from 2350hrs Saturday and all day Sunday. Buses to extend to operate between Hemel Hempstead and Northampton from 2350hrs Sat to 1200hrs Sunday .

Sundays: Trains between Birmingham New St and Northampton will start and terminate at Coventry. Road transport Coventry - Northampton

## **Week 33: (weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November)**

Bus service between Northampton and Coventry late pm Saturday and all day Sunday.

Milton Keynes bay platform blocked from 2330 Friday until 0530 Monday. Trains to start and terminate at Bletchley. Services through to Northampton to run as booked  
Sundays Trains between Birmingham New St and Northampton will start and terminate at Coventry. Road transport Coventry-Northampton

## **Week 34: (weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November): Rugby & Northampton blocked.**

Blocked between Hanslope Jn and Northampton South Jn from 1000hrs Sat 15<sup>th</sup> to 0400hrs Mon 17<sup>th</sup>. Also blocked between Daventry and Hillmorton Jn from 2210hrs Sat to 0500hrs Mon.

Bus service between Milton Keynes and Northampton Saturday and Sunday. Bus service between Northampton and Coventry late pm Saturday and all day Sunday.

## **Weeks 35: (weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November) Rugby blocked.**

Blocked between Rugby and Coventry South Jn from 2345hrs Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> until 0530hrs Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bus service to operate between Coventry and Northampton on the Saturday and Sunday.

Bay platform only at Milton Keynes will be blocked all day Saturday and Sunday services will terminate at Bletchley. Services through to Northampton to run as booked

## **Week 36 (weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November) Rugby blocked.**

Blocked between Rugby and Coventry South Jn from 0700hrs Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> until 0530hrs Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Bus service to operate between Coventry and Northampton on the Saturday and Sunday.

Bay platform only at Milton Keynes will be blocked all day Saturday and Sunday services will terminate at Bletchley. Services through to Northampton to run as booked

**Week 37 (weekend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December) Rugby blocked.**

Blocked between Hillmorton Jn and Rugby Trent Valley Jn from 1030hrs Sat 6<sup>th</sup> to 2100hrs Sun 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bus service to operate between Coventry and Northampton on the Saturday and Sunday. Additional LM train services operating between Birmingham New Street and Coventry in conjunction with the Clothes Show being held at the NEC.

Bay platform only at Milton Keynes will be blocked all day Saturday and Sunday services will terminate at Bletchley. Services through to Northampton to run as booked

**Weeks 39/40 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR, including the weekends of the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.**

**FOUR-DAY BLOCKADE OF WEST COAST ML (including two-day Christmas shut-down period): Blocked to LM trains between London Euston and Coventry, including no trains at Rugby, Northampton and Milton Keynes.**

Rugby blocked: Hillmorton Jn and Trent Valley Jn from 2300 Wed 24/12 until 0300hrs Mon 29/12.

Milton Keynes blocked: Tring South Jn to Hanslope Jn blocked from 2300 Wed 24/12 (slows blocked from 2000hrs) until 0300hrs Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December (Fasts open); slows open at 0400hrs. Power restored to Bletchley CS at 0001hrs Mon.

Bletchley to Bedford Midland and Watford to St.Albans Abbey also blocked concurrent from 2000hrs Wed 24/12 until 0500hrs Mon 29/12.

Camden Jn to Harlesden Jn blocked from 2100hrs Wed 24/12 until 0500hrs Mon 29/12.

**Services will be replaced by buses on the following routes on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December:**

- Coventry and Northampton
- Northampton and London Euston (throughout).
- Bletchley and Bedford Midland
- Watford Jn and St.Albans Abbey

NB: A bus service will operate both days Northampton-Wellingborough for LM NMP-London passengers to use EMML services to/from London St Pancras.

**Week 3: 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April. EASTER 2009: Major blockades affecting The West Coast Route between Coventry and London Euston, as well as at Stafford and Crewe.**

1. The following route sections are blocked between Rugby and London Euston:
  - Watford Jn to Cheddington Fast Lines only, and all lines blocked from Cheddington to Hemel Hempstead from 1000hrs Sat to 1200 Easter Mon.
  - Cheddington to Northampton South Jn all blocked from 0730hrs Sat to 1330hrs Easter Mon.
  - Northampton to Hillmorton Jn all blocked from 0730hrs Sat to 1330hrs Easter Mon.
  - Bletchley and Bedford Midland blocked from 0730hrs Sat to 1330hrs Easter Monday

Buses will replace trains on the Saturday, Sunday and Easter Monday morning between Rugby and Northampton, Northampton and Hemel Hempstead and Bletchley to Bedford.

2. The following route sections are blocked between Birmingham New Street and Liverpool:

- Galton Jn to Monmore Green from 0030hrs Good Friday to 0500hrs Tues 14/04.
- Wolverhampton North to Stafford No.4 Jn from 2320hrs Sat to 0425hrs Easter Monday.
- Stafford No.4 to Great Bridgeford from 2335hrs Sat to 0400hrs Tues 14/04 (blocks Stafford station and Stafford-Crewe).
- Crewe North Jn to Runcorn 2245hrs Sat to 0400hrs Tues 14/04

Buses will replace trains between Birmingham New Street and Wolverhampton (local stopping services only) from Good Friday (10/04) up to and including Easter Monday (13/04). LM Fast services routed are diverted and still call at Wolverhampton.

Buses will replace trains between Wolverhampton and Crewe and Crewe and Liverpool Limes Street on Easter Sunday and Monday

3. Other routes significantly affected by engineering works over the Easter weekend:

- FIVE-DAY blockade between Blake Street and Lichfield Trent Valley High Level. (this includes a block on an ordinary working weekday, Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> April).

Buses will replace trains between Blake Street and Lichfield. Cross-City north services may be subject to some retiming.

**Week 6: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May: May Day Bank Holiday weekend**

1. The following routes are blocked south of Rugby:

- Hemel Hempstead to Northampton South Jn blocked 0730hrs Sat to 1330hrs Monday (Fast Lines open at 12 noon Mon)
- Camden Jn to Hemel Hempstead from 2000hrs Sat to 0800 Mon (Slow Lines open at 1600hrs Sun)
- Bletchley to Bedford Midland from 0730hrs Sat to 1330hrs Mon
- Watford Jn to St.Albans Abbey 2000hrs Sat to 0300 Tuesday

Until 2000hrs Saturday, and from 1600hrs Sunday buses to replace trains between Hemel Hempstead and Northampton, at other times (2000 Sat to 1600 Sun) buses to operate throughout between Northampton and London Euston.

Buses to also replace trains on the Bedford-Bletchley and Watford-St.Albans lines.

2. The following route is blocked between Birmingham and Liverpool:

- Wolverhampton North Jn to Great Bridgeford and Basford Hall (blocks through Stafford station) from 2320hrs Sat to 0400hrs Tuesday.

No access to Stafford station. No access to Crewe station from the south (Stafford line and Stoke line blocked). Bus Wolverhampton-Stafford-Crewe.

**Week 9: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May: Late Spring Bank Holiday weekend**

**These plans are provisional, and may be subject to change.**

1. The following routes are blocked south of Rugby:

Camden Jn to King's Langley from 1000hrs Sat to 1200 Mon Fasts only blocked, then all blocked from 0050 Sun to 1900 Sun

Kings Langley to Cheddington from 1000hrs Sat to 1200hrs Mon

Cheddington to Hillmorton Jn and Northampton South Jn from 0730hrs Sat to 1330hrs Mon (Fast Lines reopen at 1200hrs Mon)

Bletchley to Bletchley East Jn from 0730 sat to 1330 Mon. No trains can operate between Bletchley and Bedford Midland

Rugby Trent Valley Jn to Coventry South Jn. Times TBA

Trains operate between London Euston and Hemel Hempstead until 0050 Sun and from 1900 Sun. Bus Hemel Hempstead to Northampton. Between 0050 and 1990hrs Sunday bus between Northampton and London Euston.

Bus between Northampton and Coventry.

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