

Good afternoon...

We would like to thank you for your emails regarding the train wash facility following the open evening meeting held in January.

The team and I understand that some errors have been made over the past fortnight, and we are sorry for the inconvenience it may have caused you. I want to assure you we take all incidents that impact our neighbours very seriously. Full investigations have been carried out and action taken to avoid any repeat.

Going forward we are keen to continue the proactive conversation that we established at our last meeting, and we have tried to address some of the questions and concerns in the following presentation.

Our next open meeting will be on Monday 24th February. We hope you will be able to make it as we feel it provides a constructive forum for us to address your concerns, but also the opportunity to discuss our proposed plans with the aim of being a good neighbour.

Kind regards,

Steve Lammin, GTR Engineering Director



Cambridge Trainwash Facility



AESTHETICS

- We are looking at, and taking very seriously, the aesthetic look of the train wash facility.
- There are several options which are being investigated:
 - Growing a living 'green' wall over the structure;
 - Painting the structure to reflect the sky;
 - Planting trees at the boundary/large trees in containers that can be moved to where they are needed;
 - An acoustic fence to absorb sound;
 - An acoustic barrier with use of recycled ground material from site.

IDEAS FOR MASKING THE TRAINWASH BUILDING



An example of an acoustic fence – this could have plants growing up it from the residents' side



An example of a 'living wall' – this would also help to absorb noise.



Container-grown trees and shrubs that can be moved to suit conditions



Painting the structure to blend in with the landscape

NOISE

- The new train wash will be an enclosed structure and will be clad to minimise noise.
- We are continuously working to reduce the noise levels as much as possible.
- At the moment, modelling puts the highest volume as equal to that of a quiet conversation.
 - This highest volume point is located at the back garden fence of the worse affected property
- The noise levels will be continuously monitored following full installation and, if further remedial works are needed, these will be done.

CLEANING MATERIALS

- Still awaiting specification from Greater Anglia, who will operate the sidings and wash once they are complete.

PLANNING

- We know that there has been a lot of questions over the planning permissions for the train wash.
- The project has been delivered under 'Permitted Development' for the operational railway.
- The elements taken forward as determined through the planning dialogue was captured under permission '18/5161PREAPP'. This will be further discussed at the next open meeting.

COMMUNICATION

- We are keen to keep all lines of communication open with our neighbours and are available to host/attend more meetings
- Please continue to send through questions so we can address issues
- Sharepoint and/or a dedicated site is being set up to share information
- Leaflets and communications about future works will be issued in advance

FUTURE PROGRAMME/TIMELINE OF WORKS

Works on site (not train wash related):

- Electrification works on site 13th April – 3rd May;
- Signalling works 3rd May – 10th May.

Specific to Carriage Wash Machine build:

- Enabling works approx. April/May '20
- Train wash facility in position late summer '20
- Fully commissioned and automatic operation Dec '20

LOCATION

- The train wash is unable to be sited elsewhere due to the infrastructure of the railway.
- This was analysed in depth:
 - The wash had to be sited as part of the Cambridge Depot facility therefore ruling out locating it north of the city;
 - The wash needs to allow for the safe, unobstructed, straight movement of a 240m long 12-carriage train between the north sidings and south sidings, factoring in depot signalling and the location of points.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your time attending meetings and writing to us with your concerns and thoughts.

We would like to reassure everyone that we are listening to your concerns, and will continue to do so. We will continue to look for ways to improve and minimise any impact the train wash may have on you.

Our next public meeting will be on Monday 24th February at the Salvation Army Building, 3 Tenison Rd, Cambridge CB1 2DG at 18:30 where we will look to answer many of the concerns and questions raised previously.

We look forward to seeing you there.