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Cross City south services disrupted until at least 1200 today

Trains on the Cross City line between Birmingham New Street and Redditch / Bromsgrove are expected to be disrupted until at least 1200 today (15 Aug). This is due to a number of fallen trees on the line near University and Five Ways stations and damage to the embankment.

The first tree fell onto the northbound line towards Birmingham at around 1100 yesterday (14 Aug) and caught fire. The line was then closed in both directions for the remainder of the day.

A further two trees have fallen onto the line overnight and have been cleared. Network Rail is now working to repair the overhead lines.

There has also been damage to the embankment which will need assessing this morning.

As a result, there will be no trains running on the Cross City line between Birmingham New Street and Redditch / Bromsgrove until at least 1200 today.

West Midlands Railway tickets are being accepted on local National Express West Midlands bus services between Birmingham New Street and Longbridge. Rail replacement buses are in operation for stations between Longbridge and Redditch / Bromsgrove.

Trains between Birmingham New Street and Hereford are being diverted in both directions and are not calling at University.

Trains between Birmingham New Street and Lichfield will run as booked.

Anyone affected by these changes should claim for compensation through [delay repay](#).

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