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Lichfield Trent Valley: Disruption due to ongoing platform repair work

Passengers using Lichfield Trent Valley station should plan ahead as journeys continue to be impacted by a platform closure.

Platform 3 at the station has been temporarily closed for safety reasons, meaning Cross City Line trains towards Birmingham are currently unable to call there. The platform closure also means passengers are unable to cross between platforms 1 and 2.

A regular bus service is in operation between Lichfield Trent Valley and Lichfield City to allow passengers to connect to Cross City Line services. A

bus is also running between platforms 1 and 2, which has a long alternative walking route.

Network Rail is working on plans to reopen the platform by installing a temporary support structure. It is expected this will take several weeks to install. The platform was due to be replaced in 2023 and plans are now being reviewed to bring that work forward.

Denise Wetton, managing director for Network Rail Central route, said: I am sorry for the inconvenience caused but we had to reduce any risk to passengers and put safety first. We are working as quickly as possible to reopen the platform so normal service can resume. Thank you to passengers for their patience."

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said: "I would like to thank our passengers for their patience while this important safety work is completed on platform 3 at Lichfield Trent Valley.

"The platform closure affects both Cross City line trains and access to West Coast Main Line services so I would urge passengers to plan ahead and allow extra time."

Passengers can plan their journeys and check before they travel at www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk.

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