

Statement from Dept. of Transport c/o Network Rail 17/11/2016

“The changes announced across the Greater West Programme see some £180m of work on the electrification of our railway deferred to allow for a number of passenger improvements to be brought forward; allowing the overall programme to be delivered in a more streamlined way including better synchronisation of the Thames Valley Branches electrification with mainline electrification and services upgrade in the Thames Valley as a whole.

The two Thames Valley branches due to be upgraded with overhead line electrification, the Windsor and Henley branches, will see this work deferred for the duration of CP5.

Before the Government’s announcement, Network Rail had just completed its Outline Feasibility work for the Henley and Windsor branches and this provides a secure foundation to move onto detailed design when required”.