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West Coast Main Line: Major disruption at London Euston and Birmingham New Street

Passengers travelling on the West Coast Main Line between Birmingham New Street and London Euston are being warned to leave extra time for their journeys for the rest of the day (Tuesday) due to ongoing signalling and power line problems.

A major signal failure at Hanslope, near Milton Keynes, allied with ongoing overhead power line issues at South Kenton near Wembley, has led to severe delays and cancellations on the West Coast Main Line. Network Rail engineers are urgently attempting to fix the issues but due to the scale of the disruption, journeys are expected to be impacted throughout Tuesday.

A revised timetable is in operation for services departing London Euston for the rest of the day. Long-distance services from Birmingham New Street are also being affected.

Customers holding West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway tickets are advised to leave extra time for their journeys and check departure boards before travelling by visiting www.wmr.uk/plan or www.lnr.uk/plan

To read more from Network Rail on the ongoing power line problems at South Kenton, click <u>here</u>.

About West Midlands Trains

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to and from London Euston.
- West Midlands Railway services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit<u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u>

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations

and provides over 80 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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