

£20 million upgrade for stations on the Uckfield line

To allow the introduction of 10 coach trains

Network Rail plans to increase capacity on the line particularly during the morning peak by 50 per cent, but confirms that passengers will experience short term pain to achieve long-term gain.

The £20 million project will lengthen 12 platforms at 8 stations between Uckfield and Edenbridge Town starting November this year and continuing to April next year.



Off peak line closures will begin in November and continue until March next year, with rail replacement buses being provided

Additionally, the line will be closed all day between Uckfield, Buxted and Crowborough from January 4 until February 20, with rail replacement buses being provided instead. When construction work is completed, it will allow the introduction of 10 coach trains, to reduce crowding and help meet growing passenger demand.

Extension details for each station----

Edenbridge Town; both platforms to be extended by 114m between Sept. 2015 and February 2016.

Hever; both platforms to be extended by 114m by May 2016.

Cowden; platform to be extended by 11.5m between September 2015 and February 2016.

Ashurst; both platforms to be extended by 114m between February and May 2016.

Eridge; platform to be extended by 100m between October 2015 and May 2016.

Crowborough; both platforms to be extended by 87m between November 2015 and July 2016.

Buxted; platform to be extended by 115m between November 2015 and Apr 2016.

Uckfield; platform to be extended by 56m between October 2015 and March 2016.