

Swindon Area Signalling Renewal (SASR) Information for Wiltshire Council's Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

The site at Wootton Bassett is the main site/welfare/storage facility for the Swindon Area Signalling Renewal project.

The project entails installing new signals and related line-side equipment from:

- Uffington to Thingley Junction
- Hullavington to Wootton Bassett Junction
- Kemble to Swindon Station

This new signalling system will be re-controlled from existing signal boxes to the new Thames Valley Control Centre in Didcot (where the signalling will be operated via a desktop computer system)

The project is also immunising signalling equipment (i.e. point machines), in advance of the impending electrification programme.

The project is being undertaken in 2 stages – with the first commissioning stage being completed between Monday, 18 August to Monday, 25 August 2014 and which saw the new signalling system installed along the Swindon to Kemble line, enabling the new second track to also be commissioned.

We are not in a position to provide finite dates for the second stage at this point as we are reviewing which options will be able to be delivered effectively, whilst causing the least disruption to our customers and to the wider public. I can confirm that the second commissioning stage will take place in 2015 and that it will be delivered over a similar timeframe to the first one.

The physical works that have taken place at the Wotton Bassett site thus far include that installation of a new primary supply point (PSP) building and a new distribution network operator, both of which provide power for the new signalling system being installed.