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### Severe disruption to rail services through Suffolk and Essex due to level crossing failure

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**A fault with barriers at a level crossing between Ipswich and Needham Market is causing severe disruption to rail services between Norwich and London Liverpool Street.**

Due to a fault with barriers at a level crossing between Ipswich and Needham Market trains have to run at reduced speed on all lines.

The fault was identified as rodent damage to two signalling equipment cables at a location which was difficult to access.

Train services running through these stations are being cancelled, delayed by up to 60 mins or revised, with disruption expected until 6pm.

The issue is affecting services between London Liverpool Street and Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge and Ipswich and Peterborough, in both directions. The first trains to be affected were the 9.50 Peterborough to Ipswich service and the 10am London Liverpool Street to Norwich service.

A limited rail replacement bus service is in operation between Ipswich and Cambridge.

Customers holding advance purchase tickets are able to travel on alternative services if the required train is not running.

The following services have all been cancelled this afternoon:

1.20pm Ipswich to Cambridge service due 2.39pm

1.44pm Cambridge to Ipswich service due 3.02pm

1.50pm Peterborough to Ipswich due 3.28pm

2pm London Liverpool Street to Norwich due 3.48pm

Several services are now operating on altered routes, including the 1.30pm Norwich to London Liverpool Street service due at 3.19pm, which will call additionally at Stowmarket.

The 3.30pm London Liverpool Street to Norwich service, due at 5.24pm, will be terminated at Colchester and no longer call at Manningtree, Ipswich, Stowmarket, Diss or Norwich.