

## NEWS RELEASE

### **James Street Station Refurbishment Update: Platform 1 to Re-Open and Platform 3 to Close Temporarily**

**4 January 2013:** Platform 1 of James Street, one of Merseyrail's city-centre underground stations, will re-open on 7 January following four months of closure for essential refurbishment.

Platform 3 of James Street will close for similar work on 6 January and re-open on 22 April. Trains will continue to pass through platform 3, but not stop.

The station itself will remain open. Note that platform 2 is not in regular use for passengers.

The main concourse area at street level will not be affected by the work, and the Water Street entrance will stay open. The lifts from the upper concourse to the lower concourse will work as normal.

During the period when platform 3 is closed, the floors of the platform and in the surrounding corridors will be re-tiled and new enamel cladding affixed to the walls. The refresh will make the entire platform area feel lighter and more airy.

To access all Wirral line stations, passengers are advised to board the train at platform 1 and travel around the loop. This will add another seven minutes to the journey. Alternatively, the Wirral line can be accessed at Liverpool Central, Lime Street or Moorfields stations.

James Street station is the second of the five underground stations on the Merseyrail network to be improved in a £40 million programme. The first was Liverpool Central, which fully re-opened on 22 October. The other stations are Lime Street, Moorfields and Hamilton Square. Network Rail is the sole funder of the work being carried out at James Street station.

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