

Notice of road closure – A413 junction completion

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are continually reviewing the works on our construction sites in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with COVID-19. The Government's current strategy makes it clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance.

Please be assured that only sites that can operate within the guidelines are operational. All sites will remain under constant review. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement events and meetings and have put in place a number of channels to communicate with communities, such as letters and phone calls, as well as updates and alerts from each of the local community websites. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

What will we be doing?

Works are continuing at Bottom House Farm Lane in Chalfont St Giles as this is the location of one of the Chiltern Tunnel's ventilation shafts.

The previously advised works relating to the construction of the A413 junction will be completed shortly. Local lane traffic requiring access and egress to the existing lane are now using the new junction to join the temporary access road and returning to the existing lane once crossing the River Misbourne.

The final works required to complete the A413 junction, including road closures on the A413, will take place from the week commencing 1 March 2021. Further details for this phase of construction are detailed later in this notice.

To enable the completion of the new junction at Bottom House Farm Lane we need to undertake some overnight diversions on the A413. This is required to safely complete activities for the final road surfacing, traffic light installation and white lining.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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Duration of works

Junction completion:
Week commencing 1
March 2021 to April
2021

Widening of existing
lane to continue to
Summer 2021

Some overnight
working:

Monday to Friday, 8pm
to 6am

What to expect

An increase in journey
time due to diversion
routes being place.

Some noise from our
equipment and lighting
around our worksite

What we will do

Respond promptly to
any complaints, taking
appropriate action

Take care to respect
your community.

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What will we be doing (continued)

Overnight local access to residents will be permitted, as will emergency services access through the closure.

Details of the road closure and diversion route for the A413 can be found on the map enclosed.

It is anticipated that the new signalised junction will be in operation from the end of March 2021. The new signalised junction will be operated by intelligent systems which will only trigger when vehicles are exiting the temporary access road. Priority will be given to the A413 with timings adapting to traffic demands. The junction will operate in a similar manner to the recently completed traffic light A413 junction for the Chalfont St Peter vent shaft.

How will this affect me?

We will be working hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum. You may notice a little extra traffic immediately around the sites with workers and delivery vehicles activity.

We will sequence our works as much as possible to ensure that the noisier activities will take place at the beginning of a shift. We will also use, where possible, localised noise barriers to reduce noise disturbance from our equipment to local residents

During the road closures you may need to plan your journey and allow more time. The official diversion route will be clearly sign posted.

When will these works take place?

We are planning to close the A413 at Bottom House Farm Lane in both directions from the week commencing 1 March 2021, subject to final consents and approvals.

The closures are expected to take place for a total of five nights during a three week period between 8pm and 6am. Advanced warning verge signage will notify motorists of the exact dates of the closures. The diversion routes are described overleaf. We are undertaking this work overnight to minimise disruption to the A413 during peak periods. We are unable to complete the final stages of the work safely through the use of temporary traffic lights.

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What other works are taking place?

Bottom House Farm Lane is being widened to provide a safe long-term access route to the Chalfont St Giles vent shaft for the Chiltern Tunnel.

The existing lane will be widened on the southern edge to typically achieve a 4m wide road, including the provision of passing bays to allow for permanent access (local, maintenance and emergency services traffic) to the vent shaft. In order for us to carry out these works the existing lane has now been closed to public vehicles.

As we widen the existing lane from Upper Bottom House Farm to the A413 pedestrian access at times will be restricted. During the widening works, where possible a safe walking route will be provided. We will be excavating holes and using construction machinery within the lane that prevents safe pedestrian movement. Vehicle access will be permitted along the temporary access road for residents and business purposes, however pedestrians will also not be permitted along the temporary access road.

This will depend on the phasing of the works and hours of working. Access will remain heavily restricted until the widening is complete.

Cross connectivity of the existing Public Right of Way paths across the existing lane will be maintained during the widening works. Signage has been erected at points across the Public Right of Way paths to advise of the closure of Bottom House Farm Lane.

Once widening works are completed the existing lane will be accessible to the public from the A413 to Upper Bottom House Farm Lane where the existing lane merges with the temporary access road.

The existing lane will remain closed from Upper Bottom House Farm to Hobbs Hole until the works are completed at the vent shaft entrance. We are working to finalise a through route with ALIGN and will update later this year.

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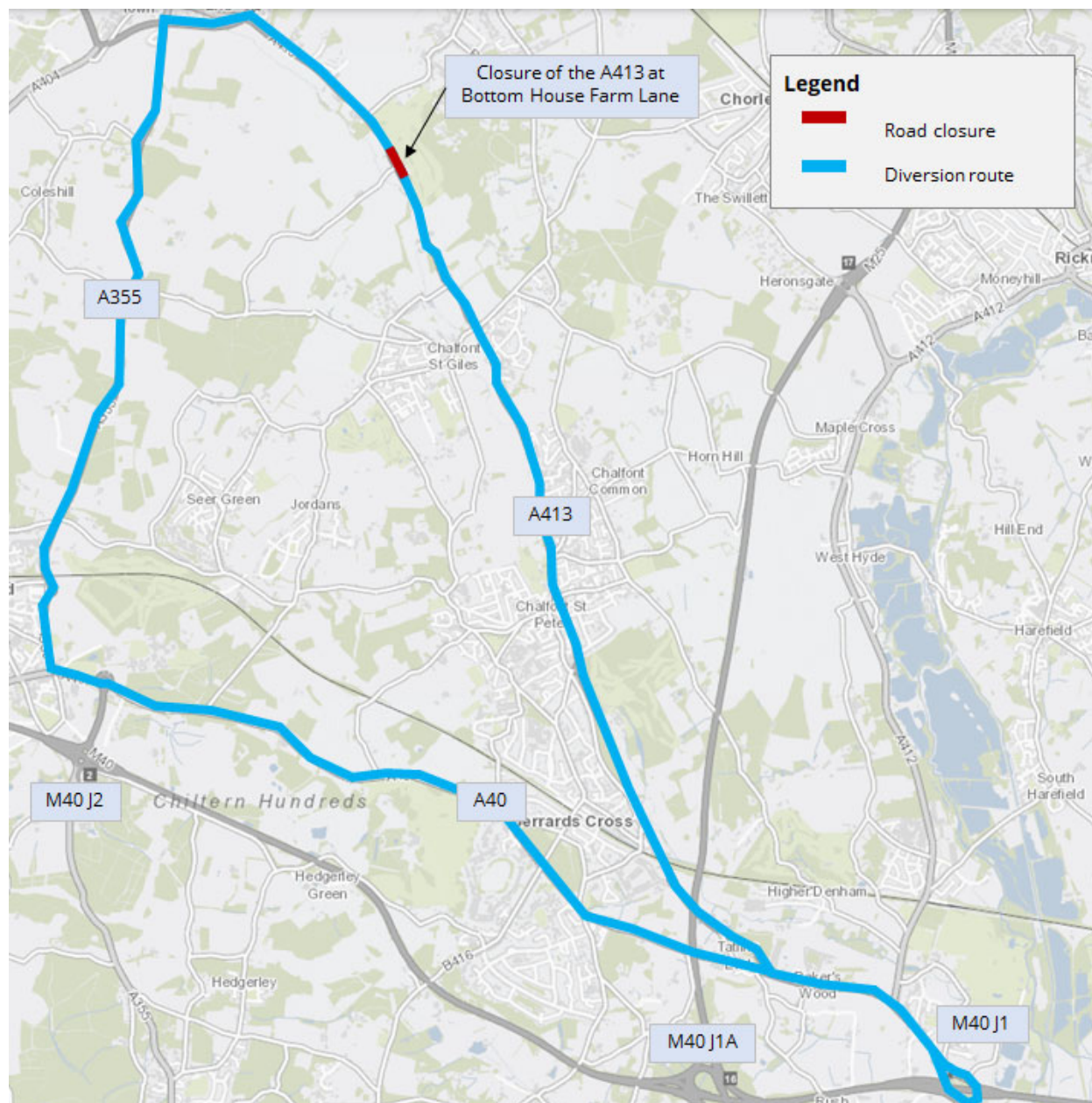
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A413 Diversion route

Overnight diverted A413 traffic will follow a signposted diversion routes will be in place between 8pm and 6am. The below map details the diversion routes which is via the A40.

Diversion signage will also be erected on a nightly basis for the duration of the road closures.



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Layout of final junction on the A413



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Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at:
residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing:
complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property
Find out if you're eligible for compensation at:
www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:
www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

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 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

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