

Notification



Notice: sheet piling works in the Westgate Site

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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 work within the guidelines are operational. All sites will remain under constant review.

We are planning to carry out piling works at our Westgate Site in Hanger Hill from early-April 2021 for up to three weeks. These works are needed to stabilise the ground and protect the Network Rail tracks while we build a ventilation shaft at this site. We will be reducing the ground level in our site by three metres, in preparation prior to building the ventilation shaft.

Our piling method

We will be installing sheet piles at our Westgate site.

Sheet piles are commonly used for retaining walls and underground structures to provide stability and support during excavation works. These are sections of sheet metal with interlocking edges that are pushed into the ground along an area where future excavation work will take place. When arranged side by side, the sheet piles form a wall to provide permanent or temporary earth support.

We are planning to use a pre-auger drill to loosen the ground and then push the piles into place using a vibration method. In the event that we find hard ground or obstacles, a vibro-hammer may be used for a short period of time to disturb the ground and drive the sheets through the hard areas. You may experience a short period of increased construction noise.

Noise and vibration monitoring will be in place throughout these works. We will use water sprays to reduce dust generated by construction activities.

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

Duration of works

From early-April 2021 for up to three weeks

Our working hours are 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm Saturdays if required

We may be on site for an hour before the start and/or end of each shift

What to expect

Installation of sheet piles next to the Network Rail embankment area

Reduction to ground level within our site by three metres

Large construction machinery in the area during these works

What we will do

Use construction methods to minimise noise and disruption

The dates for these works may change; we'll provide updates at hs2inkilburn-northolt.co.uk

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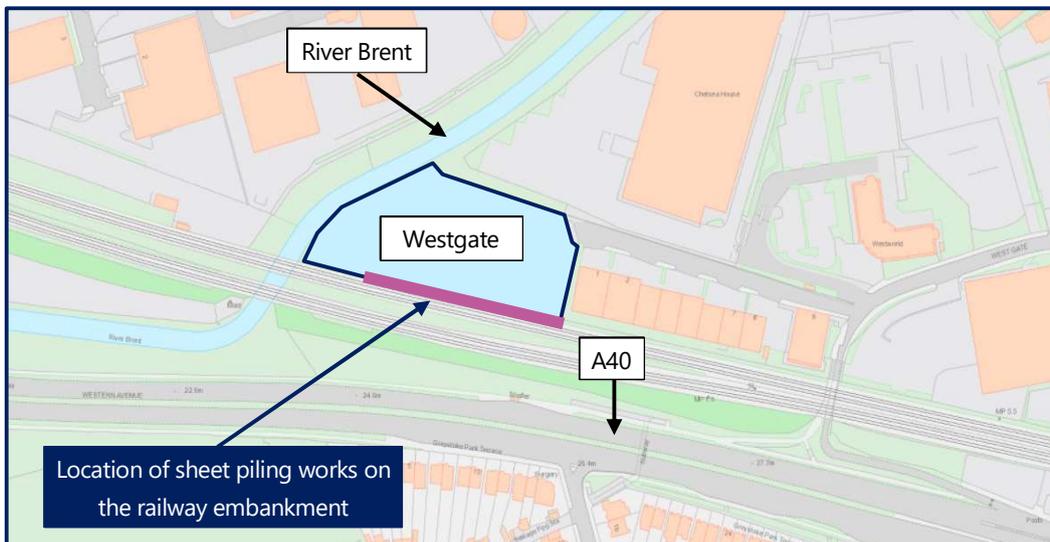
Noise generating activities are scheduled after 8am and during our core working hours where possible. Some works may occur outside of these hours, including concrete works and works next to the railway tracks which must take place during a rail possession. When work is planned outside of standard hours, we will notify you in advance.

What to expect

There will be heavy goods vehicle movements and deliveries to our Westgate site prior to the start of the sheet piling works. During the works, you may notice large construction equipment and machinery in our site during these works including:

- Heavy goods vehicles
- Piling and excavating machinery
- Cranes
- Lighting towers
- Concreting equipment

Map showing the location of the piling works in our Westgate site



What sheet piles may look like



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

What else is happening in your area?

www.hs2.org.uk

Contact our new HS2 Helpdesk team

Our new Helpdesk team is based in our Head Office in Birmingham. This is so that we can provide you with the best service possible. Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Keep up to date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk.

About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



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

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

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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