



# Works to start excavating Westgate ventilation shaft

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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.

## Works to build a ventilation shaft from July 2021

From late July 2021, we will start works to build the ventilation shaft at our Westgate site. This will be 15 metres wide and about 43 metres deep to connect to the HS2 tunnels. We will start constructing the tunnels in this area from 2023.

Our construction team will build the ventilation shaft in stages:

1. We will install a concrete collar around the top of the shaft to support the ground.
2. We will install concrete rings and excavate the ground in layers to build the shaft.
3. When the ventilation shaft reaches about 11 metres below ground, we will continue excavation in layers and apply sprayed concrete lining (SCL) until the shaft reaches its depth of about 43 metres.

The map on the following page shows the location of these works.

## Our working hours

During July and most of August, we will be working from 8am to 6pm on Mondays to Fridays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. From late August, we will extend our working hours to 24 hours a day on Mondays to Fridays. We will continue to work on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

## Duration of works

From late July 2021

Mondays and Fridays,  
8am to 6pm and  
Saturdays, 8am to 1pm

Extending working hours  
on Mondays to Fridays  
from late August 2021

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

## What to expect

You may notice some  
noise during these works

## What we will do

We will continue to assess  
our working methods  
throughout the duration of  
these works and monitor  
dust, noise and vibration in  
order to keep any  
disruption to a minimum

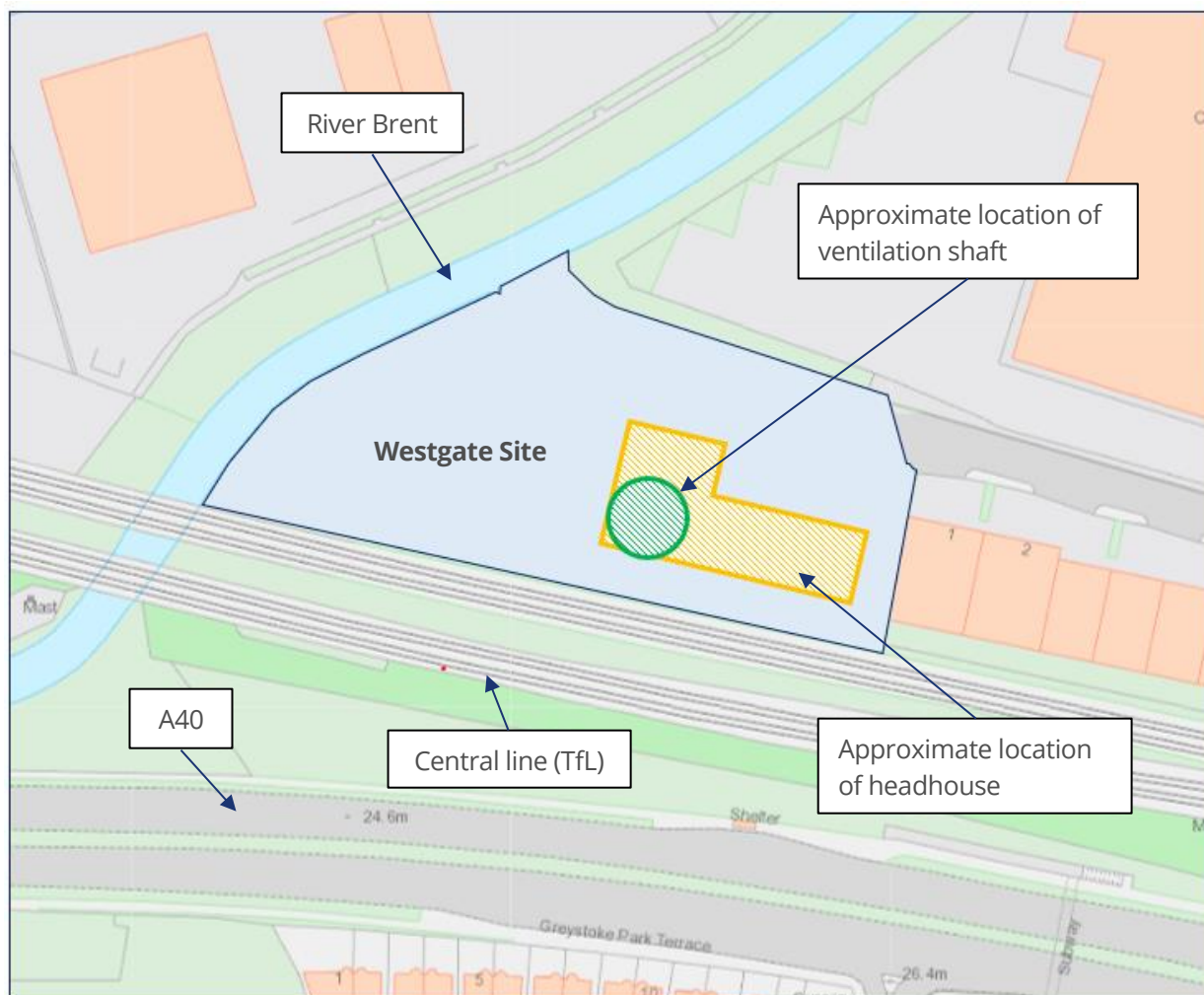
We will provide updates  
about our works at  
**HS2inKilburn-  
northolt.co.uk**

# Notice: Works to build a ventilation shaft at Westgate

Notification



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The dates for these works may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will provide updates about our works at [HS2inKilburn-northolt.co.uk](http://HS2inKilburn-northolt.co.uk)

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

# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

## Contact our new HS2 Helpdesk team

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at:  
[residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

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