

Euston Approaches revised works programme

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Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain.

Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCS) is the HS2 main works contractor that will build the section of HS2 between Parkway and Hampstead Road, known as Euston Approaches.

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ARE WORKS IN THE EUSTON APPROACHES CONTINUING?

Yes.

Whilst major excavations to construct the Euston Approaches tunnels, concrete box and railway cutting are being paused in line with direction from the Government, SCS continues work to extend Granby Terrace and Hampstead Road bridges and to prepare for tunnelling. Surveys and noise insulation installations are also continuing.

The activities that will continue in the Euston Approaches include

- Extension of Granby Terrace Bridge
- Works to the wall adjacent to Cartmel House on the Regent's Park Estate
- Utility diversion works in support of Hampstead Road Bridge and Granby Terrace Bridge
- Works in Euston Scissor Box and Cavern Shaft area
- Surveys and any mitigation works required ahead of the tunnelling
- Use of the Regent's Park Vehicle Holding Area and the existing lorry lay-by north of Park Village East
- Design work

As we are working next to the railway there will be times when we have to work at night when the tracks are not in use. We will always notify you in advance ahead of night-time works.

The activities that are paused include

- Park Village East lay-by south of Mornington Street bridge
- Cavern Shaft welfare and office building on Park Village East
- Parkway utility works
- 24/7 tunnelling and major excavations
 - Cavern shaft excavation and mechanical excavations of tunnels in Camden Cutting north
 - Euston Scissor box south of Mornington Street Bridge
 - Railway cutting between Granby Terrace and Hampstead Road

WHEN WILL MORNINGTON STREET BRIDGE OPEN?

We understand how important Mornington Street bridge is and we are sorry it will remain closed to vehicles for some time yet.

Mornington Street bridge remains closed to vehicles – but open to cyclists and pedestrians – for surveys and monitoring and we are now exploring options to open the bridge earlier than planned.

SCS closed the bridge in December 2022 whilst we monitor the bridge to verify predicted movement. Monitoring data is being factored into the design of the bridge strengthening works. HS2 had planned to carry out strengthening works on behalf of Network Rail in summer 2023, before tunnelling began in late 2023. We previously notified residents the bridge was expected to remain closed to vehicles until tunnelling finished in 2028.

Major excavations to construct the Euston Approaches tunnels, concrete box and railway cutting will be paused but a number of other works will continue as before. We still have works beneath the bridge, including maintenance and use of a track-level access road for workers and lorries. We are now working through the detail of the new programme and what this means for Mornington Street bridge.

We realise the importance of opening the bridge and we're exploring all options to open the bridge sooner than planned. We will provide an update in June.

WHEN WILL GRANBY TERRACE BRIDGE OPEN?

Work continues to extend Granby Terrace bridge. It will remain closed and only re-open once HS2 works in the Euston Approaches are finished. For safety we cannot provide vehicle or pedestrian access while major construction works continue on and around the bridge.

WILL YOU OPEN THE BUS STOP IN FRONT OF CARTMEL ON HAMPSTEAD ROAD (SILVERDALE BUS STOP B)?

Silverdale bus stop B will remain closed as works on Hampstead Road continue.

Our site hoarding on Hampstead Road will remain in place because there is an operating worksite behind it. This means the western footpath and bus stop B will remain closed. We apologise for the disruption that is caused due to the closure of the bus stop.

ARE YOU GOING AHEAD WITH THE CAVERN WELFARE BUILDING?

We previously planned to install a welfare building above our worksite in summer 2023. However, due to the pause to the tunnelling, the installation of the welfare building is also paused. We will update you when we know more. The existing site accommodation around Euston Approaches will remain operational.

WILL YOU STILL NEED A NEW LORRY LAY-BY ON PARK VILLAGE EAST?

We previously planned to install a new lorry layby at the southern end of Park Village East. That work has now been paused.

We will continue to use the lorry layby at the northern end of Park Village East to support works at track level.

WILL THE COMMUNITY BE ABLE TO USE ANY OF THE EUSTON APPROACHES WORKSITE FOR OTHER PURPOSES WHILE WORKS ARE DELAYED?

Our worksite remains operational and is still in use. Unfortunately, there is no available space to safely accommodate public access.

CONTACT US?

If you have a question about this topic, HS2, or our works, you can contact our HS2 Helpdesk team 24 hours a day on 08081 434 434, or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk. For those who have speech or hearing difficulties we offer a minicom service on 08081 456 472.