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HS2 Update

Euston Approaches | September 2023

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCSJV) is the main works contractor building the HS2 tunnels and infrastructure between Euston and West Ruislip. The section between London Zoo car park and Hampstead Road is known as the Euston Approaches.

Ongoing works in the Euston Approaches

In March 2023, the Government announced that HS2 will not proceed with the full construction of Euston Station in the next two years. A copy of the Transport Secretary's statement is available online.

As a result of this decision, major excavations to construct the Euston Approaches tunnels, concrete box and railway cutting have been paused until 2026. In the meantime, we will continue works to extend Granby Terrace and Hampstead Road bridges and prepare for tunnelling.

More information about our planned construction works from September 2023 to 2024 is available in this newsletter.

Building the Euston Approach tunnels

This newsletter also provides an overview of the construction of the Euston Approach tunnels, including where they are, how we will build them and what to expect.

We will work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to construct the Euston Approaches shaft and tunnels between Parkway and south of Mornington Street bridge.

We plan to start tunnelling activities in 2026 and most of the work will be underground. However, there will also be teams working above ground to prepare equipment and materials and remove the excavated material.



Construction update events

Thursday 14 September

6pm – 7pm (online)

Tuesday 19 September

1pm – 2pm (online)



Wednesday 20 September

5pm – 6pm (roof top guided tour)

Visit [HS2.org.uk/events](https://www.hs2.org.uk/events) to register or find out more



Works in the Euston Approaches – 2023 to 2024



Road works on Hampstead Road

To prevent disruption to local utility services, we are moving utilities away from Hampstead Road before we start works to extend the bridge. Once we have finished extending the bridge, we will put the utilities back onto Hampstead Road. This means you will see ongoing changes to the traffic arrangements on and around Hampstead Road for several years.

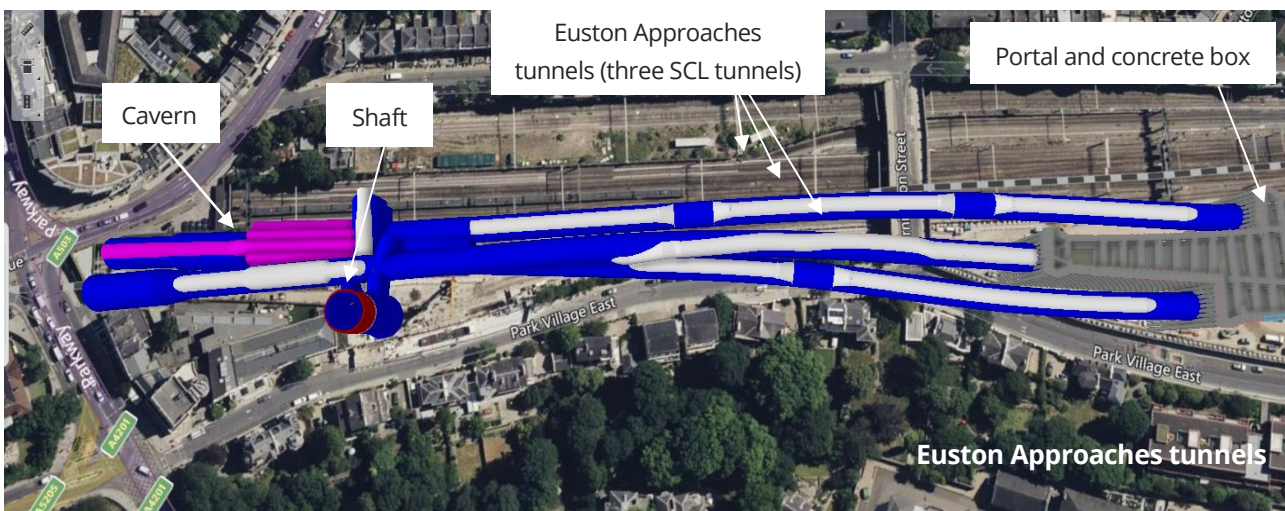
We continue to coordinate traffic arrangements with other contractors in the area and do our best to maintain direct vehicle and pedestrian routes through the area. We apologise for any disruption caused by these activities.

Tunnelling in the Euston Approaches – starting 2026

In 2026 we will begin tunnelling in Euston Approaches. We will excavate three tunnels beneath the railway cutting and a small section of the Park Village East carriageway, between Parkway and south of Mornington Street bridge. First, we will dig a deep shaft beneath track-level just south of 1 Park Village East, then we will start digging the tunnels. Our team will work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It will take about five years to construct the tunnels in Euston Approaches.

We are not using a tunnel-boring machine in the Euston Approaches. Instead, we will use excavators, spraying the tunnels continuously with concrete as we excavate. This is a tried and tested construction method known as sprayed concrete lining (SCL) tunnelling. The Euston Tunnels, which run from Old Oak Common and connect into the Euston Approaches tunnels will be constructed using tunnel boring machines.

Visit the HS2 website or scan the QR code for a copy of our major excavations and tunnelling FAQ.



While most of the 24/7 construction activity will be underground, there will be ongoing work above to provide equipment and materials to the worksite.

If you have any questions about our tunnelling works, please attend one of our online events on 14, 19 or 26 September, or use the QR code to access and complete our feedback form.



Removing excavated materials

We will remove excavated material from the tunnels and excavation sites by lorries, which will eventually operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to keep up with the tunnelling and other works.

Within the worksite, we will use a conveyor to move excavated material beneath Mornington Street bridge to a stockpile ready for loading onto lorries. The conveyor will be fixed to the Park Village East retaining wall, below street level, and will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We are working with Camden Council to agree measures to minimise dust, noise, light, and vibration during these necessary works. Though we work hard to reduce and monitor impacts, we recognise working 24 hours a day outside your home or business will be disruptive and we apologise. We are working to minimise the impact of these activities as much as possible.

Ground movement and repairs at the end of tunnelling

We expect a number of properties close to the tunnelling and major excavation sites will experience cosmetic damage from HS2 works. This damage can be unsightly but is not unsafe.

HS2 will repair, or pay to repair, any damage caused by HS2 works after tunnelling is complete. If damage is repaired while tunnelling is still under way, the damage may re-appear. Therefore, we plan to carry out repairs once the ground has settled after tunnelling and excavation is complete. We recognise there is a significant impact to people affected by damage and will always take the time to discuss and consider your situation.

We expect increased ground movement local to our works once we start digging at the northern end of site in 2026. We do not expect our works before then to cause any noticeable changes to ground movement.

We are already in contact with those property owners who will be most affected by ground movement. If you are concerned your building could be impacted and have not heard from us, please contact HS2 Helpdesk on 08081 434 434.



Sprayed concrete lining method

New site access and welfare building

In early 2026, we will install a three-storey office and welfare building for our tunnelling team in the Camden Cutting north worksite on top of a large steel frame (a gantry crane). You will be able to see the top of the frame as well as the building above the Park Village East hoarding and from the other side of the cutting. Unfortunately, there is no space to install this building at track level.

We will install a new pedestrian access to our worksite at the northern end of Park Village East. We will extend the hoarded lorry lay-by to just south of 1 Park Village East to enclose the new access and reduce noise and visual impact. Once we begin tunnelling this access will be used 24/7. For more information, please scan the QR code to see our welfare FAQs.



View of the welfare building on Park Village East

Working with communities

We are committed to working closely with communities in the areas we are constructing HS2. Through our engagement we seek opportunities to provide support, deliver projects and share expertise and resources with local schools, businesses, charities, and community groups. Please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team to discuss any projects in the local area that we could help with.

Vehicle Holding Area hoarding mural

In March we unveiled a new mural on the side of our site hoarding at the Vehicle Holding Area. This mural was a collaborative project between SCS, North Bridge House Prep School and London Zoo. Over sixty pupils aged between 10 and 11-years-old were involved in painting images of animals and tribal patterns, inspired by the work of artist Louis Masai, whose art is displayed around London Zoo. The theme was endangered species with the pupil's taking inspiration from the inhabitants of the zoo. On 28 March the hoarding was unveiled, and pupils received certificates acknowledging their artistic achievements. This has been one of the biggest projects we have delivered in the area and was a great way for us to involve the school in something positive and long-lasting.



Interactive road safety day

In July we hosted ninety 6 to 8-year-old students from Christchurch Primary school to learn about road safety and how to take care around larger vehicles. The Vehicle Holding Area was set up with four activity stations, including a concrete lorry, a tipper truck, a traffic light and crossing area, and a van and motorcycle from the local Transport and City Police.

The children were allowed to sit in the cabins of the large tipper truck and concrete lorry where they learnt about the limited visibility of the driver and the safety features of the vehicles. They practised crossing the road safely and learnt what the different road signs mean. The hit of the event was the police bike and police van where children learnt about speed limits and the role of the traffic police in protecting road users and pedestrians.



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 you.

The Residents' Commissioner

The independent Residents' Commissioner oversees and monitors our commitments to you.

The commissioner's reports and our responses can be found at www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

The Residents' Commissioner makes sure we fulfil the commitments in the HS2 Community Engagement Strategy (<https://bit.ly/3oOA25j>).

The Residents' Commissioner can be contacted on: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The independent Construction Commissioner regularly meets our Chief Executive Officer to raise any concerns or emerging trends across HS2.

The Construction Commissioner's role has been developed to monitor the way we manage and respond to construction complaints.

The commissioner mediates on disputes about construction, involving individuals and organisations, that we can't resolve. The commissioner advises members of the public about how to make a complaint about construction.

The Construction Commissioner can be contacted on: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out about HS2 and properties along the route by visiting: www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you can claim 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 the HS2 Helpdesk. For more details on our complaints process, please visit: www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/

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