

HS2 Update

Colne Valley Viaduct | Summer 2023

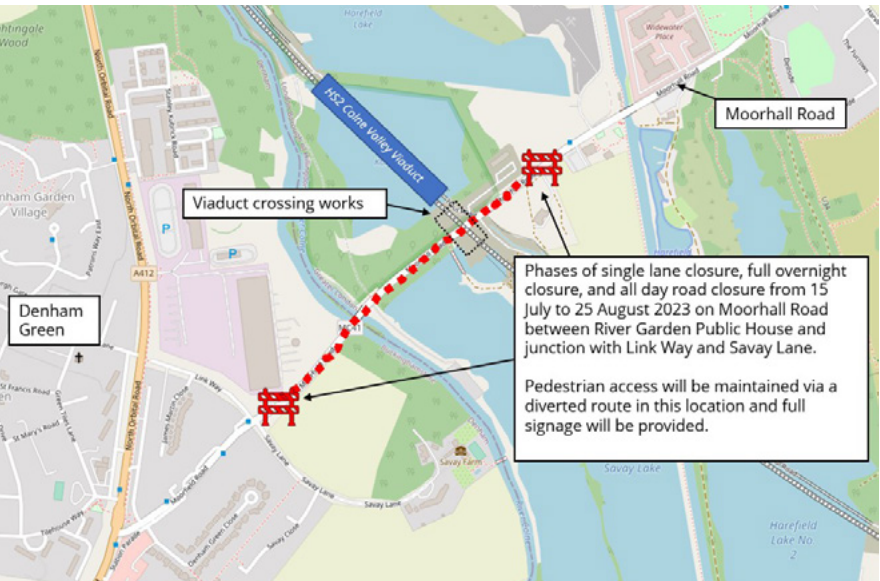
Moorhall Road closure 28 July to 18 August 2023

The Colne Valley Viaduct crosses Moorhall Road in Hillingdon between Korda Lake and Savay Lake, just south of the Grand Union Canal in the Colne Valley. To safely construct the viaduct over the road we need to close it to all vehicles. Our launching girder is constructing the viaduct and has now crossed over the River Colne.

We have worked with SCS to stagger the works in the area and avoid Moorhall Road and Harvil Road being closed at the same time. The building of the support structures for the crossing, and the crossing of Moorhall Road itself, requires a series of traffic management phases, starting with a single lane closure, followed by overnight road closures and then a full road closure during the day and night to allow this to be done safely. The timetable is below. The three-week road

closure will take place from Friday 28 July to Friday 18 August 2023. We are using a different construction technique to build the viaduct here, with support structures in place in the road itself, making it impassable for vehicles. Moorhall Road will be closed to vehicles between the River Garden Public House and the junction with Link Way and Savay Lane. The signed diversion route is via the A412, A40 and Harvil Road. Pedestrian access will be maintained by an accessible diversion route. The bus 331 will not be able travel along Moorhall Road on its normal route. Transport for London will now run the Route 331 from Uxbridge Station, but it will run via Swakeleys Roundabout, Swakeleys Road, Harvil Road and then continue its normal route through Harefield, Northwood and onto Ruislip.

Dates	Day/Night	Times	Traffic Management on Moorhall Road
Fri 28 July to Fri 18 Aug 2023	Day and Night	24 hours a day, every day	Road closed in both directions, diversion in place
Fri 18 Aug to Fri 25 Aug 2023	Night	10pm to 6am, every night	Road closed in both directions, diversion in place
Fri 17 Oct 2023	Night	Midnight to 6am, for on night	Road closed in both directions, diversion in place, to allow removal of road narrowing



HS2/Align will run a shuttle bus, during the road closure between Denham Station Parade and Belmont Road near Uxbridge Station, also stopping at Springbridge Nurseries. The shuttle service will run seven days a week. It will start at 7am with the last bus to Belmont Road leaving Denham Station Parade at 7pm, arriving Belmont Road at 7.11pm. The last shuttle bus to Denham Station Parade will leave Belmont Road, Uxbridge at 7.15pm, arriving 7.26pm.



Construction working hours

During the summer months we have extended working hours. For the movement of soil around our construction site at the South Portal we have consent from the local authority to work Monday to Saturday 7am to 10pm, and Sunday 8am to 6pm. For the Colne Valley Viaduct activities, which involve moving the launching girder, we continue to operate 24 hours a day, every day. For segment placement and associated activities, the hours of working are Monday to Sunday from 6am through to 3am the next morning, although we do not normally work through the night unless it is necessary.



The two factories on site producing the viaduct segments and tunnel lining segments, and their supporting operations such as concrete manufacture, have consent to operate 24/7. Deck finishing works, which include installing parapets on each side of the viaduct deck, and noise barriers, normally take place Monday to Friday 8am to 10pm. We will have to work overnight this autumn 2023, however, to install the parapets on the deck which goes over the A412. For safety reasons we need to close the road and to minimise disruption we will do this overnight. We will be sending out a notice nearer the time with details.



Colne Valley Western Slopes

The Western Slopes have been built up to create a cutting in which the HS2 railway line will run in from the Chiltern Tunnel South Portal, to the Colne Valley Viaduct. Soil from the tunnelling of the Chiltern Tunnel, along with recycled concrete and aggregates from the construction works, is being used to form the slopes and create a chalk grassland. Chalk grassland – a type of calcareous grassland – is a habitat of international conservation importance mainly found on limestone and chalk valleys of south-east England and the Isle of Wight. 90 hectares of grassland will be created which are lime-rich, but low in nutrients with the thin soil holding little water but which heats up quickly. These conditions encourage a huge variety of smaller herbs and wildflowers and over 40 species can be found in one square metre of grassland, including some of the UK's rarest orchids and invertebrates. Only 700 hectares of chalk grassland exist across the whole of the Chilterns AONB. The grassland will sit alongside new areas of woodland, wood pasture and wetlands, including almost 65,000

trees and shrubs of 32 species and nearly 2 miles of new hedgerows. There will also be improved public footpaths and bridleways.

We are now starting to lay the topsoil so we can begin planting and landscaping the area in the autumn. The landscaping will be ongoing, and we are due to complete our works in autumn 2025. A new contractor will then come in and start to fit out the railway line with its electricity supply, track, and signalling.



Community investment

Action for Children Manager Nicola said: *"... thank you so much for everything you have done for us. Thank you just doesn't seem enough. The track matting was such a blessing on Saturday, it made such a difference."*

Action for Children festival

Align helped Action for Children with their festival and open day in June. To support the event and so that users of the centre and visitors could move around the field easily, our supply chain partner Davis Track Hire supplied track matting. Without the matting it would have been very difficult to hold an inclusive event.

Pumpkins Wildlife Hospital

Pumpkins Wildlife Hospital in Maple Cross are a new charity working to rescue and rehabilitate injured wild animals found in the local area. Align has donated stationery and sanitising products to the centre, as well as a much-needed laptop for recording and reordering medication and equipment. The laptop was kindly donated by Sir Robert McAlpine, one of the companies that are part of the Align Joint Venture.

Align volunteers have been clearing vegetation in July to create a number of soft release pens for the animals before freeing them back into nature. We will also be donating and planting a new hedgerow on the site. We are also working with the charity to bring them on board as one of our charity partners so that we can help fundraise for them. Our other charity partners include Action for Children in West Hyde and The Epilepsy Society in Chalfont St Peter.



Pumpkins manager Pippa, with her new laptop, freeing up her time to spend working with the animals.

Community Funding

We have a small community investment fund that allows us to support projects and initiatives in the local community. If you want to apply for funding, please fill in our application form on our website - <https://alignjv.com/communities> - or contact CommunityInvestment@alignjv.com. All opportunities are reviewed against our sustainability criteria and projects need to demonstrate how they tackle economic inequality, support equality, diversity and inclusion, tackle climate change and/or promote health and wellbeing.

HS2 also has its own community funding. For information on HS2's Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) please visit the HS2 website - <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/community-funding/>

Drop in events – come and talk to us

We have a number of drop in events throughout 2023. These are where residents and businesses can pop in and talk to the engagement team about the project, any local impacts from our works or how we can support local groups through community investment.

Talk to us on Tuesday 15 August (3.30pm to 7pm) at Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue, Harefield, UB9 6AP and Tuesday 17 October and Tuesday 5 December (5.30pm to 8pm) at Harefield Library, Park Lane, Harefield, UB9 6BJ.

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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