



Notice of break from highway, A418 Oxford Road update

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We continually reviewing the works on our construction sites in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with COVID-19. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk.

What are we doing?

As part of our continued preparatory works, it is necessary to create a break from highway on the A418 Oxford Road. These works are expected to take approximately two weeks. There will be temporary traffic management while these works are completed. Traffic management will be in place for approximately two weeks.

This break from highway will allow our construction traffic to cross the A418 from our work areas. There will be a traffic light control system in place which will allow safe interface with the public highway. It will also be necessary to remove some further vegetation around these works.

In December, EKFB will be carrying out some engineering work forming concrete foundations known as 'piles', this is in advanced of the bridge construction on the A418 realignment. The piling works are expected to take approximately two to three weeks and will be undertaken during our core working hours, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. Once completed the bridge will take traffic over the HS2 line.

When will these works take place?

Works to construct our break from highway will start Monday, 22 November to Friday 10 December. We will also have traffic management in place from Monday, 22 November. To reduce disruption as much as possible, traffic management will only be introduced off peak between the hours of 9.30am-3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Should there be delays constructing our break from highway, the contingency dates for our works are Monday, 13 December to Monday, 20 December.

Our piling works for the A418 compound are expected to start on Monday 13 December, if we are unable to complete the works before Christmas they will be stopped and finished in early January.

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

Works will commence
Monday 22 November 2021

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 6.00pm

Saturdays

8.00am – 1.00pm

Our contractors may be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown either side of these times.

What to expect

Varied activities with both quiet and busier periods.

Traffic Management and some additional traffic.

Noise from plant and equipment used for the works.

What we will do

Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise.

Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

Take care to respect the community.

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Where will the works take place?

The map below, shows the temporary traffic management on A418 Oxford Road.



What does our work involve?

Hartwell Wall

Prior to constructing our break from highway on the A418 Oxford Road, we will be removing a section of the Grade 1 listed Hartwell wall. The bricks will be removed by hand, each brick will be recorded and numbered as we progress, placed onto pallets, protected from the elements and stored safely. To retain the historic and aesthetic value of the wall, some of the retained bricks from the Hartwell wall will be used to reinstate sections of the wall once the break from highway has been constructed. The remaining bricks will be returned to the Hartwell Estate.

Piling

The first activity involved is to form a base for the equipment that is to be used. The base is known as a 'piling mat' and is formed by compressing crushed stone which will be delivered to site in lorries.

The concrete piles are formed by drilling (also known as boring) a deep hole into the ground, placing a steel cage inside and filling it with concrete. There will be a total of 16 piles formed, each one 1200 (millimetres) in diameter and around 30 to 45 metres deep.

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

What else is happening in your area?

www.hs2.org.uk

Contact our 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**

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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

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HS2 Community Engagement

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