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**Work starts on behalf of HS2 Ltd – updated traffic management includes early January closure on Waybutt Lane and other measures on Newcastle Road and Chorlton Lane**

I wrote to you in November regarding works we're legally required to undertake for HS2 Limited. I'm writing with news of a traffic management change which now includes measures on Waybutt Lane in addition to Chorlton Lane and Newcastle Road.

Following the update we provided last month and some queries raised about the suitability of the diversion route, we've reengaged with Cheshire East Council and have revised our plans.

In addition to the updates below, we've agreed to modify/install seven passing bays along Waybutt Lane to enable us to safely construct two bellmouths and modify existing passing bays on Chorlton Lane.

So we can carry out this work safely and with the approval of Cheshire East Council, Waybutt Lane will be closed from 4 January 2022 until the morning of 10 January. Chorlton Lane will be closed from the afternoon of 10 January until 3 March. As per our previous update, traffic will be diverted along Waybutt Lane and Newcastle Road.

Other traffic management is as follows:

**Newcastle Road**

- **Update:** we initially stated there would be temporary traffic lights on Newcastle Road from 8 – 24 December however these are no longer needed
- We'll still install temporary traffic lights on 4 January until around 4 February. After that, it'll be open to two-way traffic as usual (as we originally stated in the letter we sent in November)

**Chorlton Lane**

- **Update:** we initially stated there would be temporary traffic lights on Chorlton Lane, near Hare Hill, from 15 – 24 December however these are no longer needed
- **Update** – Chorlton Lane will be closed from 10 January to 3 March and traffic will be diverted along Waybutt Lane and Newcastle Road while we construct the bellmouths and carry out work to build and widen new and existing passing bays. The closure will apply during the working week only – from 7am on Mondays until 4pm on Fridays. **This means from mid-January to early March, Chorlton Lane can be used as usual at weekends**
- **Update** – from 4 March, 'stop' and 'go' boards (or similar) will be in use for local traffic control on Chorlton Lane to enable deliveries to our site. Traffic should wait in one of the passing bays when we receive deliveries. Our contractors will also use a radio system to aid traffic flow. **This means Chorlton Lane will remain open while we work in the area**
- **Update** – we'll reintroduce the closure of Chorlton Lane and the diversion along Waybutt Lane and Newcastle Road around late September/early October. We expect it'll close for approximately three weeks while we remove the bellmouths and new passing bays on Chorlton Lane. We're yet to confirm exact dates with Cheshire East Council so we'll keep you updated as plans progress

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- **Update:** we'll close the road from 4 January while we build the passing bays. It's due to reopen the morning of 10 January. We'll close it again later in the year when we remove the passing bays. We'll be in touch with dates nearer the time
- **Update** – while Chorlton Lane is closed, (mid-January to early March), a road sweeper will be in use during the working week along Waybutt Lane to help keep the road clear for vehicles

While we're unable to carry out our work without closing any roads, with our best endeavours, we've reduced the potential nine-month closure of Chorlton Lane to around nine weeks. **The road will also be available to use as usual during weekends while we're in the area.**

I'd like to apologise for any inconvenience our initial letter may have caused.

We'll also need to temporarily close several Public Rights of Way (PRoW) in the interest of safety of users of these routes. Footpaths Chorlton FP7 (section between Chorlton FP8 and FP9), FP12 and FP13 pass through our site so we'll close them from 7 December 2021 until 4 November 2022. We'll post notices in advance of the closures at each end and on connecting footpaths.

You can visit [www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/) for maps, details of exact locations and any diversions.

We expect to complete our diversion work around Autumn 2022. However, this is subject to change to fit with the activities of other HS2 contractors.

Our core working hours will be 8am to 6pm on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Except in the case of an emergency, any work required to be undertaken outside of core hours (not including repairs or maintenance) will be agreed with the local authority. HS2 continues to be the primary contact for land matters and landowners for the scheme. National Grid land officers remain in close contact with HS2 to help manage any potential impact from our works.

Should you have any questions about our work or role on HS2, please contact our Community Relations team. They're available daily from 7am-7pm on 0800 073 1047. Alternatively, you can email [HS2.Info@nationalgrid.com](mailto:HS2.Info@nationalgrid.com). For safety reasons, we'd be grateful if you don't visit our site or approach our contractors directly.

If you have a general enquiry regarding HS2, please call the HS2 Freephone Community Helpline which remains operational all day, every day, and is your first point of contact should you need advice or information from HS2. The Helpline is available at [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) and telephone 08081 434 434. A Freephone Minicom service is operated on 08081 456 472 for those with hearing difficulties. You can also write to them at: HS2 Community Hub, High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, Two Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GA.

Yours faithfully



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