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HS2 Update

Old Oak and North Acton | December 2021

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Our contractors Costain Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV), Balfour Beatty Vinci Systra (BBVS) and Skanska Costain STRABAG joint Venture (SCSV) are continuing works in Old Oak and North Acton to build the new railway.

New classroom bus donated to Old Oak Common School

Costain-Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV), who are delivering the HS2 enabling works programme in London have refurbished and donated a disused bus to Old Oak Primary School and Bubble and Squeak Studios.

CSJV joined up with their supply chain to overhaul the bus which will be used by children from the school and the local community as an alternative learning environment and community space.

The bus, donated by RATP Dev London has been fitted-out with tables, chairs and a television, allowing the space to act as an overflow classroom.

Visually, the bus has been completely revamped with a wrapping that has decorated the bus in a 'bubble and squeak' style, designed by the school. Astroturf has been used in part on the floor and walls, adding to the sensory experience of the environment.

The bus was officially handed over to Old Oak Primary School and opened for use at an event on Friday 1 October. Local MP, Andy Slaughter attended the event and was given the opportunity to look around the new facility.

The project, coordinated by CSJV, was made possible with the charitable work of three of their sub-contractors - Lynch, Lydon's and Wingate.

Find out more on the next page...



Classroom bus now in use at Old Oak Primary School

We are running virtual one to ones **on the last Wednesday of each month** including:

- 26 January
- 23 February
- 30 March
- 27 April
- 25 May

Time

Between 3pm and 6pm on the above dates

Place

Online via MS Teams

These virtual one-to-ones are an opportunity to find out more about HS2 and what it means for the local area. Please book a slot at www.hs2.org.uk/events

Continued... New classroom bus donated to Old Oak Common School

CSJV managed the project and prepared the foundations for the bus. Lynch completed the fit out and arranged haulage, and Wingate provided the external electrical wiring. The community project was a great example of multi-disciplinary subcontractors acting together to provide a product with real tangible benefits to the community.

Speaking about the community project, Dan Hunt, Programme Director for CSJV, said:

"We are pleased that we have been able to make this donation to Old Oak Primary School and leave a legacy for the community we have been working in since 2016. It is a great example of how we can work with our local communities and schools to provide valuable resources and give children a unique learning experience."

Jennifer Murphy, Old Oak Centre Manager, Old Oak Common Primary School, said:

"We are thrilled about this exciting, vibrant space and how we can use it to engage our the local community, partners and stakeholders. It's going to add so much value in how we all collaborate and work together inclusively."

Andy Slaughter, MP for Hammersmith, said:

"I am delighted to be invited to open the renovated CSJV bus to Old Oak Primary School. The bus looks fantastic and will be a great resource for the school, including to help deliver its healthy eating programme, Bubble and Squeak. Thanks to CSJV, HS2, Old Oak Primary School and Bubble & Squeak for their help in making this happen."

"The renovated bus is a great opportunity for the school to provide additional external teaching spaces and a home for Bubble and Squeak in the Old Oak Primary School".



The classroom bus is formally opened with students and guests



Students speak with HS2 engagement team in the classroom bus

Update: hoarding artwork

BBVS hoarding artwork update

It has now been almost one year since BBVS began to establish two site areas on Wormwood Scrubs. These include Stamford Brook sewer site where we will soon be diverting the existing Stamford Brook sewer and the undertrack crossing (UTX) site where a number of utilities will be diverted away from Old Oak Common Lane and under the Great Western Mainline track.

BBVS are currently working to complete the building of haul roads, fencing and hoarding prior to the commencement of micro-tunnelling works early next year.

Key stakeholders including The Friends of Wormwood Scrubs and Old Oak Primary School were asked to provide input on the design of hoardings for the site, which will feature local children's artwork and an artist's rendition of flora and fauna native to The Scrubs.

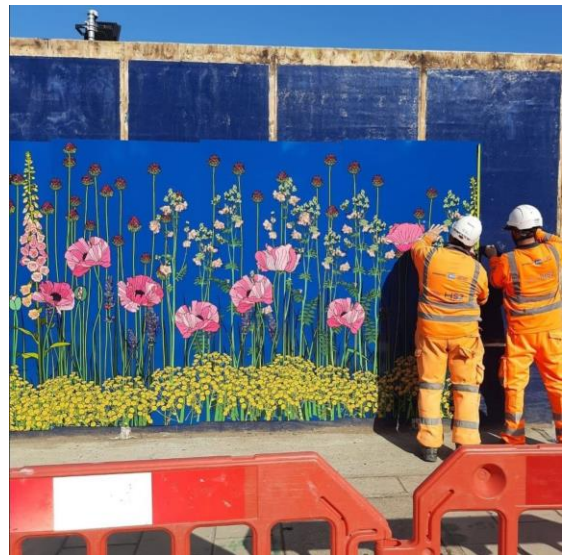


The hoarding artwork features local children's artwork

SCSJV hoarding artwork update

SCSJV has been liaising with local representatives from the Midland Terrace and Shaftesbury Gardens about hoarding artwork for the section of hoarding near the Dudding Hill railway bridge and the embankment area on Victoria Road. We will mount ivy artwork on this section of the site – the date for of this artwork is yet to be confirmed.

During late September, SCSJV installed artwork on a section of the Atlas Road site near the roundabout. The artwork is part of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)'s Make Your LandMark project, and is created by Baker & Borowski with inspiration from the local community.



SCSJV operatives putting up artwork on the Atlas Road site near the roundabout

Skills Education and Employment

Sparx Maths provided free of charge to local secondary schools

Once complete, Old Oak Common will be the biggest newly built station in the UK. At the peak of construction, the project will support 2300 jobs and over 250 apprenticeships, with a commitment to recruiting local candidates of all ages and backgrounds. Currently, there are 44 apprentices working on the project, which is 4.17% of the total workforce. The project has also employed 73 local people so far, from various London boroughs.

As well as creating opportunities for employment, the project is committed to supporting education and skills development, particularly when it comes to the promotion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects at local schools. STEM subjects provide the intellectual foundations and tools for future construction industry professionals such as engineers.

As part of this priority, BBVS recently provided Sparx Maths, an award-winning online maths homework tool, free of charge to 18 local secondary schools including Newman Catholic College, Hammersmith Academy, and Sacred Heart High School.

Sparx Maths provides personalised maths homework to students and has been proven to increase students' progress and improve grades. BBVS has committed to funding access to Sparx for five years and estimates that more 20,000 students will have access to the system during this time.

Elliott Murphy, BBVS's Skills, Employment and Education Manager said: "Maths is central to our work at the Old Oak Common station project so we're delighted to be supporting maths learning in this initiative with Sparx – particularly to overcome the acute learning loss caused by COVID-19. It's our hope that some of the students using Sparx today will pursue careers in engineering and construction, and even become Apprentices and employees at the Old Oak Common project."



Students using Sparx Maths

Schools engagement

Tunnel boring machines await their first two names courtesy of local students in Ealing and Hillingdon

Our contractor Skanska Costain STRABAG joint venture (SCSJV) will be building the HS2 tunnels between London Euston and West Ruislip. Seven tunnel boring machines (TBMs) will be used to build the tunnels. The first two TBMs will be launched from West Ruislip towards Greenford in 2022.

With a helping hand from seven schools in Ealing and Hillingdon, the process of naming the first two TBMs will take place. During late 2021, children from schools across Hillingdon and Ealing are participating in a series of learning sessions about the project and the TBMs. The students will put forward their proposed names to an internal panel and a final selection of four or five names will then go to a public vote.

In construction it is tradition to formally name TBMs prior to them beginning their journey. Within this tradition there are also certain rules and guidelines to follow. **Frankie Jones, SCSJV's Skills, Education and Employment Manager explained:** "For example, it always has to be a woman's name. The naming process has to take part before the TBM enters the ground. A formal ceremony has to take place with the tunnellers present."

Over the coming years, SCSJV will launch four TBMs from the Old Oak area towards Euston and Greenford. We'll also build a logistics tunnel between the Atlas Road and Old Oak Common station sites. We will provide more information to community in the Old Oak and North Acton about the future tunnelling works and the process for naming the remaining five TBMs.

*Indicative programme date, subject to change.



SCSJV are visiting schools in Ealing to run a series of learning sessions



SCSJV have been speaking with local students about tunnel boring machines

Installation of conveyor system

Our contractors BBVS and SCSJV are continuing work to install the conveyor system between all of our sites in the area. to move material from the Old Oak Common Station and Victoria Road Crossover Box sites. This will help reduce construction traffic on the roads while we are building the railway

In late-September, SCSJV built a conveyor crossing over Victoria Road and the railway tracks to connect the Flat Iron and Atlas Road sites (see image to right). In early-November, SCSJV installed a conveyor crossing over Grand Union Canal to connect the Atlas Road and Willesden Euroterminal sites.

Works are now continuing to build the conveyor foundations and build the conveyor structures in the sites. In early 2022, our contractors will build conveyor crossings over Old Oak Common Lane (BBVS) and Victoria Road (SCSJV). The conveyor system is planned to be operational from April 2022, following testing and commissioning in early 2022.

We'll keep you updated about this. The dates above are indicative and may change.



Conveyor crossing installation over Victoria Road and the railway bridge

Conveyor FAQs

During 2021, we have run a number of online community information events about the conveyor system. A couple of the frequently asked questions are included below. You can find out more about the conveyor system at www.hs2inoldoak.co.uk

Q: Will the conveyor belts be covered?

A: A cover will be installed on the entire length of the conveyor. We have chosen to cover the entire length in this way to control dust during the movement of excavated materials by conveyor.

Q: How will maintenance be carried out to make sure the conveyor is working well?

To ensure that the conveyor is operating the way it should be, we will be carrying out regular and routine maintenance along the conveyor system. We will also have regular patrols and closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitoring to assist with identifying issues before they become an issue and cause any disruption to our neighbours. If there is a mechanical fault or disruption identified the conveyor system will be stopped as soon as this is detected so that the fault can be corrected.

Changes to our website

We have introduced a number of improvements to the HS2 website and how we share information with you. You can visit www.hs2inOldOak.co.uk for the latest updates on the planning and delivery of HS2 in your area.

If you would like to receive email updates from us and haven't already registered, please sign up directly at **engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list**. We will ask you to confirm your email address as part of the sign-up process.

The personal information you provide will be handled in accordance with current data protection legislation and only used for the purposes for which you have provided it. Find out more about what we will do to keep your information safe in our **Personal information charter**.

Christmas closure dates on HS2 sites in the local area

There will be a shut down on our sites in the local area during the following dates:

- **SCSV sites** - there will be no construction activities taking place at the sites from Friday 24 December 2021 until Monday 3 January*
- **BBVS** - From Saturday 25 December 2021 until Monday 3 January, there will be essential works only taking place at the Old Oak Common Station site*
- **CSJV** - From Friday 24 until Monday 3 January there will be no construction activities taking place. During this period the four-way lights at Atlas Road Roundabout will be removed.

*During these dates, essential activities such as monitoring, maintenance and security will continue

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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