

Construction update for Chalfont St Peter vent shaft

December 2021 | www.hs2.org.uk

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are following Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on working safely during the pandemic. As we increase face to face engagement, in addition to virtual engagement, we will ensure all events and meetings adhere to the guidelines. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we work within is our priority. If you have any questions, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more.

Preparation works for the tunnel boring machines

The two tunnel boring machines, Florence and Cecilia, began their journeys from our South Portal site, just to the east of the M25 at West Hyde, in May and June this year. Having tunnelled under the M25, they continued north under Roberts Lane and Rickmansworth Lane. They are now approaching the first ventilation shaft at the site off Chesham Lane. Florence is due to arrive in late January, followed by Cecilia about a month later.

The shaft at Chalfont St Peter was excavated in late summer and the site teams are now preparing the base of the shaft for when the TBMs cut through each side of the shaft. You can find out more about the TBMs and the Chiltern Tunnel excavation online: www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/tunnels/meet-our-giant-tunnel-boring-machines/

There will be some minor works taking place at the bottom of the vent shaft on 29/30 and 31 December between 7.30am and 5.30pm. These will be non-disruptive and are part of the preparations for the TBMs.

Works after the TBMs have moved through

Once the TBMs have moved through the shaft, works will start on the internal structure. This will see the erection of a tower crane to move material around the site. This will be around 25 metres tall.

From January through to March 2022 works on site will include the start of waterproofing the tunnel and shaft connection, and the excavation for the basement of the shaft.

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

Notification



Duration of works

December 2021 to March 2022

What to expect

On site preparations for the arrival of the tunnel boring machines (TBMs)

Arrival and cutting through the vent shaft by the TBMs

Piling for headhouse foundations

Erection of a tower crane on site to move material around

What we will do

Respond promptly to any queries or complaints and take appropriate action

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/

Reference number: HS2-MW-Align-Ph1-Ar-Ce-C2-Prog-works-25-16/12/2021

High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, registered in England and Wales.

Registered office: Two Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham B4 6GA.

Company registration number: 06791686. VAT registration number: 888 8512 56

Contact us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit:

www.HS2inyourarea.co.uk

Please contact us if you'd like a free copy of this document in large print, Braille, audio or 'easy read' format. You can also contact us for help and information in a different language.

HS2 Ltd is committed to protecting personal information. If you wish to know more about how we use your personal information please see our Privacy Notice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-speed-two-ltd-privacy-notice>