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HS2 Update

Old Oak and North Acton | July 2022

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 (SCSJV) are continuing works in Old Oak and North Acton to build the new railway

Two new conveyor crossings over Victoria Road

In Spring the SCSJV team completed the installation of their final conveyor bridge crossing.

This crossing saw the installation of two bridges spanning Victoria Road near the junction with School Road, connecting the Victoria Road Crossover Box and Flat Iron sites.

The two bridges will carry excavated material from the future tunnelling works and crossover box excavations over Victoria Road where it will join the conveyor in the Flat Iron site, making its way towards the Willesden Euroterminal site.

The excavated material will then be dropped off into large storage areas before embarking on its journey by rail to be repurposed.

Testing and commissioning

From late May 2022, the BBVS team have started testing and commissioning sections of the conveyor. Over Summer both BBVS and SCSJV will continue testing the rest of the conveyor throughout the Old Oak area.

The Old Oak HS2 conveyor system is due to be running and moving excavated material but the end of 2022.



We are running virtual drop-in sessions **on the last Wednesday of each month** included:

- July
- September
- October

Time

Between 3pm and 6pm on the above dates

Place

Online via MS Teams

These virtual drop-ins 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



Improving spaces

Channel Gate Road revamp

To celebrate **Community Garden week**, the Willesden Euroterminal team (WET) came together to transform the entrance to Channel Gate Road in Old Oak Common.

The project emerged through an on-going collaboration between the SCSJV Engagement team and TITRA (The Island Triangle Resident Association) representatives.

The area at the entrance to Channel Gate Road had been left abandoned, overrun with weeds, and was unsightly sight in the local area. The WET team dusted of their green fingers and set out to clear the area, before laying down woodchip and planting evergreen shrubs and bee friendly plants.

Repurposed site materials were also used to create beds to reduce site waste.

‘We hope as the plants grow, it encourages insects and bees to come enjoy the area as well as the local community.’(Site operative)

Lending a helping hand

On the 21 of May, SCSJV staff responded to the call for help, after residents asked for assistance with their annual alleyway clean up.

The operatives came in on their day off to help clean weeds, dig up routes, trim foliage, and aid with a general clean of the area. Although this was different to their normal day job, the members of staff enjoyed the interaction with the community and building stronger relationships with residents.



School site visits

West London College site visit

BBVS hosted West London College ([part of Mayor's Construction Academy West London Hub](#)) at Old Oak Common Station Site on Friday 13 May.

The site visit was really informative and enjoyable, and all attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well as making the most of a great networking opportunity and the chance to learn from best practice.

The West London College team who attended the visit can take away many building and construction ideas to incorporate into their teaching of students who may be potential apprentices of the future.

This visit is part of BBVS' work in Skills, Employment and Education for Further Education College engagement.



Ealing SEND School Site Visit

On 4 May 12 students from four special educational needs schools in Ealing attended a school engagement site visit.

The students were given a tour of the new HS2 Station Site office accommodation building, including the visitors centre and viewing platform.

They met the BBVS Project Director, Nigel Russell and also got involved with some employability skills training.

This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about the world of work and think about their future career aspirations in the construction industry.



Construction Update

Victoria Road Crossover Box site

From mid-June 2022, SCSJV reached the next phase of works at the Victoria Road Crossover Box site (VRCB).

The crossover box will allow trains to switch tracks as they enter and leave the new station site at Old Oak Common Lane.

The team at VRCB have started excavation works of the crossover box. This work is expected to continue until mid-2023. These works will include concrete breaking, excavations and removal of excavated materials, and the construction of the capping beam and props.

Whilst works continue at the Victoria Road Crossover Box site, the site is permitted to operate 24 hours, 7 days a week in agreement with Ealing Council. This does not mean we will be working constantly throughout this period, but there will be activities where we will be working extended hours.



What's going on in the area?

To keep up to date with what's going on in your area, you can join the HS2 mailing list to receive emails from HS2 about planning or delivery of the project. You can sign up by visiting <https://engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list/>

Notifications about works in your area



Scan the QR code to the left to take you to the latest notifications about works in your area. To scan the code, open the camera or QR code reader on your phone then hold your phone in front of the QR code so it is clearly visible on your phone screen. Your

phone will automatically scan the code, but you may need to click the link to open the webpage. You will need to enter your postcode on the map to view the latest notifications in your area.

Environmental best practices

Heading in the right direction

Across the areas we are making great progress with replacing standard diesel-powered plant with more efficient alternatives. Electric and hybrid pieces of plant are being used on site, which allows any fuel that is used to go further as the machines run more efficiently, reducing our carbon emissions.



At the Atlas Road and Victoria Road Crossover Box site, teams are working extended hours to complete some activities on site. Later hours means that there are times when additional task lighting is needed to carry out works safely. Teams at these sites are using a series of hydrogen and hybrid tower lights to help illuminate the site in a more sustainable method by relying less on diesel powered equipment.



Good oil

Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil or HVO is a greener alternative to Red Diesel. As SCSJV sites in the area move towards being diesel free by the end of 2023, many site teams along with our suppliers and subcontractors have pushed to replace diesel with HVO. The use of HVO fuels prevent more carbon being released into the atmosphere and therefore reduce harmful emissions in the air.



In May 2022, SCSJV sites between Euston and Ruislip used 56,000 litres of HVO instead of diesel. This equates to a carbon saving of approximately 164 tonnes CO₂e.

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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