

# Update on upcoming bridge works

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.

Works are progressing well at Old Oak Common Station. We are expecting to start working on the bridges in the new year. We are writing to tell you about the location of the works and what to expect. The Great Western Main Line crosses over the London Underground Central Line and Old Oak Common Lane via a series of bridges. These bridge structures need replacing to accommodate trains for the new station at Old Oak Common. In addition, the Wycombe Single Line Bridge will need to be removed as it is unused and redundant. Old Oak Common Lane will then be widened and lowered in a few years with a new bridge structure above.

## Piling preparation works in January 2023

From Tuesday 3 January we will start preparing to dig deep foundations along the east side area of Old Oak Common Lane, from the Wycombe Single Line Bridge to the Great Western Main Line bridge behind the existing wall (see map on page 2 of works area). We will be excavating here so we can prepare the area for piling. These works are close to our site boundary and the footpath on that side of the road will be closed from Monday 9 January to Friday 20 January to ensure public safety for these works.

## Old Oak Common Lane

Once the preparation works are complete, we will begin piling works towards the end of February 2023. This activity will assist with the construction of the new structure on the east side of the bridge. To do this safely, we will require the footpath and southbound lane of Old Oak Common Lane to be closed, which will then be controlled by 2-way traffic lights. This closure will be from the end of February 2023 until the beginning of August 2023. We will use modern, very quiet, and well-maintained equipment to reduce the noise from our works and, where possible, the equipment will be fitted with efficient acoustic covers.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

## Notification



### Duration of works

Preparation works from 3 January 2023 followed by piling works in February 2023

Monday to Friday, 8am until 6pm and 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturday

### What to expect

Use of machinery including piling rigs, trucks and cranes.

Partial footpath closure 9 January to 20 January. Single lane road closure will be in place between 28 February to 4 August.

### What we will do

We will use noise monitors and barriers to minimise any impact on our site neighbours.

Traffic management will be in place for the lane closure.

Noisy works will only take place between 9am and 5pm.

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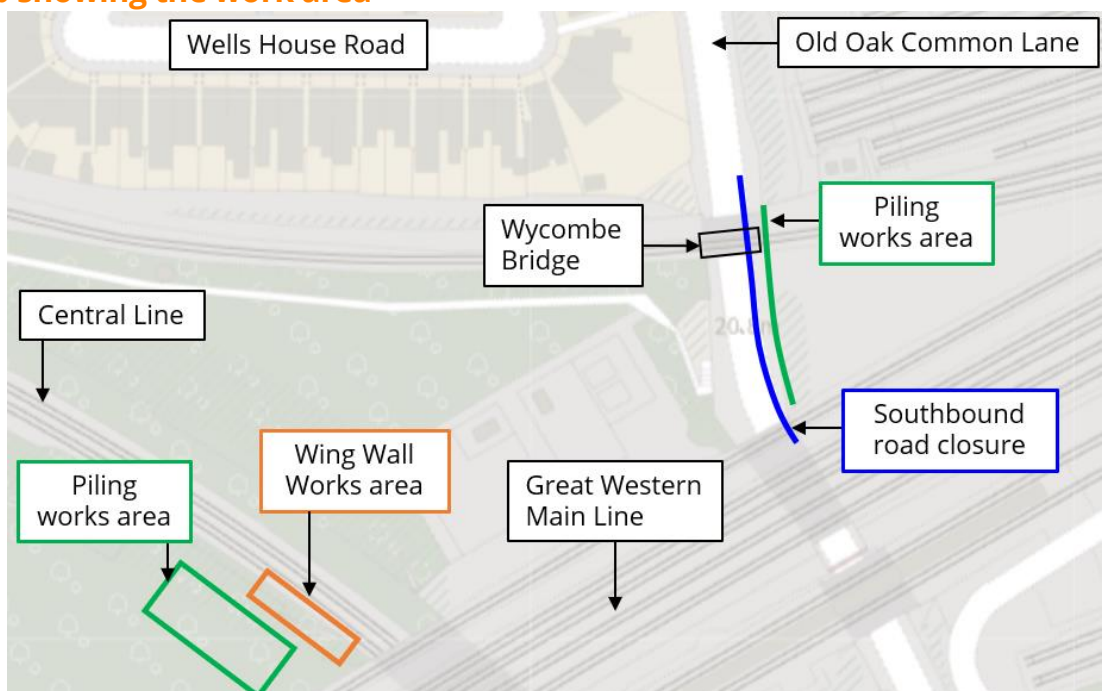
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Due to the ground conditions and depth that the piles need to go down into, we will be using a rotary bored piling technique. This option keeps noise, vibration, and dust to a minimum as it uses a digging bucket to create the holes by repeatedly removing the earth. Excavated materials will be taken away by road and we will be monitoring the dust and noise to ensure agreed levels are not exceeded.

## Future upcoming works on Central Line

We previously sent you a notification regarding survey works taking place on the Central Line. We are continuing to carry out surveys to ensure that existing buried services are protected. Once this is complete, we will begin preparing the area, which includes clearing the site to the west of the Central Line and installing a road which will be used for our machinery. This will be followed by installing temporary sheet piles which are needed to support the ground for further excavation and piling work expected (see map below of work area). We will be engaging with you further on this in the new year.

## Map showing the work area



## Speak with our local engagement team virtually

We are happy to arrange a time to speak with you virtually. Please contact the HS2 Helpdesk via the contact details below to arrange this.

Our local engagement team is also available at virtual 1:1s for local residents on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 3pm and 6pm. Visit [www.hs2.org.uk/events/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/events/) to register for a 20-minute 1:1 with our local engagement team.

# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://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**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property)

Find out if you can claim compensation at:

[www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2](http://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/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/)

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