



# Six month lookahead of works at Old Oak Common

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This notification letter is a six month lookahead to advise you of the key activities that we will be working on soon and provide an explanation around why some of our upcoming works require out of hours working.

## Extended Working Hours

Following recent enquiries and feedback from residents, we are outlining the works that currently require extended working hours at Old Oak Common Station. We have permission from the local authorities (London Borough of Ealing / London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham) to work outside of our core working hours of 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday, and 8am – 1pm on Saturdays for a few key work activities. These works require us to work outside of our core working hours due to a range of reasons, including health and safety, permissions to work near the Network Rail boundary which is only available over night and concrete works.

The table below outlines the work activity, timescales of work and time we can work for each activity.

Please note that whilst these extended hours are in place, the work will not always take place everyday.

These allowances to work outside of core working hours have been made with strict conditions enforced by the local authorities and the site teams have been briefed to respect the local community when these works are taking place.

Each of these activities are outlined in more detail in the next pages of this letter.

**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)**

## Duration of works

Key activities taking place at Old Oak Common Station site over the next six months.

## What to expect

Some of these activities will involve extended working hours.

## What we will do

Most of the works taking place outside of the core working hours are situated far into the site. We will use acoustic barriers and the quietest methods of construction, where possible.

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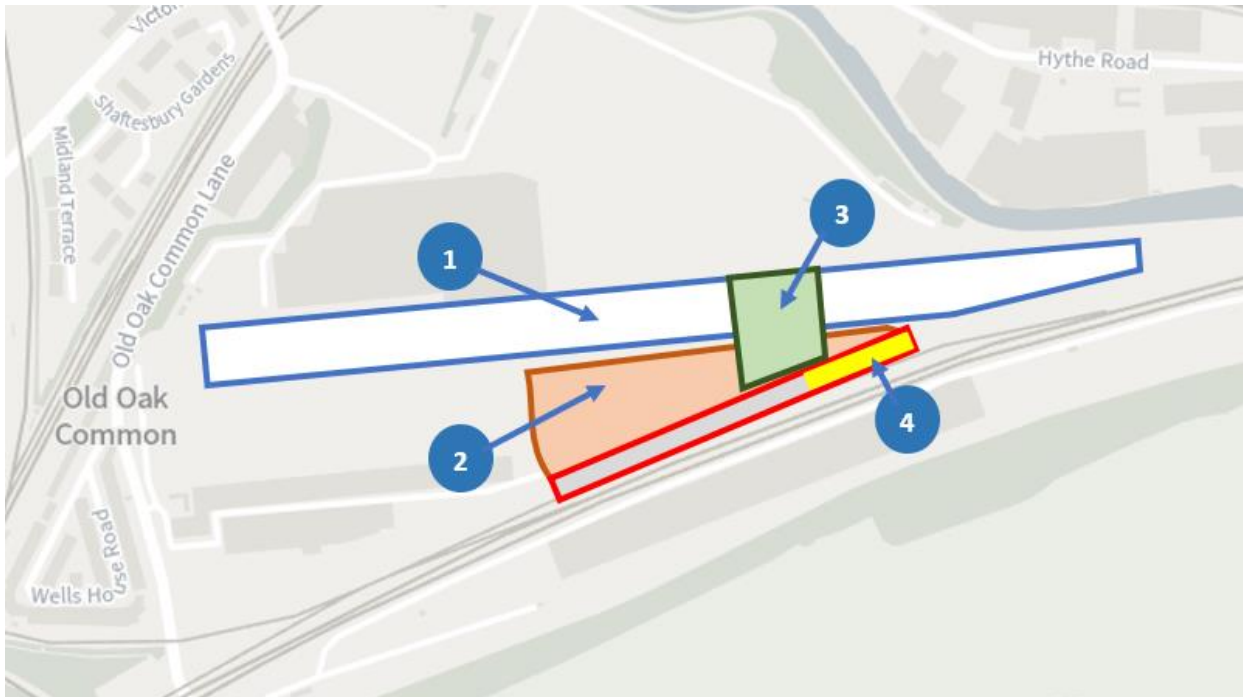
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## Location of works and extended hour information

The table below outlines information for each activity.

Work Activity	Expected duration	Extended hours
1. Concrete overruns for large concrete pours	Ongoing until 2026	Intermittently up until 10pm
2. Concrete works for piling of the Great Western Main Line Platforms and ground level conventional station building	Ongoing until Spring 2023	Consented up until 10pm for concrete works Monday to Friday and until 4pm on Saturdays
3. Stamford Brook Sewer (SBS) diversion works	Ongoing until 23 December 2022	8am to 6pm on Saturdays
4. Piling of 124 kingposts concrete works near the Network Rail boundary	Expected to start the beginning of January until March 2023	Night working between 7pm and 5am to fit in with Network Rail possessions

The map below shows each of the work activity locations on site.



The next pages provide more information on each of these works.

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## 1. Concrete overruns for large concrete pours

The new state of the art HS2 station building and platforms will be made of reinforced concrete, both on the surface and underground. To construct the HS2 station (site location labelled '1'), we will excavate down within the boundaries of an area called a 'box' and pour concrete to form the outline of the structure.

Part of these works will involve big concrete pours so that we can construct the propping beams and slabs in the box. The beams will give the underground station box overall structural support and the slabs will form the roof of the station box, both integral parts of the design.

For safety reasons a concrete pour must be completed in one session. If stopped for any length of time and then restarted, a cold joint can occur within the concrete causing the concrete to weaken. This is not always achievable within the current working hours and therefore requires longer working hours to complete the pour successfully. On the days of large concrete pours, working hours will be between 8:00am – 10:00pm. The pour will also require additional supporting vehicles to be on site.

This activity is not noisy, and we do not expect it to disturb the community. We are working eastwards and this activity will move further away from the site boundary as works progress. We are also using a top – down construction method, which means that we will be pouring concrete underground as our programme progresses. Additional acoustic blankets will be placed around the activity as required. Vehicles and personnel will enter and exit site quietly to avoid unnecessary noise around the local area. We will continually monitor noise and dust levels throughout the works which are ongoing until 2026.

## 2. Concrete works for piling of the Great Western Main Line Platforms and ground level conventional station building

Piling activity for the underground HS2 station box is now complete. Piling work will now be taking place for the eight Great Western Main Line platforms and ground level conventional station building (approximate location of works labelled '2' on the map). This work will involve further drilling, deep excavation, and ground strengthening works. The work will involve large machinery on site, including mobile cranes, piling rigs and excavation machinery.

Deliveries started week commencing Monday 28 November. Some of our oversized deliveries will need to take place in the early morning to minimise disruption to traffic.

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The site team will carefully manage these deliveries to avoid disruption to the local community.

We will ensure that noise is kept within permitted levels using best practicable means, including sound barriers and dust suppressants onsite to minimise the impact of these works.

Due to these works involving concrete, we will work extended hours from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) and 8am to 4pm on Saturdays.

### 3. Stamford Brook Sewer (SBS) diversion works

As part of the Stamford Brook Sewer diversion works, we need to connect the new sewer to the old one inside the Old Oak Common Station site (approximate location of works labelled '3' on the map).

The sewer system flows underneath the Crossrail rail tracks and for safety reasons, we are required to reduce the duration of these works to mitigate risk exposure to the sewer and the live railway.

The extended working hours for these works are ongoing until Friday 23 December 2022. The working hours will be 8am to 6pm on Saturdays.

### 4. Piling of 124 kingposts concrete works near the Network Rail boundary

Piling of 124 concrete kingposts is expected to start early January 23 until March 2023. This work activity will take place in the red box labelled '4' on the map.

Due to the proximity of the railway, some of these works (location highlighted in yellow) will need to take place overnight during the railway possession periods. This night working will take place between 7pm and 5am and are likely to take place every other week to tie in with Network Rail possessions.

The team have looked at methods to reduce the impact on the community and as a result the concrete batching plant will be operational overnight to support these works. This is avoiding 1 or 2 late night concrete deliveries that would need to be brought into site in the early hours of the morning.

**BBVSJV have been working at Old Oak Common Station for over a year and the site is constantly changing as works progress on site. In addition to the works detailed above, we have outlined other works taking place at Old Oak Common in the next six months below.**

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## Old Oak Common Lane Works

Works to relocate the substation on Old Oak Common Lane are continuing, and the current lane closure will be in place until April 2023. A large crane was delivered to site on 21 November with a smaller crane due to be delivered. This is to support the ongoing works in the area, including piling works, which started on week commencing Monday 21 November.

The preparation works are ongoing with the Wycombe Single Line Bridge demolition, which is due to take place in early 2023. Vegetation clearance has taken place on, and around, the bridge, including areas by the Great Western Main Line and Central Line. The next phase of works includes surveying by the east side of the Wycombe Single Line Bridge and piling to support the area prior to the demolition.

## Conveyor

The conveyor from Old Oak Common Station has been operational since October 2022 and is taking spoil away from the station box excavation. The BBVS conveyor route runs to the Willesden Euroterminal logistics hub where the spoil is taken by rail to three destinations across the UK – Barrington in Cambridgeshire, Cliffe in Kent, and Rugby in Warwickshire. The spoil will be put to beneficial reuse, for example filling voids which will then be used as a basis for redevelopment, such as house building projects.

The BBVS conveyor runs Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm and maintenance takes place on Saturday between 8am and 1pm.

The conveyor is covered and the towers where the conveyor changes direction have acoustic barriers around to reduce the noise to local residents. We undertake regular noise monitoring to ensure we are keeping within noise levels agreed by the local authority. If you are concerned by a noise coming from the conveyor, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk with a brief description of the noise and a location. The site team can then look into this as soon as possible.

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## Wormwood Scrubs

The Stamford brook sewer diversion micro-tunnelling and the utility sewer diversion works have now been completed. Demobilisation of our Stamford Brook Sewer compound on Wormwood Scrubs compound has now started, including the removal of the hoarding on site. Temporary wire fencing has been put up to secure the compound until all work is complete. This fencing will then be removed at the final stage.

The Undertrack Crossing (UTX) compound closest to Old Oak Common Lane will remain in place as we continue to divert utility cables.

As well as the SBS compound, the access road leading to Old Oak Common Lane will also be removed. This area will be excavated using diggers and will be reinstated with previously excavated material. Once the excavated material has been backfilled, a layer of topsoil will be placed on top. Finally, a grass seed mix, as approved by LBFH's Parks Management team and reflecting the scrubs' seedbank, will be sown on the topsoil. This will begin depending on weather conditions. Once this is completed, the area will be cordoned off by rope and posts to protect the new grass seed while it grows.

This work will be taking place within the site boundary during our normal working hours. The welfare facilities will also be removed from this compound.

## Latest information

Please note that these dates are indicative and the latest works updates are available on the HS2 in your area map or by scanning this QR code below:



If you have an email address, you can also sign up to works alerts via this link <https://engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list/>

# How can we reduce the impacts to you?

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## Noise insulation

Secondary glazing options are available to some Wells House Road properties that face onto our sites. Please contact us if you are interested in seeing if you are eligible for a free noise insulation survey and secondary glazing installation on your property. Please note, where applicable, we require the property owner's permission to take up this offer.

## Small claims

If you notice a change in your property that could be because of our works, please contact us. We can send you a small claims form, to give us more information about your enquiry and provide you with support through the process.

## Feedback

We regularly host resident meetings to continue the conversation with local residents with the main focus to listen to your concerns and or suggestions for how we continue our construction work. Please look out for the invite to these meetings and we would love to see you there. If you have a more pressing enquiry or complaint, please do not hesitate to contact the HS2 Helpdesk with as much information as possible. The helpdesk will pass on the case to the BBVS Community Engagement Team, who will look into this as soon as possible.

# 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](https://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](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property)

Find out if you can claim compensation at:

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

## Contact us

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

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 Email **[HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](https://www.hs2.org.uk)**

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