

Gloucester Avenue Sewer Lining - Questions and Answers

Design

1. What work will you be doing?

Barhale will install a protective liner to minimise the impact of a tunnel boring machine on north London's Middle Level Two (ML2) sewer.

The protection to the ML2, part of Joseph Bazalgette's Victorian sewer system, will be a 70-metre length of non-structural liner. It will protect the two-metre diameter sewer while tunnel boring machines (TBMs) for HS2 pass beneath.

Access to install the liner will be provided by two shafts – one existing and one new. The new access shaft will be constructed in Gloucester Avenue, directly above ML2 and adjacent to the proposed works. This shaft will be the main access point for the construction, will enable direct vertical access to the ML2 sewer and facilitate transport of materials/equipment along the sewer thereby minimising the number of sewer entries required to complete the re-lining works.

The ML2 sewer carries third party cables and so additional measures have been put in place to ensure they are not disturbed

2. Upon completion of the new sewer will there be any permanent above ground structures?

There will be no above ground structures when the work is completed.

Construction and Environment

3. What is the current construction programme for the works?

The work is due to commence in late May 2023 and is due to be completed in early 2024. We will keep local residents informed throughout our work.

4. What is the diversion route?

The eastern carriageway will be closed for the duration of our works. There will be a diversion route in place: Gloucester Avenue junction to Regent's Park Rd on to St. Mark's Square and then onto Prince Albert Road.

5. Will there be any parking bay suspensions?

We will need to suspend 17 parking bays to setup our site compound. The suspension has been approved by London Borough of Camden.

6. Will there be any bus stop closures?

The east and western bus stops near the junction with Oval Road will be suspended for the duration of our work. TfL will put a bus diversion in place, but it is not possible to put in a temporary bus stop.

The confirmed TfL bus diversion is:

GLOUCESTER AVENUE, NW1: Route 274 is on diversion towards Islington from 08:30 on Tuesday 30 May 2023 until 18:00 on Wednesday 31 January 2024 due to Thames Water sewer works.

Buses are diverted via St Marks Square, Prince Albert Road, and Parkway, missing the stops Regent's Park Road and Gloucester Avenue. Stop Gloucester Avenue in the opposite direction is also closed.

7. Will our rubbish still be collected?

Yes, our work will not affect refuse collections.

8. You are working outside my house, will a before and after survey be carried out? In case there is any damage.

We will be in touch with property owners in close proximity to our work. All surveys will be external.

9. How will access to properties and gardens be affected?

Access to all properties, including gardens accessed by footpaths, will be unaffected.

10. Will footpaths be closed?

The footpath next to our site compound will be closed. There will be a temporary pedestrian crossing in place during our work. Access to Darwin Court will be always maintained.

11. Will the vehicular entrance to Holyrood Court be maintained?

Yes, the vehicular access point will not be affected by our work.

12. Will construction be 24/7?

No, we will not need to carry out 24 hr working during our works.

13. Will there be onsite security?

There will be security onsite 24/7.

14. Will you remove any trees?

No, our work does not require us to cut down any trees.

15. Who is the contractor that will be carrying out the works?

Barhale will be the contractor carrying out the works for the sewer lining.

16. How will the sub-contractors for the work be supervised and what will be the process for dealing with any issues?

A contract assurance engineer will be employed for the works and Thames Water will have a 24-hour site contact to quickly resolve any issues. The work will also be allocated a dedicated reference number which will be included on all community notifications and residents will be able to call the Thames Water number 24-hours to report any issues.

17. Will the construction vehicle use the agreed SCS routes?

Yes, we will be using the approved SCS routes. However, there may be times when we need use a different route in agreement with the London Borough of Camden.

18. What are the working hours?

The working hours will be in accordance with the HS2 Code of Construction Practice.

Core working hours will be from 08.00 to 18.00 on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and from 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays (if required). An additional hour before and up to one hour after the core working hours will be utilised for start-up and close-down activities. If we need to work outside these hours, we will write to you.

19. Where will the staff parking be located for the works?

There will be limited parking in our site compound for essential vehicles. Members of the site team will be encouraged to get to site via public transport.

20. Will there be noisy generators in use?

We will need to use generators to carry out our work. They will be super silent generator and will be placed behind acoustic barriers.

21. Can this be avoided by connecting to electricity in the main road?

We are looking if a permanent connection is possible.

Engagement and support

22. Will we get progress updates throughout the work?

Yes, regular notifications will be sent out to the community, updates will be provided on HS2 in Camden.

23. Who will be available to deal with any problems during the works?

The HS2 Helpdesk is not an efficient point of contact as problems can take up to 20 days to be responded to. Residents need a named representative and direct contact.

If you have a question or problem about the work Thames Water is carrying out, please phone them on 0800 316 9800 – lines are open 24/7 and quote the reference number: **00346914**.

24. What are the timescales and next steps?

Engagement on a one-to-one basis will take with the owners of property' that need to be surveyed.

Information on the works will be communicated to the wider community through community notifications and updates on HS2 in Camden.