HS2 Meeting Q&A

HS2 & SCSJV Western Avenue Information Event

06 July 2023

Questions	Answer
Traffic Any route changes to buses coming from/to North Circular Road and Alperton Road?	There will be no route changes to TFL Buses, but temporary bus stops will be in place.
Impact on getting onto the A40 from Horn Lane, how many lanes will be closed and exactly at what times	Vehicles from Horn Lane wanting to go into Central London should have minimal impact as all works are West of the A40. Vehicles going West will have Lane 3 taken out leaving Lanes 1 and 2 for westbound traffic. There will be no traffic management on horn lane.
How will the works affect traffic and how will this be managed. How can we prepare for it? Info on estimated impact on journeys across different days / time periods; How does it affect traffic at school run times. Concerned about traffic issues	We are expecting delays especially in peak times. Due to the nature of traffic management layout, traffic will be heavy during peak hours which are between 06300-0930 and 1500-1900. We would advise that users give extra journey time when travelling and look for alternative routes if possible.
confidence the works will be completed during the period projected; whether there have been requests (or can there be?) for increased flow of public transport / trains serving the area to help reduce / assist alternative travel; confirmation there will be no specific impact (i.e. more than anyone in other areas) on local council bills for residents to facilitate any necessary spend	We have modelled 2 options regarding the works and the option with the lesser impact was the contraflow system. With the information that was provided TFL have put in place mitigations for extra buses for the routes that have been affected. We do not anticipate any increase costs to residents while these works take place.
How much advanced roadside notice will you be giving to motorists, so they have time to plan a different route, where possible? Type of road signs which will be used. Numerous HS2 and other utility roadworks at the North Acton end of A40 will these be ceased/lifted to ease the heavy congestion in the area?	As of the 4 July 2023 11 VMS units have been strategically placed across the local area. These are as far as Brent Cross, Chiswick Roundabout and Denham Roundabout covering link roads such as M4, M40, M25 and the M1. Additionally, TFL will use their own matrix boards with the same message. Whilst no unnecessary

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Will all other utility works in the area with road closures/diversions be suspended whilst these works take place	Answer We are unable to pause all other works in the area, but the works have been coordinated with TFL to cause minimal disruption.
Will Chase Road be closed during these works?	We will not be carrying out any works on Chase Road during these works. However, other contractors may be in the area.
Is there anything which can be done to reduce rat running?	We will look into additional signage highlighting 'no through road' being placed on roads which are used as cut throughs.
Admin When and where are the in-person meetings taking place? The pandemic is over, why are you not holding these meetings face-to-face with residents outside normal working hours, not everyone has access online or are comfortable using the internet eg elderly?	The community engagement team strives to deliver events which are both online and in-person, and at times which suit a range of residents. Additionally, all information from events such as presentations and questions will be available online and can be delivered to residents on request. Upcoming events: Community pop-up's Tuesday 11 July, 5pm to 7pm – Park Royal Station August (TBC) Monthly Virtual Drop ins Tuesday 18 July, 3pm to 6pm Tuesday 19 September, 3pm to 6pm Tuesday 19 September, 3pm to 6pm All events are advertised on the HS2 event page: https://www.hs2.org.uk/events/
Possibility of site visit to understand the work undertaken on site?	Unfortunately, as this will be an active site a site visit to these works is not possible. Any opportunities to visit any of our sites will be advertised on the HS2 event page.
Contact name/number for the person overall managing the works if there is an immediate issue, HS2 Helpline has 20 days to respond and can only pass on a message. Who to contact if there are any concerns	Any concerns or complaints can be directed to the HS2 Helpdesk via: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk 08081 434 434 The helpdesk has been briefed on these works and who is the best contact to pass concerns along to. TfL will also have network cameras in use and have the details for those on site if there are any urgent issues.

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Can you discuss with TfL amending the 15 second hold on gypsy corner on the Eastbound Lane? It is already causing a build-up of traffic without the addition of lane closures	There have already been discussions with TfL regarding this hold, TfL do have cameras and are able to alter these signals depending on the traffic. We can take this bring this up to TfL again and make them aware of residents concerns.
Is it just a road traffic problem? We don't travel on the A40 but got a leaflet to house north of gyratory.	Whilst these works are only on the A40 they may impact traffic on surrounding roads, and public transport. We don't anticipate any impacts to pedestrain or cycles routes.
Have the emergency services been advised of both A40 works and Park Royal Road closure - Central Middx Hosp	Emergency services have been informed of the works, we will additionally contact Central Middlesex Hospital so they can inform patients
Can we add signs leading towards the hospital?	We will look at placing signs leading up to the hospital in advance and throughout these works. The stakeholder team are going to contact the hospital to provide further information and leaflets.
Works What dates will the works be in my area?	The works are planned from the 31 July 2023 to the 22 October 2023.
Will there be an interruption to the gas pressure or supply to our homes? Any gas supply disruption to residents, if so, how will this be managed/communicated	There will be no impact to the gas supply of homes in the nearby area.
During previous works, some of the most annoying overnight noise disruption has been from the reversing beepers of plant equipment. I understand the safety need for this, but some vehicles have much less annoying warning noises than others. Has any consideration of this been made?	As noted, the noise is required for safety reasons. If you contact the HS2 helpdesk with the specific time of the beeping you are referring too we can look into which vehicles were in use at the time and assess if changes can be made.
Location of where excavations will take place?	See slide five.
Is there a time scale for each section of the works on the A40, eg outside sections of residents housing?	The works will take approximately 4 weeks in each area, but these will be staggered due to the way each activity needs to be programmed. Total of 6 weeks are planned for the gas diversions works.

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How long will the excavation be for?	The excavation on the main works will take around two weeks, but that will not all be noisy works.
Can the upcoming works on Park Royal Road be brought forward?	Unfortunately, the works on Park Royal Road cannot be brought forward. During this time only 2 lanes will be closed on the A40 and therefore we expect traffic will still flow.
Other What is happening on Old Oak Common Lane 3 sets of temporary lights and I emailed weeks ago to no reply	These traffic lights are part of the works from the Old Oak Common Station Site which is run by a different contractor BBVS. The response below is from the BBVS engagement team:
	We have three sets of traffic lights on Old Oak Common due to the works currently taking place to build the new station and the future bridge that will be on Old Oak Common lane: - 1st set of traffic lights is for our entrance site, This is to
	ensure safety of vehicles turning in and out of our site gate.
	- 2nd set of traffic lights -Works close to the Nadi centre is for the relocation of the substation and trial hole works to facilitate new connections. A lane closure is required in the northbound lane to protect our workforce whilst these works are undertaken. In the
	southbound lane we have provided a pedestrian walkway to facilitate safe access past our works. - 3rd set of traffic lights are below the railway lines. This
	is in place as we are currently doing piling works and trial hole works to locate existing utility services.