

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

HS2 Update

Adelaide Road | October 2023

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are building a ventilation shaft and headhouse at Adelaide Road as part of the new railway.

A ventilation shaft is the vertical opening that connects the HS2 tunnels to the surface. A headhouse is the building above the ventilation shaft.

Pause to works

Following the government announcement in March this year, we will bring work at the Adelaide Road Ventilation Shaft and Headhouse site to a safe stop from June 2024.

We expect that work at the site will be paused from June 2024 until spring 2025. The pause will provide an opportunity for the design options for Euston Station to be considered.

We will continue the headhouse piling works throughout October 2023, and then build the headhouse base slab from January to March 2024. This will be followed by a demobilisation period.

During the pause, the hoarding and 24-hour security will remain in place, as well as non-intrusive works, such as monitoring. Design of the ventilation shaft and headhouse will also continue.



Visualisation of Adelaide Road Headhouse



Drop-in event

Please drop in to discuss our current and future works at Adelaide Road.

Date: **Tuesday 10 October 2023**

Time: **5pm – 7pm**

Place: Adelaide Road Ventilation Shaft and Headhouse site

Please register at least 24 hours in advance at www.hs2.org.uk/events/

Representatives from SCS JV and HS2 including the site team, will be available to answer your questions.



Traffic marshals

During working hours, you may see traffic marshals in the area, using stop and go signs to control traffic. This is to facilitate safe access for deliveries to site. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Local Area

Earlier this year, our colleagues working at the Adelaide Road site volunteered to paint the wall outside the Modern Motors MOT Centre, next to the Adelaide Nature Reserve, using anti-graffiti paint. We hope this work has made an improvement to the appearance of the local area.

Road sweepers run through the area each working day and our site team sweep the local footpaths regularly.

If you have any suggestions of further improvements we could make, please let us know.

Engagement with local schools

Throughout the year SCSJV have worked with schools in Camden delivering face to face engagement with over 1000 students.

The sessions included environmental and engineering workshops, STEM days, careers fairs and onsite work experience. We worked across all the key stages with activities such as environmental workshops at Fitzjohns Nursery, road safety fun day with Christchurch Primary School, and onsite work experience with students from various secondary schools, such as Westminster Kingsway College. We also attended the Camden Centre of Learning careers fair for students with PRU and SEND needs.

SCSJV are committed to working with educational establishments to provide learning pathways into engineering, construction and infrastructure careers.



CEF and BLEF

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>



What are the functions of a ventilation shaft and headhouse?

A ventilation shaft is the vertical opening that connects the HS2 tunnels to the surface and open air. It regulates air quality and temperature in the tunnel and allows smoke to be extracted in the event of a fire. The shaft also provide access for emergency services to respond to an incident, such as a fire in the tunnels. The headhouse is the building above the ventilation shaft which contains fire control systems and the ventilation systems for the railway tunnels below. The HS2 tunnels require ventilation shafts approximately every 3km.

Virtual drop-in sessions

If you would like to talk to members of our community engagement team online about the ongoing construction activities or the pause of works, you can register for a 20-minute virtual session. The sessions are on the **third Wednesday of every month, between 3pm and 7pm.**

You can book a session at: HS2.org.uk/events

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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