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# Update: Ongoing works at the Victoria Road Crossover Box and Flat Iron sites

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

#### **Works update: Victoria Road Crossover Box site**

Works are continuing in the Victoria Road Crossover Box site to build the ventilation shaft and crossover box. These structures will regulate air flow, provide access to the tunnels, and allow trains to switch tracks as they enter and leave the future Old Oak Common Lane station.

Since June 2022, work has been ongoing to excavate the crossover box and is expected to continue till the end of 2023. Works include concrete breaking, excavation and removal of excavated materials and other works related to the construction of the crossover box.

The construction of the sprayed concrete lining (SCL) tunnels, which will eventually connect the ventilation shaft to the crossover box, continues. These tunnels will be dug using an excavator.

A map showing the location of these works is included on page 3.

We will continue to assemble the Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) at the Victoria Road Crossover Box and Flat Iron sites, with the launch, programmed for early 2024. The TBMs will be used to bore the future tunnel from the Victoria Road Crossover Box westwards towards our Greenpark Way site in Ealing.

Other ongoing works within the Victoria Road Crossover Box site include:

- Operation of the on-site batching plant
- maintenance and utilisation of the conveyor system
- Installation of surface plant and an overhead bridge crane to support tunnelling works
- Planned concrete pours (3x 16hr and 1x 24hr pour in December). You may experience a little noise disruption from the pumps and concrete wagons

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

# **Notification**



#### **Duration of works**

Ongoing site works until December 2023

Our core working hours are from 8am to 6pm, Mondays to Fridays and 8am to 1pm Saturdays (if needed)

We may be on site for an hour before the start and/or end of the shift

We will keep you informed if we need to use extended working hours

#### What to expect

You may notice additional noise, vibration, and light from various activities on site

#### What we will do

We will continue to monitor our working methods to keep disruption to a minimum

Provide further updates about any specific works which might cause disruption to you

# Update: Ongoing works at the Victoria Road Crossover Box and Flat Iron sites



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### Works update: Flat Iron site

We will continue to operate the vehicle holding area at the Flat Iron site to support construction at all HS2 sites in the Old Oak and Park Royal area.

Other ongoing works within the Flat Iron site include:

- Installation, testing, commission, and utilisation of the conveyor system
- Site lighting, utility connections, and maintenance works.
- Concreting, excavation, and drainage works.
- Construction of the TBM backup gantries

### What to expect during our ongoing works

During the works outlined in this update you may notice the following in our sites:

- Noise and vibration from plant during excavation works
- Noise and vibration from concreting works during day and night shifts
- Additional lighting during the darker periods to ensure works can be carried out safely
- Various levels of operatives on site
- Mechanical noises from crane movements at night

We will carry out noisier activities during our core hours and ensure that best practice methods are used throughout to minimise disruption. The alarms on plant and other large machinery will be switched off during the night shifts and replaced with less intrusive warning systems.

We will continue to monitor our working methods and implement noise training to our site teams and advise them to be mindful of the community during works. We will also implement were possible further mitigation during night shifts to reduce any disruption to the community.

The construction teams across our sites in your local area are committed to minimising disruption as much as possible. You can find out how we manage the impacts of construction at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/managing-impacts-of-construction/

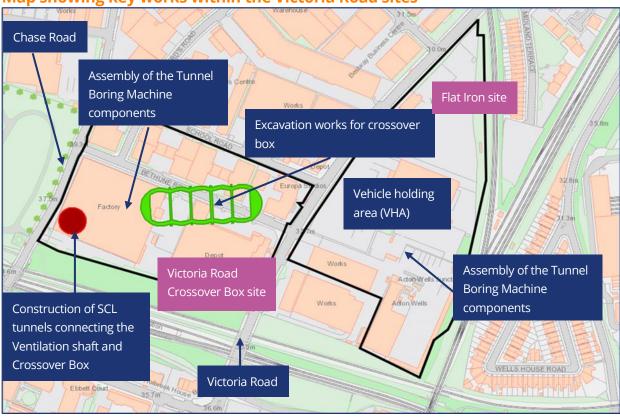
#### **Speak to our local Engagement Team**

We know that construction can be frustrating for residents nearby our sites. Your local engagement team are happy to speak with you in person or virtually about any questions or concerns you have about our works in your local area.

Please contact the HS2 Helpdesk if you would like to book an appointment to speak with us.

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# Map showing key works within the Victoria Road sites



# **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-ltdresidents-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-tocomplain/

#### Contact us

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



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(a) Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk** 

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**HS2 Community Engagement** 

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