

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

# Euston Approaches Update

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCSJV) is the main works contractor building the structures and foundations for the section of HS2 between London Zoo car park and Hampstead Road. This area is known as the Euston Approaches.

## Euston Approaches

HS2 trains travelling from Birmingham to London will emerge from a bored tunnel in a large underground cavern, just south of Parkway. The trains will pass through this cavern into a section of mechanically-excavated tunnels before passing through a large concrete box, built into the ground between Mornington Street and Granby Terrace bridges. The trains will emerge from the concrete box just south of Granby Terrace bridge, and travel through an open-air section of the cutting, passing beneath Hampstead Road in the final approach to Euston station.



We will focus our work over the next 12 months on piling and concrete works to prepare the foundations for the future railway, early work to extend the bridges, and protective measures for local utilities, bridges and buildings before we begin major excavations.



## Join our online Construction Updates

Join our online information sessions to find out more about our works in the Euston Approaches

**Tuesday 27 September**  
6pm – 7pm (online)

**Thursday 29 September**  
12pm – 1pm (online)

Visit [HS2.org.uk/events](https://HS2.org.uk/events) to register or find out more

## Major excavations

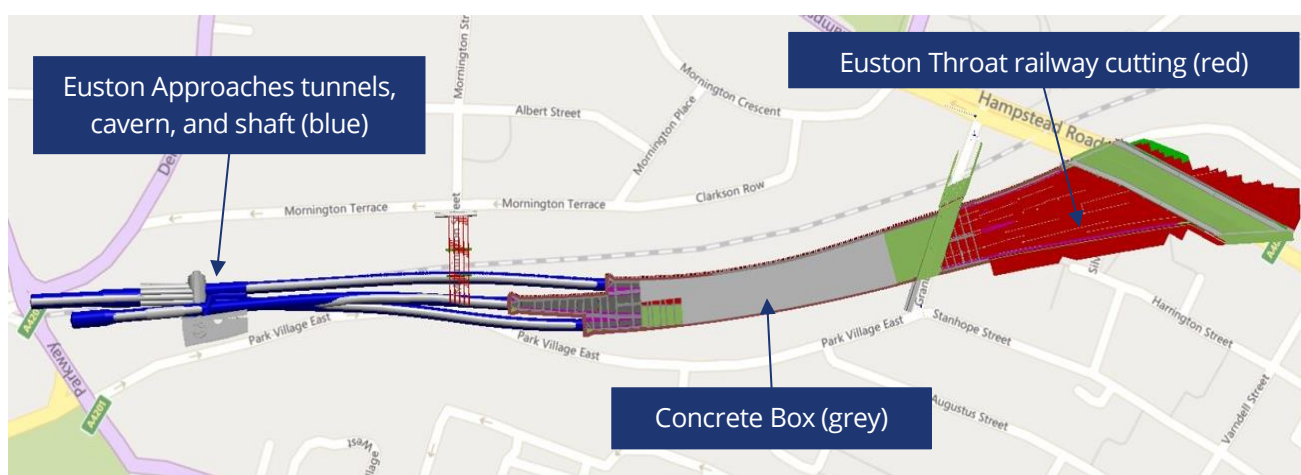
We will dig major excavations to construct the Euston Approaches tunnels, concrete box and railway cutting. Buildings are often affected by ground movement from the weather for example, but major excavations cause additional ground movement. In turn, this movement can cause doors or windows to stick or cracks to appear in buildings nearest the excavations.

Over the past few years, we have been gathering extensive information about local ground movement. We use this to design and plan our works to limit movement as much as we can during excavations. We also use this information to identify which structures are expected to experience noticeable impacts, and will therefore need extra monitoring or preparation before we start major excavations in late 2023.

We have now identified specific buildings that need extra monitoring or preparation. These properties are located on the railway side at the far northern end of Mornington Terrace, the northern end of Park Village East and the small section of Parkway between these two areas.

We recently wrote to all impacted property owners to arrange meetings about preparing properties for ground movement from HS2 excavations in the Euston Approaches. If you did not receive a letter, your property is not expected to be impacted by the major excavations.

### Major excavations in the Euston Approaches



### Where to find us for a chat – September

Our engagement team host pop-up sessions every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm to answer your questions and talk about our works. You can find us on

- **Harrington Square – 14 September**
- **Park Village East near Richmond House – 21 September**
- **Varndell Street – 28 September**

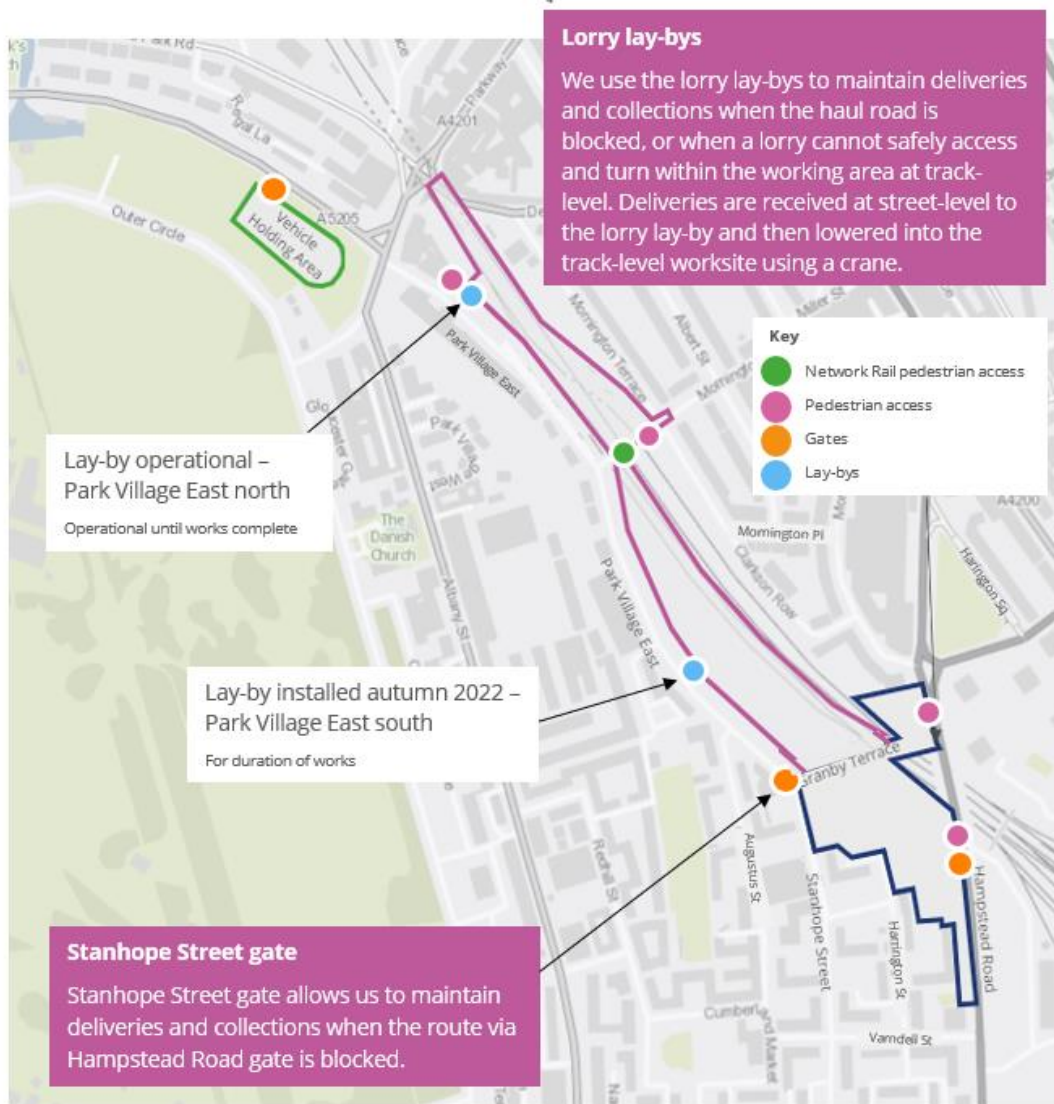


### Feedback

Your feedback is important. We encourage you to complete our feedback form using the QR code. It helps us better understand what it is like to live near a major construction site and what we can do to help make it a little easier.

## Euston approaches site access

We are working in a narrow, uneven worksite between a retaining wall, a live railway and low bridges. We need sufficient height and space between the site gates, works and equipment for lorries and workers to safely make deliveries and collections. Soon our construction area will have expanded so much that lorries will not be able to drive through site as they currently do. This means we need to find alternative points for deliveries and collections from outside the site.



## Park Village East southern lorry

In autumn, we will install a lorry lay-by at the southern end of Park Village East where lorries will wait while the tower crane loads and unloads materials over the brick wall. This is the only way we can access the Camden Cutting south worksite once we start excavating near Granby Terrace bridge. We will continue to use the lay-by until we have completed works in this area.

The lay-by will be about 65m long and look like the existing lay-by north of Mornington Street bridge. We cannot use the northern lay-by to access the Camden Cutting south worksite because there is not enough space at track level, or height beneath the bridge, to move materials from north to south.

We will need to suspend about 20 parking bays for the new lay-by. We know how important parking is and are working closely with Camden Council to identify alternative parking bays as close to the lost parking as possible.

# Parkway



## Parkway

We need to divert and protect the utilities beneath Parkway before we begin tunnelling in late 2023.

From October to April, we will close lanes and footways and suspend parking bays on Parkway, Delancey Street and Albert Street. These works will be less impactful than we previously expected because we no longer need to close Parkway. We will carry out the works in phases to reduce the impact on residents, traffic, and businesses.

We will provide more detail about the traffic arrangements in the coming weeks.

## Utility works

We need to carry out extensive utility works on streets surrounding the Euston Approaches to avoid disrupting local services while we construct the HS2 railway. These works are needed to:

- create utility connections for our worksites and future railway infrastructure
- relocate utilities to avoid clashes with piling, excavations, tunnelling, bridge extensions and other works
- protect and monitor utilities around major excavation and tunnelling sites so they can cope with additional ground movement

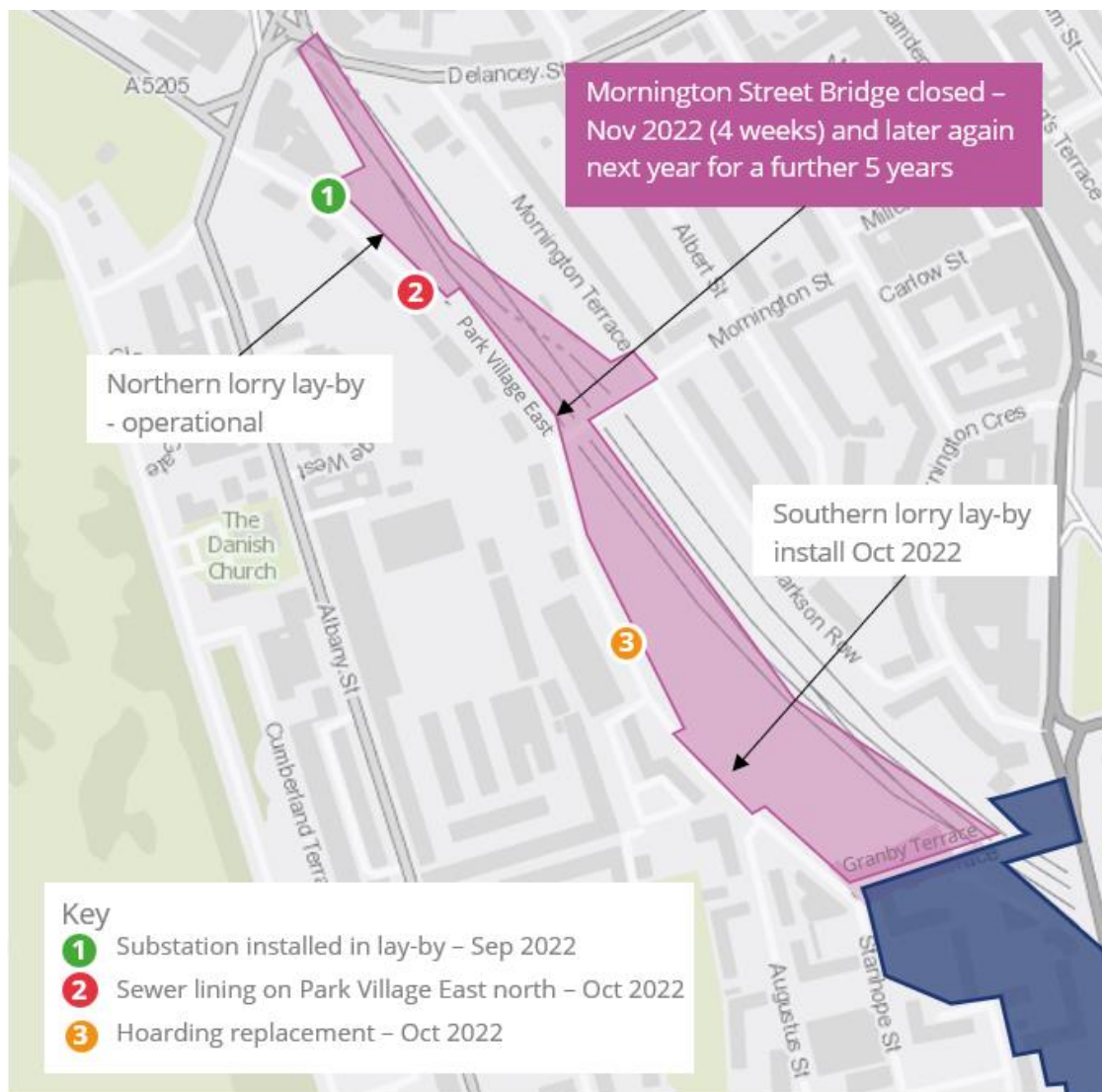
We understand utilities works cause disruption. We work closely with Camden Council and Transport for London to minimise the traffic impacts of our works as much as possible. We also engage with emergency services to ensure we maintain access through the neighbourhood.

We present traffic proposals for works affecting roads to the community representatives as details become available and discuss ideas for managing impacts. We will also continue to update the community.



## Camden Cutting

Over the next six months our works in the Camden Cutting will focus on piling and other preparation for tunnelling and excavations. We will also continue surveys and protective works to structures around the cutting including Mornington Street bridge.



### Mornington Street bridge

In autumn, we will close Mornington Street bridge for about four weeks while we dig a trench to inspect the structure of the bridge. We will need to close the bridge again later next year for about five years to protect it before and during tunnelling.

We will maintain access for cyclists and pedestrians where safe to do so, but we will divert vehicles. Park Village East will become one way, with vehicles travelling from north to south. We will provide more information about the planned diversion routes closer to the time.

### Network Rail access

Network Rail need pedestrian access from street to track access via Mornington Street bridge for regular maintenance. This is to replace their current west-side access, which will be impacted by HS2 works. We will update you when we have more detail.

## Euston Throat

Over the next six months our works in the Euston Throat will focus on piling and concrete activities to prepare the foundations for the future railway.



### Hampstead Road utilities works

To prevent disruption to local services, we are moving utilities away from Hampstead Road before we start works to extend the bridge. Once we have finished the bridge, we will put the utilities back onto Hampstead Road. This means you will see ongoing changes to the traffic arrangements on and around Hampstead Road.

We continue to coordinate traffic arrangements with other contractors in the area and do our best to maintain the most direct vehicle and pedestrian routes through the area.

## What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

### Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team

Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

### Keep up to date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

### About our Community and Business Funds

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>





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

Find out if you can claim compensation at: [www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2](http://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/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/)

## Somali

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## Español

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## Français

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## Bengali

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