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HS2 Information Update

Working Hours Update – Radbourne to Southam | April 2025

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This is a document produced to inform residents of our works during the construction of the railway.

EKFB Working hours update – Radbourne to Southam

Overview

The HS2 Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) provides details about the working hours that contractors are able to operate in. The code sets out ‘core working hours’ which are 8am to 6pm on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. The CoCP describes how there are circumstances where ‘additional working hours’ will be required with the consent of the local authority. These circumstances include activity that is daylight or weather dependent, some structural work, essential maintenance and repairs.

Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovial Construction and BAM Nuttall (EKFB), are the main works contractor for HS2 in the area from Wormleighton to the River Itchen near Southam. The table below shows the working hours for EKFB until autumn 2025. We will provide further updates when our winter 2025 working hours are confirmed.

Area	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Radbourne	8am – 7pm	8am – 6pm	
Ladbroke	8am – 7pm	8am – 6pm	
Southam A423 to Kineton Road	8am – 7pm	8am – 6pm	
River Itchen	8am – 7pm	8am – 6pm	

NB: There may be occasional Sunday working, with additional permissions, for specific or emergency works. Some monitoring, water management, and earthworks movements can take place on Sundays.

Q. Will I hear noise of construction outside theses times?

A. Outside the times set out in table 1, you may hear limited construction noise during a 1 hour start up and close down period at the beginning and end of each day. This is when some equipment is turned on or shut down and staff may be leaving or returning from construction sites to the compound facilities. Some activities such as security and maintenance will operate 24 hours per day though these are of a low level of impact and noise generation. To effectively use overnight or weekend road closures, our construction team may work up to 24 hours per day on these occasions, subject to approvals.

Q: Will you be working every evening and weekend?

A: There will be some areas where regular extended hours are required, but in many areas this may be less frequent, or vary as work on the structures and earthworks progress. Due to staff welfare and resource considerations, there may be periods where additional working hours are not undertaken.

Q: What work is restricted during our additional working hours?

A: Work is carefully assessed on an area by area basis taking into account the construction activity required, and the likely impact on nearby properties and residents. Restrictions include:

- Reduced number of vehicles on our site access and haul roads.
- Reduced deliveries to our compounds.
- Restrictions on some types of earthworks such as soil stripping, excavating, and stockpiling.
- Measures to reduce the impact of equipment that may produce vibrations.
- Additional control measures to reduce sound impacts near properties close to our construction areas created by equipment such as generators.

Q: What are sensitive areas?

A: These are areas that have been identified as sensitive working locations, such as those adjacent to people's homes or businesses. The restrictions for each sensitive area are determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the local authority, as well as noise and vibration specialists. We have installed noise and dust monitoring stations near some sensitive locations. Any noise or dust level alerts are sent automatically to our construction team so that immediate action can be taken.

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