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# HS2 Update

A43 Overbridge Brackley | Summer 2023



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

## Building HS2 near Brackley

Our newsletters are an important tool used to update local communities on the progress of the HS2 project. This newsletter has been created to specifically update the local communities on our work constructing the A43 Overbridge, near Brackley. It includes the latest information on upcoming construction activities and expected timelines.

The A43 Overbridge will carry traffic over the new High Speed Railway Line. The overbridge will be located between the Brackley BP roundabout and the A43 junction for Syresham.

Our preparatory works for the overbridge have involved utility diversions, extensive earthworks and the creation of a temporary site access road that is for the sole use of our construction teams as they travel up and down the project.

Throughout the spring of 2023, we have been preparing for the main construction phase of the new temporary diversion.



Figure 1: The image above details the location of the temporary diversion that will be constructed this year for a section of the A43 near Brackley.

This has included the installation of temporary narrowed lanes and a reduction in the speed limit on this section of the A43. The new temporary diversion is expected to become operational in early 2024.

At the end of April, we began introducing periodic overnight closures of the A43, on both the southbound and northbound sides.

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Where possible, to minimise disruption, these overnight closures will be reduced to single lane closures.

Throughout the summer and into autumn, our activities will focus on earthworks, which will involve excavating approximately 11,000 cubic metres of material from the north side of the A43. This material will be temporarily stockpiled and eventually reused as part of the final landscaping designs for HS2.

Once we carry out our main earthworks for the temporary diversion, we will then begin installing drainage. Following the completion of the drainage works, we will begin constructing the new road, which will involve surfacing works, white lining and the installation of road signage. After the road is finished, the local authority will conduct a thorough road safety audit before it is opened for public use.



In order to safely tie in the new temporary diversion into the existing road network, we will require two 57-hour full road

closures of the A43. To reduce disruption as much as possible, the northbound closure and the southbound closure will take place on alternate weekends. These closures are expected to take place in late 2023. Once dates are confirmed we will update the public two weeks in advance of the closures.

In addition to our formal Advance Work Notices, the road closure information will also be communicated through traditional

road signage as well as electronic signage. These signs will be located in strategic locations and placed in a safe location.

Once the temporary diversion is operational, we will then be able to safely begin construction on the new A43 Overbridge, which is expected to be completed in late 2025.

We will continue to collaborate with National Highways and update local communities on the progression of our works. These works are currently subject to consents.

Should you have any questions about our works you can contact the HS2 helpdesk 24-hours a day.

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