

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

HS2 Update

Canterbury Works | December 2023

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are building a ventilation shaft and headhouse at Canterbury Works 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 Canterbury Works Ventilation Shaft and Headhouse site to a safe stop from autumn 2024.

We expect that work at the site will be paused from October 2024 until spring 2025. The pause will be in line with ongoing work by the government on an alternative vision for Euston, including a privately funded station.

We will continue with excavation works until January 2024. From January to July 2024, we will be lining the underground structures with concrete and waterproofing material. We will also build a base slab within the shaft. We will then start demobilising the site, in preparation for the pause.

During the pause, the hoarding and 24-hour security will remain in place. Non-intrusive works, such as the design of the ventilation shaft and headhouse, and environmental monitoring will continue.



Visualisation of Canterbury Works Headhouse



Virtual drop-in sessions

If you would like to talk to members of our community engagement team about the ongoing construction activities or the pause of works, you can register for a 20-minute online 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](https://www.hs2.org.uk/events)



Christmas shutdown

Works at the Canterbury Works Ventilation Shaft and Headhouse will shut down at 1pm on Friday 22 December, and restart on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

24/5 working

Until the works at Canterbury Works are paused in autumn 2024, our working hours at the Canterbury Road site will continue to be **24 hours a day Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays**.

Working 24 hours a day, five days a week, allows the site team more time per shift to fully secure the internal walls of the excavations with concrete lining. This will help to minimise ground movement around the shaft and will also allow this stage of the works to be completed sooner.

Engagement with local schools

Throughout the year SCSJV have worked with schools in the London borough of Brent to deliver face to face engagement with over 500 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 Energy and Materials workshops at Leopold Primary, Careers Fairs at Newman Catholic College and onsite insights days with students from Capital City Academy.

We also attended the Wembley Stadium Jobs Fair organised by Brent Council to talk about the various roles and apprenticeships we have to offer.



Local children learning about engineering

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 provides 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.

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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