Notification



Notice of Ellesborough Road closure for road realignment

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What are we doing?

To complete the final tie-in of the temporary diversion of Ellesborough Road into the existing road, our team need to close the road to enable us to connect the existing road and the new road together and bring it into use.

During the course of these complex realignment works, our team have so far dug trial holes, surveyed, and diverted high voltage cables, gas mains, internet and telephone services and installed a sheet pile wall to protect the Memorial Wood during the Wendover Green Tunnel construction.

Due to the narrow width of the carriageway and the requirement for our workforce to be working on the road, we need a full closure to ensure the safety of both our workforce and road users.

Pedestrian and resident access will be maintained throughout the closure although the footpath maybe diverted onto the carriageway.

When will these works take place?

Monday 29 January to Sunday 18 February 2024 (road closures)

Please note, these dates may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control but will be completed on or around the timings specified.

Should our team finish earlier than planned, we will open the road when practicable.

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

Duration of works

29 January – 18 February 2024

Closures will be in place 24 hours a day.

What to expect

Full closure of a section of Ellesborough Road.

A full diversion route to be signposted.

Parking bays in front of Ellesborough Road 10 – 28 will be suspended.

What we will do

Respond promptly to any complaints we may receive and action accordingly.

Manage any noise or traffic impacts.

Access available for residents and pedestrians.

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Where will the road closure be?

The map below shows the road closure and diversion route that will be in operation during the closure. Our works will be contained within the closed red section below.

During this time, there will also be a temporary suspension on the resident parking bays numbers 10-28. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause during this time.



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How will this affect me?

For the advised dates, road users are being provided with a fully signposted diversion route. We would suggest allowing for additional journey time during this period. For residents, full access is being provided for properties along the road.

A pedestrian walking route will also be maintained, cyclists and those on horseback will have access but should dismount before passing through the works area. Those bringing horses through should be aware that some of these works may be noisy.

What will the Ellesborough Road re-alignment be like?

Ellesborough Road must be diverted to continue with the construction of Wendover Green Tunnel and to enable us to move excavated materials around the site without impact the road network. The diversion includes a temporary new bridge which will enable road users to pass over our site.

The newly diverted road will go around the back of the existing houses on Ellesborough Road and will include a temporary bridge which allows our site traffic to pass underneath.

Bacombe Lane is also being temporary realigned with new access from Ellesborough Road. The access is due to be opened currently in the Spring 2024. Once the new access has been opened, the original access point from South Street/London Road will be temporarily closed, there will be no through route.

As both realignments are temporary, they will be removed and the area landscaped towards the end of the project. Their original alignments will be reinstated with slight amendments to take the road over the Wendover Green Tunnel.

Will there be any more closures?

We are trying to condense closures as much as possible to reduce inconvenience, however we require the support of the utility companies as the asset owners. It is sometimes impractical to coordinate the utility companies to attend the site at the same time which is why there are different closures taking place for utility diversions.

There will be further road closures to complete the tie-in of Ellesborough Road and to allow us to tie in the Bacombe Lane diversion. We will also need to undertake surveys and maintenance of the temporary bridge periodically which may require temporary traffic management.

Further short duration road closures may also be required for the construction of the Green Tunnel, details of this will be communicated closer to the time.

Where can I find out more information?

You can find out more information from any of our community events, visiting the HS2 website or by contacting the HS2 helpdesk.

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.

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route. www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents'
Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep
to the promises we make in the Charter and to
keep it under constant review. Find reports at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltdresidents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing:

complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting: www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you're eligible for 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 our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

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

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