



# Update: Notice of piling works

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for Curzon Street Station are being carried out by a joint venture between Mace and Dragados (MDJV).

## West Coast main line retaining wall

In preparation for the construction of HS2's Curzon Street Station and the railway, we have been working with Network Rail to plan piling works. These works will support the retaining wall on the West Coast main railway lines.

**The dates for the works have been revised and are summarised in the column to the right.**

## What are we doing?

A piling rig with a rotary large drill will make several holes in the ground opposite the West Coast main line retaining wall. Steel cages will be placed inside these holes and filled with concrete. Due to the nature of the work, you may experience periods of noisy site activity.

Most of the work will be carried out during our core working hours Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. We have six piles to construct that are very close to Network Rail overhead equipment, for safety reasons, we cannot construct these piles when trains are in service.

In collaboration with Network Rail, we have planned to carry out these works over five weekends at night-time. Network Rail will suspend trains during these nighttime works to allow our workforce to operate safely.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

### Duration of works:

Start date:

Monday 26 February to  
Sunday 31 March 2024

### Core working hours:

Monday to Friday:  
8.00 am to 6.00 pm  
Saturdays:  
8.00 am to 1.00 pm

### Weekend dates (Night working):

02/03 March  
09/10 March  
16/17 March  
23/24 March  
30/31 March

### Night-time hours:

Saturday and Sunday:  
Midnight to 5.00 am

### What we will do:

Keep any disruption to a minimum

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Reference number:

**HS2-MW-MD-Ph1-Bir-Cur-St-N4-OTH-49-15/01/2024**

### When will these works take place?

Monday 26 February to Sunday 31 March 2024

Hours: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

Weekend night-time dates

Saturday 02 March to Sunday 03 March 2024

Saturday 09 March to Sunday 10 March 2024

Saturday 16 March to Sunday 17 March 2024

Saturday 23 March to Sunday 24 March 2024

Saturday 30 March to Sunday 31 March 2024

Hours: Midnight to 5.00 am on the Saturday and Sunday nights

### What to expect?

Machinery and people moving around site including at night on some weekends

The work is to construct a new retaining wall and access road. Existing services in the area have been relocated or are protected. We are building a piling platform so the piling rig can safely operate in the area. We will then excavate the ground in front of the retaining wall and install drainage before installing the piles.

### West Coast main line retaining wall

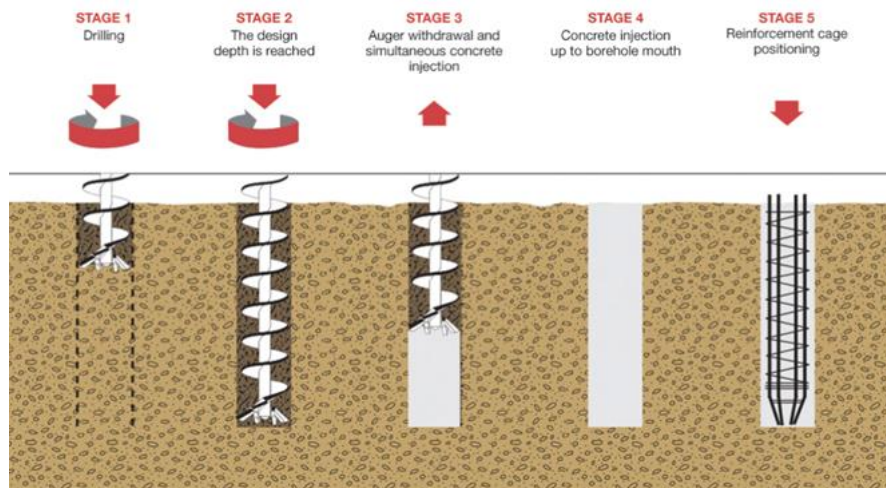


We will constantly monitor noise, dust and vibration levels to make sure they do not exceed the normal construction levels. We do not anticipate exceeding any of the allowed levels that have been approved, these take into account weekend and night-time levels.

## Retaining wall piling sequence of works

The drilling tool cuts and removes the soil from the hole, then concrete is poured into the hole to form the pile.

The crane will lift a steel cage and place it within the drilled hole. This is repeated along the retaining wall.



We recognise that construction work can be disruptive to those living or working nearby. This method of piling reduces levels of noise and vibration. The nature of our work often means some disturbance is unavoidable, but every effort is made to minimise any unnecessary disturbance. All noise, vibration, and dust levels are monitored to ensure we are aware of when mitigation levels are triggered.

# 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/)

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**HS2 Community Engagement**

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

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