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# HS2 Update

Boddington Area | Spring 2024

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.

If you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more.

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[www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/)

## Building the Banbury Road overbridge near Boddington

We have made good progress on the new bridge over the HS2 line near Boddington, called the Banbury Road overbridge, as well as a new section of road leading from the bridge to Wormleighton Road.

We will connect the new section of highway to the existing Wormleighton Road and once completed, all traffic will pass over the new bridge. To do this work, a 4-week road closure of Wormleighton Road will be required. To avoid any extended delays, the timing of this road closure needs to coincide with when Banbury Road overbridge is ready for traffic.

The approvals and sign-off process for the opening of the bridge and new highway is a very thorough process, and more time is required for this to be completed.

As soon as the dates are confirmed, we will provide a minimum of two weeks notice prior to the work starting, with road closure information boards placed on the road, and an 'Advance Work Notice' published on the HS2 website.



The bridge deck was made by pouring concrete from our batching plant at Chipping Warden, over a steel frame, creating a smooth surface for the final road covering.

## Upcoming road closures near Boddington, Wormleighton and Priors Hardwick

**The 4-week closure of Wormleighton Road will start when Banbury Road overbridge receives all the approvals required to open to traffic, expected in spring 2024:**

- In addition to the current Banbury Road closure, Wormleighton Road will be closed for 4 weeks.
- At the junction with Stoneton Lane (also known as Leisure Drive) vehicles will only be able to turn to and from the Boddington direction.



### From late spring 2024:

- Banbury Road and Wormleighton Road will be open with traffic passing over the new Banbury Road overbridge.
- Initially the bridge will open for single lane traffic, controlled by temporary traffic lights. Permanent bridge parapets will be installed later in 2024.
- Warwick Road will be closed for approximately 1 month.
- Stoneton Lane will be closed to excavate the cutting and build a new green overbridge for approximately 18-24 months.





## Stoneton Lane green overbridge



The bridge has a wide 'green' section of trees designed to support local wildlife.

The design of the Stoneton Lane green overbridge includes a wide 'green' section of tree planting and vegetation. This will encourage local wildlife, including protected bat species, to cross the railway line safely.

A section of Stoneton Lane will be closed until the bridge is completed. Access to Priors Hardwick will be via alternative routes through Upper Boddington, or via Priors Marsden and on towards Southam or Daventry.

The closure duration will be approximately 24 months and we anticipate this to start in mid April 2024, but this may change depending on when the nearby work on Wormleighton Road is completed. During the closure there will be no access to pedestrians, horse riders or cyclists as the road surface will be completely removed. We are liaising closely with emergency services to ensure their first responders are aware of the closure.

Before work can begin on the bridge, we will excavate the railway line cutting. Due to the geology in the area, there will be a settlement period called 'heave' to allow the earth to stabilise. We will then drill deep piles into the cutting to form the foundations of the bridge. This will be followed by installing the bridge vertical supports, called piers and the end sections, called abutments. Our site access road will be used to deliver the vast majority of construction material to the area, avoiding the need to travel through local villages with heavy goods vehicles.

## Claydon Road overbridge progress

Work started on a new bridge on Claydon Road, Lower Boddington in November 2022. This bridge will take traffic over the HS2 line, maintaining a road connection between the villages of Lower Boddington and Claydon. We recently installed heavy precast concrete beams to form the bridge span across the railway. These were delivered along our site access road from Chipping Warden, without the need to use local rural roads. During 2024 the bridge deck will be constructed, ready for installing the protective sidewalls, known as parapets, to the bridge.



Lowering the deck beams into place in January 2024

# 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](http://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-ltd-residents-commissioner](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at:  
[residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2)

## Holding us to account

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[www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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