

Lorry Movements in Buckinghamshire

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. We have committed to creating a low carbon railway that is designed, built and operated to the highest health, safety and security standards.

Who we are

Align is the main works contractor constructing both the three kilometre long Colne Valley Viaduct and the Chiltern Tunnel. EKFB is the main works contractor building the HS2 railway line from the North Portal at South Heath through to Southam in Warwickshire.



About this guide

This guide provides details on the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using the road network in Buckinghamshire. In parts of Buckinghamshire Align and EKFB share the same traffic routes, so this guide provides an overview of the combined traffic numbers for both contractors. HGVs will be tracked from a dedicated control centre and all deliveries must be pre-booked. Construction traffic at peak times is closely controlled to reduce the likelihood of adversely impacting commuting traffic.

Any Large Goods Vehicle visiting the sites identified on the plan must use the routes approved by the Local Planning Authority under the provisions of the HS2 Act and display an HS2 identifier. If you suspect a vehicle is not adhering to the designated route, please report it to hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk being sure to include the time, date, location of vehicle and, wherever possible, the vehicle registration. Please be aware however that where we are using local companies, they are permitted to use other roads to access our designated routes.

HS2 Safety and Environmental Standards

HS2 Ltd has set high standards for HGV safety measures that reflect industry best practice. These measures set the standards for aspects such as size and position of mirrors, audible warnings and vehicle signage. HGVs will be Euro 6 compliant, which means that the vehicles will meet low emission standards.

Did you know...

Fleet operators must be as a minimum Fleet Operation Recognition Scheme (FORS) Bronze and working towards Silver.

FORS is a voluntary quality scheme, which aims to raise the quality of fleet operations.



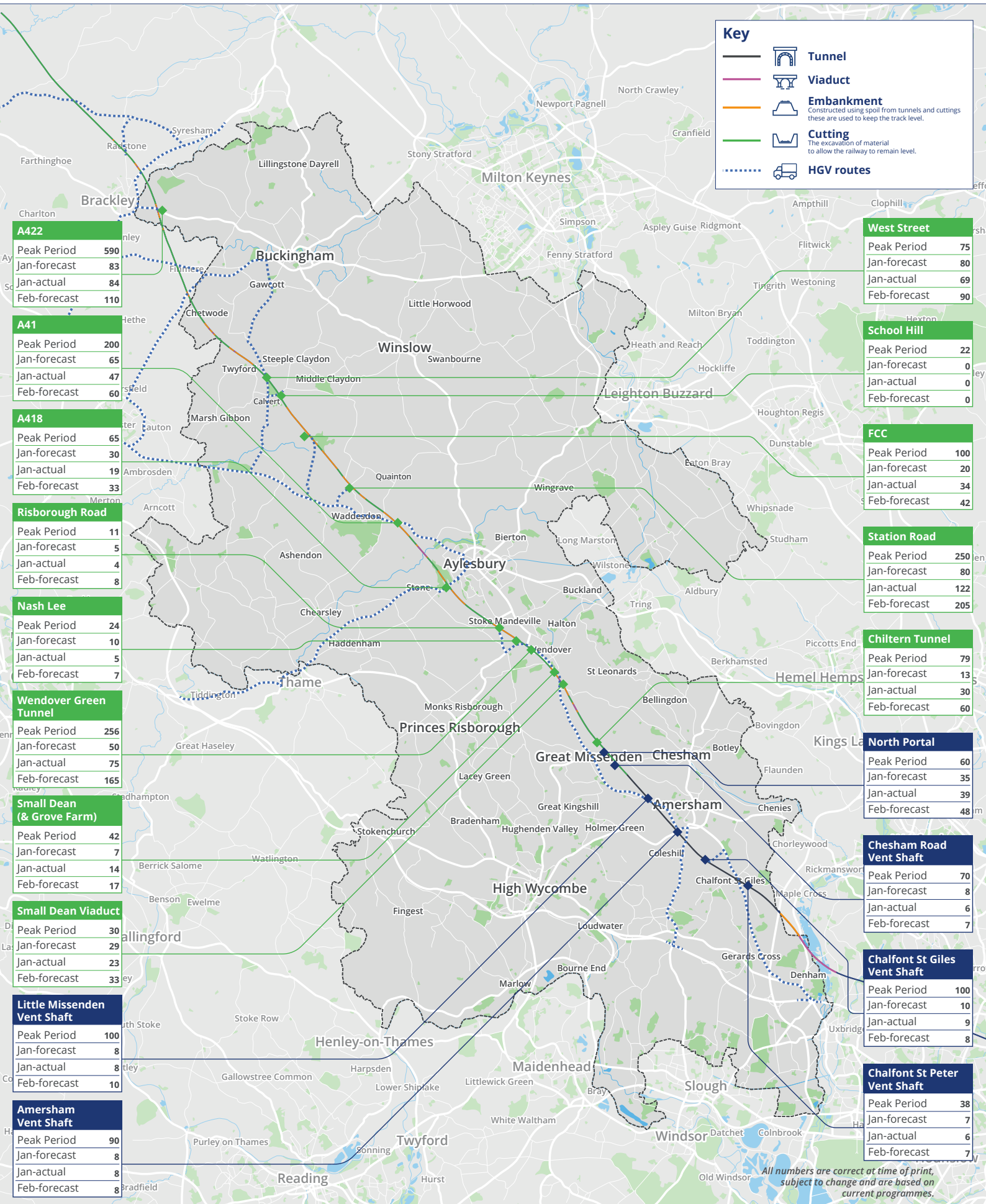
Driver training

Drivers regularly working on the HS2 project will undertake the HS2 Professional Driver Course, a bespoke course set up by HS2 with a strong emphasis on risks in rural areas to vulnerable road users.



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Coordinating work

Traffic meetings take place regularly and involve traffic specialists from HS2 Ltd, contractors, emergency services and highway authorities in order to coordinate traffic plans.

Local controls

There are multiple local controls and mitigation measures that both Align and EKFB are taking.

- HS2's enabling works contractor Fusion has carried out a number of junction improvement works.

To access the Chiltern Tunnel North Portal area, both Align and EKFB will use the newly constructed Site Access Road.

- This may be used by authorised and workforce vehicles. A separate internal Haul Road will be used throughout for the movement of site plant and equipment.

EKFB plans to divert the current Nash Lee Road onto a temporary bridge, underneath which EKFB will construct their Haul Road and Site Access Road. This will reduce the number of construction vehicles using the local road network.

- Align has constructed a temporary access road for the Chalfont St Peter shaft site which avoids HGVs going through the village.

Align has built a Construction Consolidation Centre (CCC) at their South Portal site. This one central hub manages all the deliveries out to Align sites, which cuts down the number of vehicle trips.

- Align has built dedicated slip roads on the M25 for our HGVs to go to and from the main site at the South Portal.

- Beaconsfield relief road has now opened and will provide a more suitable route for HS2 construction traffic.

- A Railhead near Quainton has been constructed to reduce the number of vehicles using the local road network.

EKFB have a dedicated junction and highway programme on Station Road South for our HGVs to go to and from Station Road Compound.

- A roundabout has been constructed to allow safe site access to the A41 Bicester Road Embankment Compound.

A Site Access Road and Haul Road have been constructed from Station Road to allow for internal movements without impacting the public highway.

- EKFB has a conveyor across the A413 to transport material across the road, reducing the number of HGVs using the local highway network.

Traffic volumes

The traffic numbers on the map are the forecast figures for the construction works over the next few weeks.

These figures are directly linked to our current programme of works but do reflect the 'worst case' scenario, and it is expected the actual vehicle flows will be lower than those identified.

Each figure relates to the number of HGVs visiting the site.

Traffic terms explained

Heavy Goods Vehicles, or **HGVs**, are vehicles that weigh over 3.5 tonnes.

Peak Period is the daily peak number of HGVs permitted to visit each site using the routes approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Predicted is the previous forecast from our figures last month.

Actual is the average number of HGVs recorded as having accessed the site over the past month. The average is calculated using the total number of vehicles having visited the site divided by the number of working days.

Forecast is the average number of vehicles we predict visiting that site during the month. The average is calculated using the predicted number of vehicles per month divided by the number of working days.

Useful links

one.network/uk – a national website that records any works on the highway

HS2 Act – <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill>

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

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