



# Vegetation clearance and UKPN Utility work

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

## Vegetation clearance and footway closure

From 26 February we will be carrying out vegetation clearance on a section of Wormwood Scrubs, adjacent to Old Oak Common Lane. This area is being cleared so that UK Power Network (UKPN) can carry out vital cable diversions required for the construction of Old Oak Common Station. The clearance will include the removal of one tree and some shrubs that obstruct the cable route. An ecological survey has been conducted, and an environmental officer will oversee the work to ensure environmental compliance.

The southbound footway on Old Oak Common Lane will be closed from Braybrook Street to the traffic lights opposite Walking on Wood for one day on the 26 February. This is to maintain safety while the tree is removed. Please see Map B on the next page. It is important to note that the right of way to Wormwood Scrubs will also be temporarily closed for the day (please see Map C on the next page). Access to Wormwood Scrubs will be provided via the entrance off Braybrook Street. Signage will be in place to ensure safe pedestrian access.

Once the vegetation has been removed, fencing will be erected at designated sites A and B for safety and security (please see Map B). Once the fencing is installed, pedestrian access on the footway and the public right of way to Wormwood Scrubs will be reopened. Fencing will remain between sites A and B for safety reasons and to maintain small foliage that may re-grow in the next few months.

From 27 February until 24 March, a southbound lane closure will be in place to allow UKPN to conduct trial hole surveys. These surveys will allow UKPN to assess the ground conditions so that cabling work can occur safely. UKPN have advised that they will operate temporary traffic lights in this area (See map D).

**If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434**

## Duration of works

Low-lying vegetation removal will occur from 26 February for eight days during regular construction hours. With one tree being removed on the 26 February.

## What to expect

Tools such as chainsaws and strimmers will be used to remove vegetation, with fencing being installed on sites A & B. In addition to a footway/right of way closure – with a temporary diversion in place on February 26.

## What we will do

An environmental advisor will be present during vegetation clearance to observe work. We'll maintain the security of sites once work is complete. We will also manage pedestrian/cycle access during footway / public right-of-way route closures.

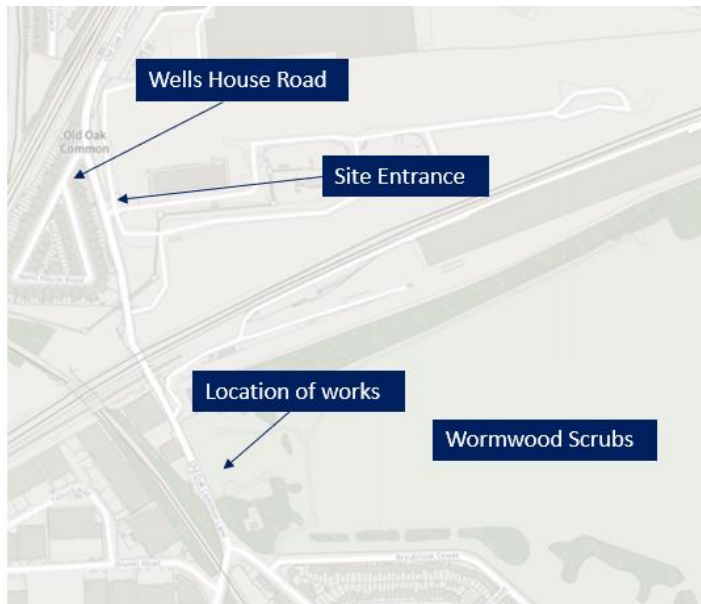
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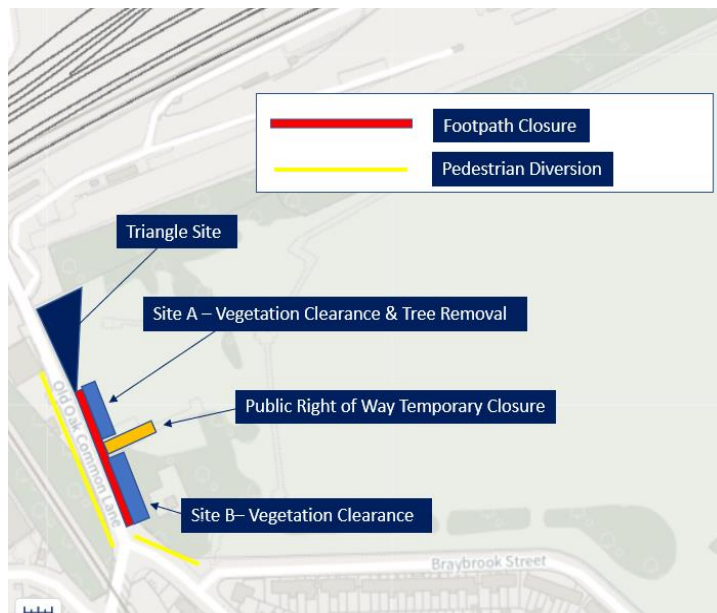


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Map A



Map B

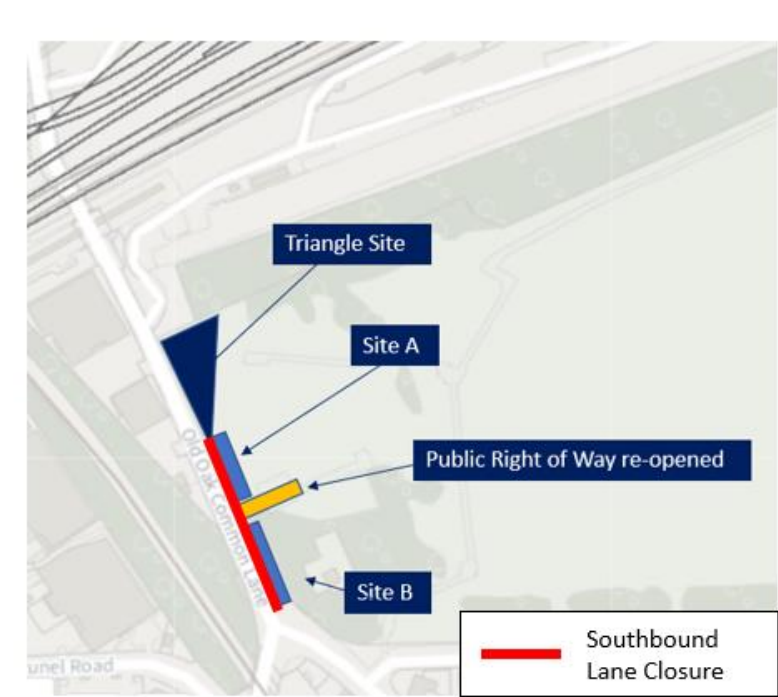


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Map C



Map D



# 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

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[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

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**HS2 Community Engagement**

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