



# Chiltern Tunnel: North Portal Construction Update

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This notification is to update you on upcoming works at our North Portal site in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire from June 2024, to construct the hoods of the tunnel, the ancillary building and complete the tunnel boring machine dismantling.

## Batching Plant

Works at our North Portal site are now progressing onto the next phase where we will be installing a temporary concrete batching plant in preparation for the upcoming concrete works detailed below. The batching plant construction will take place during the core hours of 8am to 6pm. Once installed, the batching plant is planned to be operational from August and will operate 24/7.

## Porous Portal Construction

We will begin works to prepare for the construction of the porous portals. The porous portals are two perforated concrete hoods, which cover the track to avoid sudden changes in air pressure reduce noise caused by trains entering and exiting the tunnels. These works are due to start early June 2024 with installation of the hood formwork and will progress to concrete pours, which must be completed continually once started to ensure strength and quality of the structure. These works are due to be completed November 2025 and will be conducted during extended working hours of 7am to 10pm, Monday to Saturday.

## Construction of ancillary building

Alongside the portals, there will also be a simple single-storey ancillary building to house mechanical and electrical equipment which will be clad in earth-coloured pigmented zinc being constructed, along with the base for the tracks to be laid when rail systems take over. These works will be starting in September 2024 and will take place during the core hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

**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

June 2024 to end of 2025 with varied working hours specific to each activity

### What to expect

- Site lighting may be visible during working hours
- Noise from plant and machinery may be heard
- Increased workforce on site

### What we will do

- Do all we can within best practicable means to minimise disruption
- Keep the public informed of any changes

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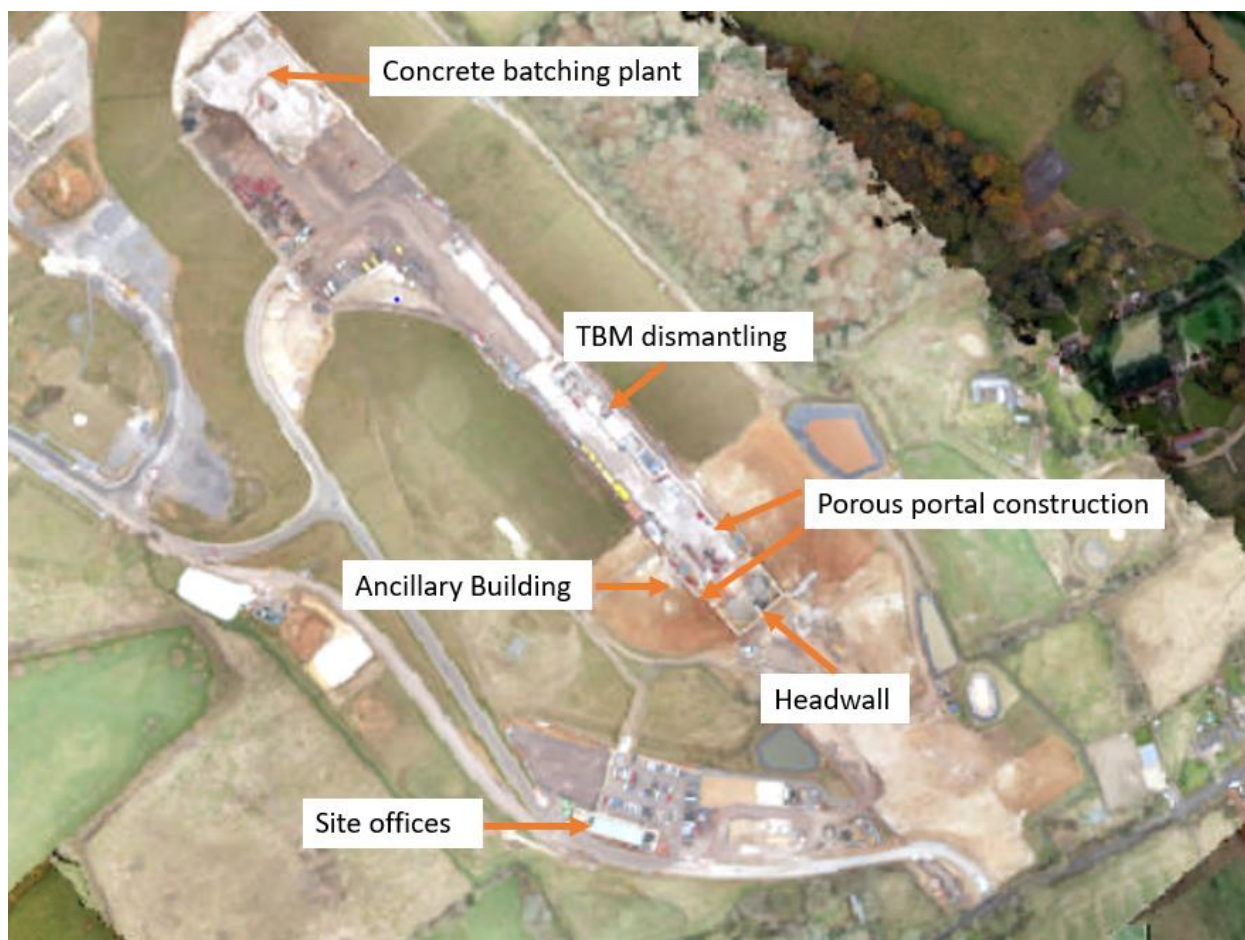
## Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) dismantling

These works have been ongoing 24/7 since February and are progressing well. Works will continue until both TBMs are dismantled and removed, which we anticipate being finished late summer 2024. The TBM dismantling works are complex and involve lifting and securing large loads. These activities must be performed continuously until completion and therefore will require longer hours to complete than would be afforded by normal.

## Noise Mitigation

Mitigation is in place for all these activities with noise monitors installed at several locations that provide accurate readings, informing us immediately if the works generate high levels of noise. Should this happen, an investigation will be undertaken by our noise and site teams to see how the works can be further controlled.

Please see map below for areas of each activity.



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

# What else is happening in your area?

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

## Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team

Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

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Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

## Keep up-to-date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

## About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



# 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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