



# Notice of vegetation clearance and above ground utility diversion

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. BBVS is the contractor working on behalf of HS2 to construct the Old Oak Common station.

## What are we doing

As we continue with the construction programme at Old Oak Common station site, we have a number of activities that will be taking place between now and November 2024.

To enable the construction of the new rail bridges into the future Old Oak Common Station, we need to divert an existing UKPN 132kV electrical mains cable which is located behind properties on the south side of Wells House Road.

There are three phases to this piece of work. The **first phase** will be to complete bat surveys and undertake vegetation removal and tree felling. The bat surveys are required ahead of planned tree felling on 9 June 2024. The tree felling requires a Network Rail possession due to the proximity of 25kV overhead lines which means there will be no trains running on the North London line on the 9 June.

Once the vegetation clearance has been completed, we will erect site hoarding behind properties on the south side of Wells House Road.

This will be followed by the **second phase** for the temporary diversion works. This involves the installation of concrete cable troughs and a temporary "cable bridge" over Old Oak Common Lane that will carry the cable for the diversion.

The **third phase** is the permanent diversion of the new cable which will be positioned along the south side of Wells House Road. This phase will happen in the summer to autumn of 2025, and we will tell you more nearer the time.

**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

Phase 1 : May 2024– June 2024

Phase 2: June – November 2024

## What to expect

Bat surveys

Vegetation clearance and tree felling

Temporary Diversion

Some noise from equipment used for the works

## What we will do

We will work hard to complete the works as quickly as possible to reduce disruption.

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## Phase one: bat survey and vegetation clearance

To enable the diversion works, vegetation clearance and tree felling is required. Prior to the planned tree felling, bat surveys are required. The surveys will be completed overnight by qualified ecologists in **throughout May & early June.**

Subject to results from the survey, the tree felling will commence from **1am Sunday 9 June until 3am Monday 10 June 2024.** The works are required to take place over night due to the isolation and possession of the North London Line. This area needs to be cleared as the UKPN 132kV cable route is unable to be moved around this group of trees. Please see enclosed map

The vegetation clearance does not require any bat surveys and will be carried out throughout **late May & early June.**

All appropriate guidance will be followed with ecologists on site during the work.

## Phase two: temporary cable diversion

Once the ground is cleared, we can begin temporarily diverting the cable into concrete troughs.

Installing the troughs and ducts will begin on **Wednesday 26 June 2024 until Thursday 25 July 2024.** The cable bridge will be installed at the same time that the conveyor bridge will be removed over the weekends of **13, 14 July and 20, 21 July 2024** as per information provided on the April 2024 Newsletter HS2-MW-BBVS-Ph1-OOC-St-S4-CR-28-24/02/2024

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## Continued phase two: temporary above ground cable diversion

Once the troughs and ducts are in place the cables will be pulled through their temporary route. This work will be completed between **Thursday 25 July 2024 and Thursday 22 August 2024.**

Once the cable pulling has been complete, the new cables will be turned on in phases from **25 July 2024 & 9 October 2024.** UKPN will advise if any disruptions to power is to happen, however, this is not expected. Once the energisation is complete, then the old cables will be removed.

## Location of vegetation clearance

Wells House Road (south) vegetation clearance – **late May & early June**

Wells House Road (west) vegetation and tree clearance – **1am Sunday 9 June until 3am Monday 10 June 2024**



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

# 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.

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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)

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The Construction Commissioner can be contacted on: [complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk](mailto:complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk)

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## Contact us

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