

Update on Old Oak Common Tunnel

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

Tunnelling at Victoria Road Crossover Box

In April 2024, we informed you that we had started work on the Old Oak Common (OOC) tunnel connecting the Victoria Road Crossover Box to the Old Oak Common station site on Old Oak Common Lane. We'll finish building this tunnel in late 2025* and **works will be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when required.**

The 360-metre long OOC tunnels will be 12 metres below ground (to the crown of the tunnel). The tunnel will be built using a sprayed concrete lining (SCL) method, involving rapidly spraying the excavated ground with concrete to stabilise it to form the permanent tunnel lining. Unlike bored tunnels, which are built using a tunnel boring machine, the SCL method allows variation in the tunnel shape and diameter of the tunnels, which are required in this location. The width of the tunnels varies as they approach Old Oak Common Station to allow for track separation as trains are changing tracks when travelling to and from the station.

How will this impact you?

Impact on properties depends on factors like proximity and the structure of the building. We will need to carry out investigative works to understand how to protect the properties nearest the tunnel construction. **From 27 August to 10 September 2024*** we will dig trial holes in the pavement to understand gas and water connections from the mains to individual properties above the tunnel. Some residents may notice increased noise and vibration from the SCL tunnelling works including associated plant and equipment during day and night shifts.

*All dates are subject to change

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

Notification



Duration of works

22 April 2024 to late 2025

Working Hours

Tunnelling and site support activities will be 24/7

What to expect

You may notice additional noise, vibration, and light from various activities on site. Some residents may experience low levels of noise and vibration.

What we will do

Provide updates to the community on <https://www.hs2.org.uk/i-n-your-area/>

Carry out engagement in various locations across the route

Upcoming Engagement

OOC Online Event Drop In – September 2024

Virtual Drop In – Every third Tuesday

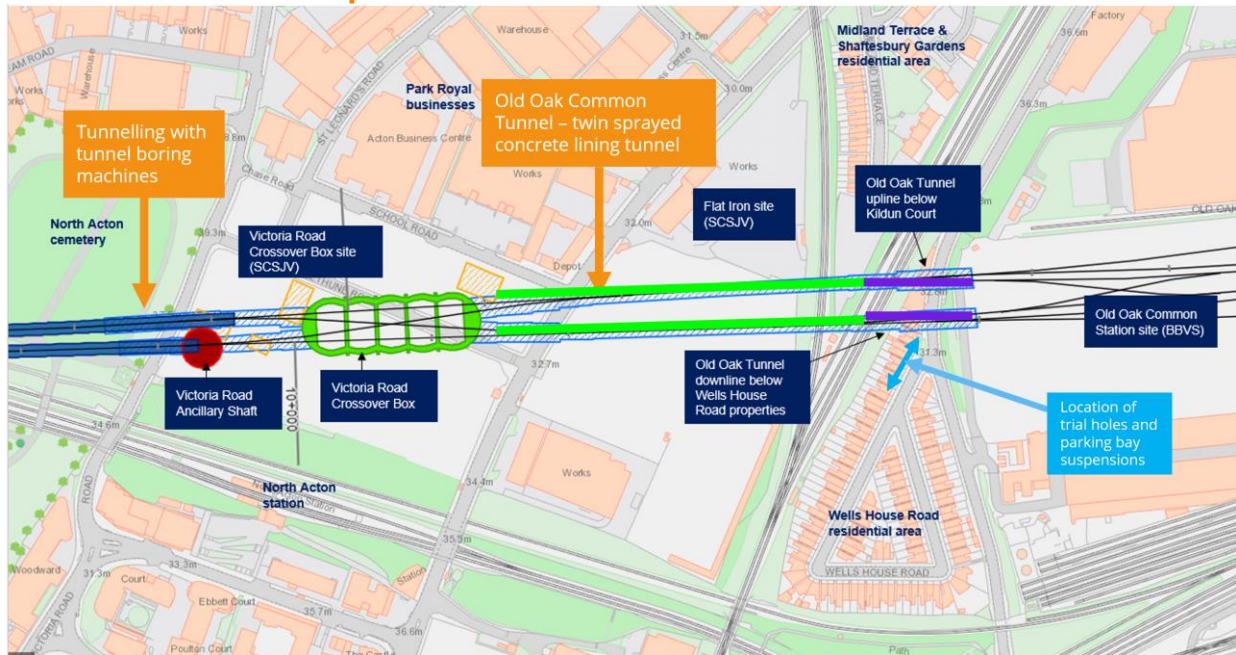
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Tunnel Construction Update



Tunnel construction up to Spring 2025

No earlier than Spring 2025

What we will do

To help minimise disruption during our works, we will carry out works that may cause greater noise and vibration during our core hours and ensure that best practice methods are used throughout.

We will also continue to monitor our working methods and train site teams to be mindful of the community during works.

Speak to your local engagement team

We understand that construction can be frustrating for residents near our sites. Your local engagement team are happy to speak with you in person or virtually about any questions or concerns you have about our works in your local area.

Information on upcoming events can be found here <https://www.hs2.org.uk/events/>

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

What else is happening in your area?

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**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

Email: 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.

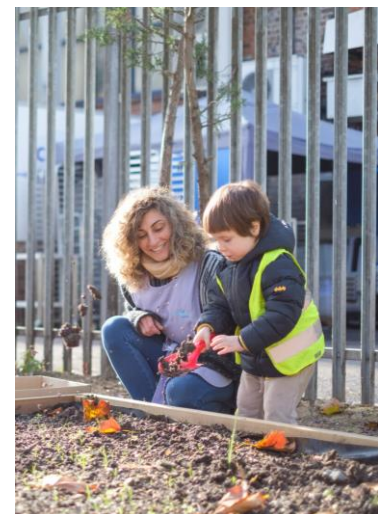
About our Community and Business Funds

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

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

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

Property and compensation

You can find out about HS2 and properties along the route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you can claim 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 the HS2 Helpdesk. For more details on our complaints process, please visit:

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/

Contact us

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 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

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