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HS2 Update

Euston Approaches | September 2024

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCSJV) is the main works contractor building the structures and foundations for the section of HS2 between London Zoo car park and Hampstead Road. This area is known as the Euston Approaches.

Overview of works in Euston Approaches

Following direction from the Government, HS2 works in the Euston Approaches have been re-phased. Major excavations to construct the Euston Approaches tunnels, concrete box and railway cutting have been paused until 2026, while other activities have continued. In April 2025, we will begin to remobilise ahead of tunnelling and major excavations beginning in 2026.



Current works include extending Granby Terrace bridge, works to the retaining wall adjacent to Cartmel House on the Regent's Park Estate, and utility works in support of Hampstead Road bridge and Granby Terrace bridge. We have also continued to work in the Euston Scissor Box and Cavern Shaft areas, including ongoing work to protect the Park Village East retaining wall.

From April 2025, we will start new activities including installing the new southern lorry lay-bys, and Cavern Shaft welfare and office building on Park Village East. We will also complete our utility works on and around Parkway. Within site, we will focus on preparing each area for tunnelling and major excavations, while continuing the works currently underway.



Construction update events

Tuesday 17 September

6pm – 7pm (online)

Thursday 19 September

1pm – 2pm (online)



Wednesday 25 September

5pm - 6pm (roof top guided tour)



Visit [HS2.org.uk/events](https://www.hs2.org.uk/events) to register or find out more

Approvals for works and our commitment to the community

The construction of the Euston tunnels and associated works to build them were approved as part of the HS2 Phase One Hybrid Bill process which concluded on 23 February 2017. The High-Speed Rail Act 2017 outlines the footprint within HS2's contractors have permission to work.

We do all we can to minimise impacts to the community, by selecting the quietest, safest, and most efficient construction methods available at the time. We keep local residents informed in advance about the works through various methods:

Workshops and site walks on key works	Pop ups	Community notices	Factsheets and FAQs
One-to-One meetings	Construction Update events	Newsletters	HS2 Helpdesk

We work closely with Camden Council to agree measures to minimise dust, noise, light, and vibration during our works. We are conscious of the impact of noise and light on neighbouring residents, particularly when we are working at night or outside our core hours. We will:

- Use the quietest possible equipment and machinery
- Use acoustic shelters where possible
- Constantly monitor noise levels and lighting

Though we always aim to reduce impacts as much as possible, we recognise working outside your home or business can be very disruptive and we apologise for this.

Ground movement

We will dig major excavations and tunnels to construct the Euston Approaches. These works can cause ground movement, which in turn can cause damage to the existing railway, bridges, and buildings.

A small number of buildings will need extra monitoring or protective works before we begin major excavations. We are in contact with the affected property owners.

Damage may be structural, such as large cracks or movement to foundations or underground utilities. Damage may also be cosmetic, such as doors or windows sticking, or cracks in plaster.

Repairs planned at the end of tunnelling

HS2 will repair, or pay to repair, any damage caused by HS2 works after tunnelling is complete. If damage is repaired while tunnelling is underway, the damage will reappear.

We expect a small number of properties very close to worksites will experience minor cosmetic damage. This can be unsightly but is not unsafe. We recognise that there is a significant impact to people affected by damage and will always take the time to discuss and consider your situation.

Camden Cutting

Ongoing tasks include track level work to build foundations for the concrete box, works to protect the Park Village East retaining wall and construction of the east capping beam, a reinforced concrete structure that will form part of the Scissor Box. These works will continue until summer 2025.

In 2022, we informed you we will install a 65m long lorry lay-by at the southern end of Park Village East. We are now considering using two shorter lay-bys instead, which would allow us to be more flexible with our deliveries, and ensure works are completed more efficiently. The design is still being developed and we will update you on details in the near future.

Cavern welfare and office building

In late 2025, we will install a three-storey welfare and office building for our tunnelling team. This building will sit on top of a gantry crane above our worksite at the northern end of Park Village East. The top of the gantry crane and the three-storey building will be seen above the Park Village East hoarding.

Due to limited space on site, we are unable to install the building at track level. The cabins for the building will be delivered via the lorry lay-by. We may require temporary road closures to facilitate this, and we will update you in advance. We will then assemble the building, including internal and external fixtures and fittings.

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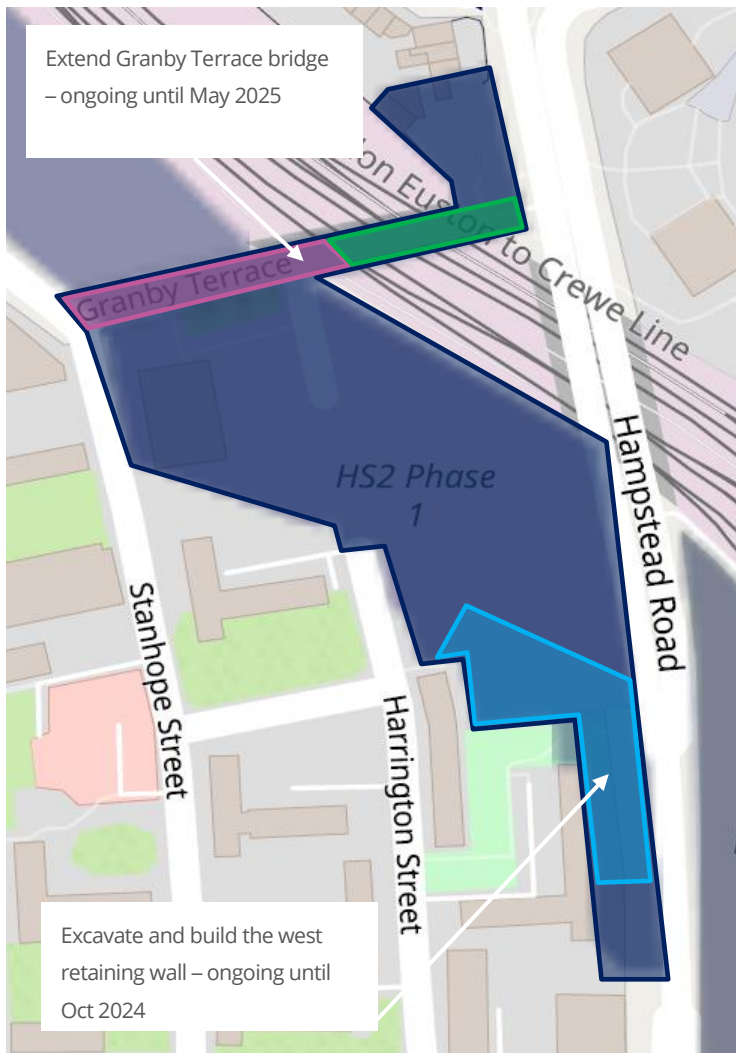
We require a welfare and office building as close as possible to the tunnel entrance to have close oversight of the works and accessible welfare for staff. The building will include office space, as well as changing, washing, and eating facilities for staff.

There will be staircases at the northern and southern ends of the building and a covered walkway around the railway facing side of the building. The building will be operational from 2026, and will be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Imagery to show the new Cavern welfare and office building and location

Euston Throat



Our focus in Euston Throat, the area from Granby Terrace bridge to Hampstead Road bridge, has been on constructing the west retaining wall in front of Regent's Park Estate and extending Granby Terrace bridge.

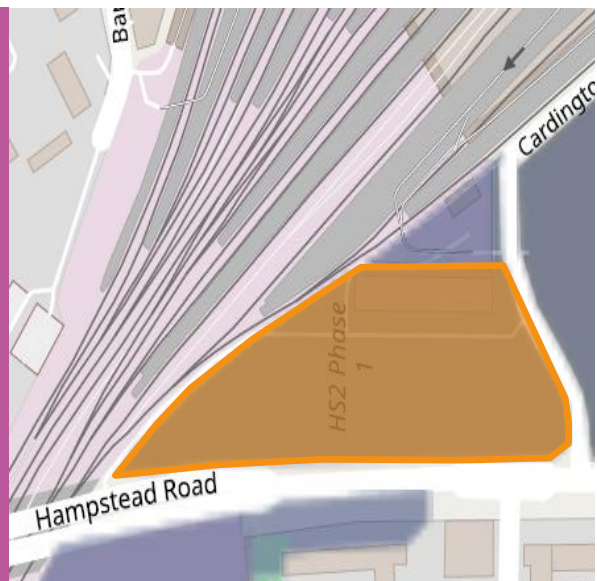
We plan to complete the retaining wall, which runs close to Cartmel House, in October 2024. Once we build the retaining wall, we will excavate and expand the railway cutting to make way for the new HS2 railway.

We are extending Granby Terrace bridge to pass over the new railway. The new bridge deck will be completed in November 2024. After this, we will construct the roof slab and other support structures. This will be ongoing until May 2025.

For safety, we have to complete some of this work at night or at weekends when the tracks are not in use. We will work occasional weekends until the end of the year to ensure this work is completed on time.

Zone 5

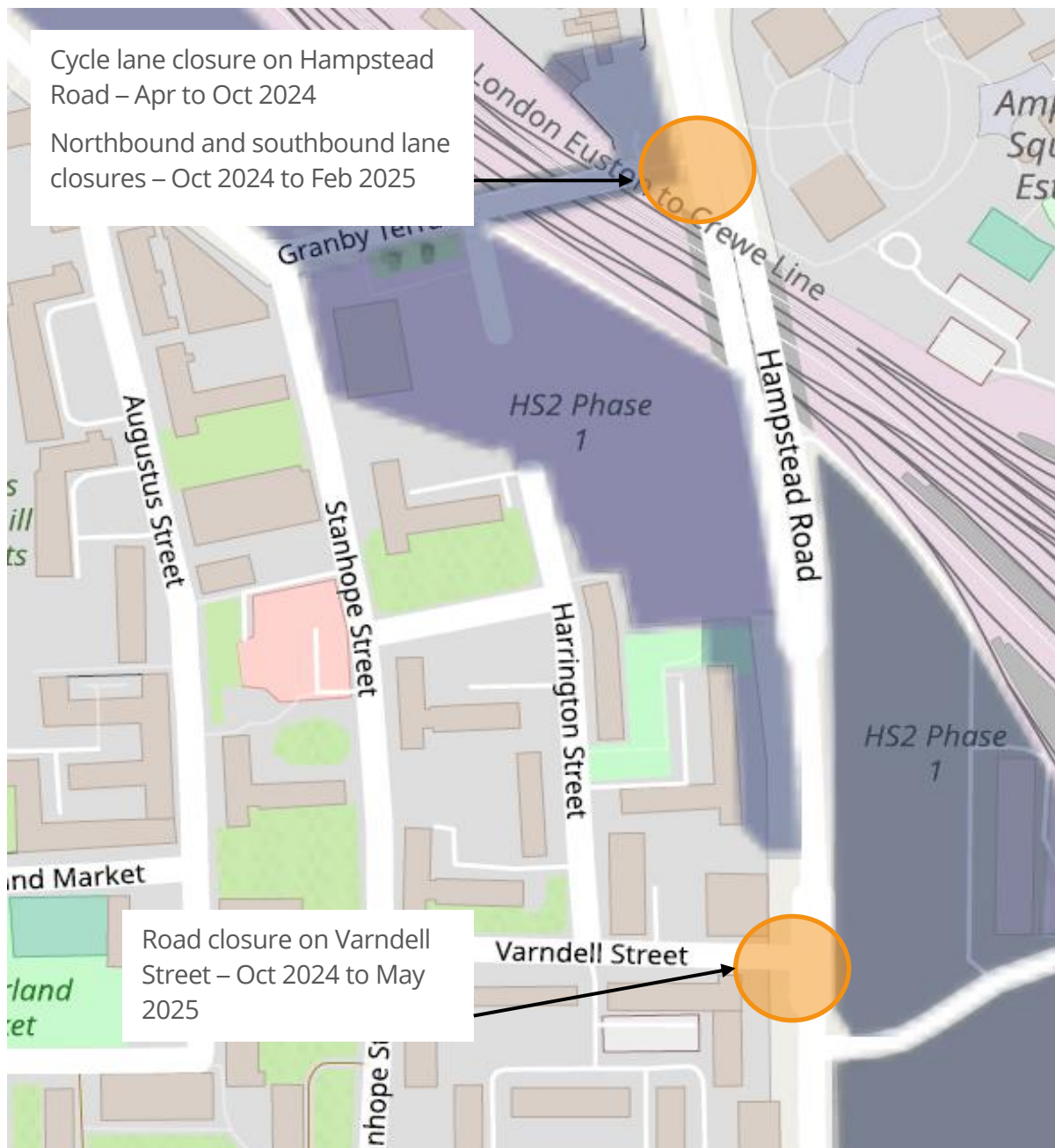
In April 2025 we will start enabling works in the area to the east of Hampstead Road, known as Zone 5. We will set up the site, including installing a site office and welfare, and a manhole connection. We will also remove a traffic island on Hampstead Road, before preparing the area for piling works for the extension of Hampstead Road bridge.



Utility works

Hampstead Road

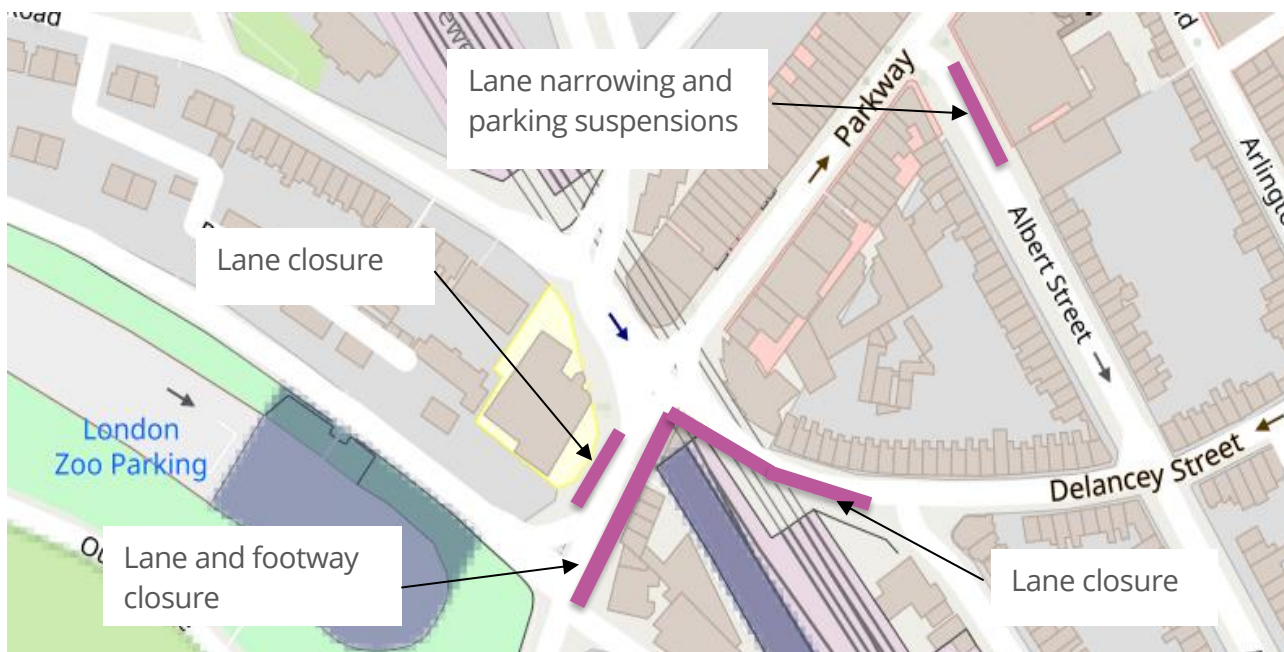
To prevent disruption to local utility services, we are moving utilities away from Hampstead Road before we begin works to extend the bridge. Once we have extended the bridge, we will put the utilities back on to Hampstead Road. There will be various forms of traffic management on and around Hampstead Road over the next year, including a road closure on Varndell Street from October 2024 to May 2025. More information about these works can be found [here](#).



Map to show the upcoming utility works on Hampstead Road

Parkway

We need to divert and protect the utilities beneath Parkway before we begin tunnelling in 2026. We do not need to close Parkway to complete these works but we do require lane and footpath closures, and parking bay suspensions. We will carry out this work in phases throughout 2025 to reduce the impact on the local community.



Amphill Estate




As part of the permanent utility diversion from Varndell Street to Lidlington Place, we need to install two new connections from Hampstead Road to the substations at the bottom of Gillfoot and Oxenholme. This is to maintain power supply to the buildings when the old route is removed. We will complete this work in September and October 2024.

We continue to coordinate traffic arrangements with other contractors in the area and do our best to maintain direct vehicle and pedestrian routes through the area where possible.

For updated coordination maps and roadworks slides please follow [this link](#).

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Community Investment

Throughout 2024, SCS have been volunteering and donating materials across various charities and organisations in Camden.



Donation of materials to London Zoo to make bug hotels – May 2024



Outdoor area works to improve playground at Regent's Park Children's Centre – May to Aug 2024

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/

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