

Update: Restart of Old Oak Common tunnel construction

HS2-SCS-26-2235

Location

Old Oak Common, Acton

Duration

From the 29 June 2026, tunnelling works ongoing until December 2026. Surface works on Old Oak Common station site: 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Below ground works 24/7.

What we are doing

We are continuing to build the Old Oak Common tunnel between our Victoria Road Crossover Box site and Old Oak Common station. The first phase of work will involve the breaking of the concrete support wall within the tunnel.

What to expect

During the various stages of tunneling work, properties nearby may experience increased noise and occasional vibration. We will monitor activities to minimise disruption wherever possible.

See table of works on page two.

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. Should you have any questions or concerns about our works you can contact us by:



Freephone **08081 434 434**



Minicom **08081 456 472**



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



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

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Additional information

We are building the Old Oak Common tunnel from our Victoria Road Crossover Box site towards Old Oak Common until December 2026. We wrote to you in June to let you know that the final phase of this tunnelling work would start from 24 June. Due to third party activities in the area, we were unable to start works on the 24 June. **We now expect these works to start from 29 June.**

The tunnel will pass underneath Old Oak Common Lane, before connecting to the Old Oak Common station site. We are using the sprayed concrete lining (SCL) method – a narrow tunnel is first dug out and then enlarged to create the final tunnel, which needs concrete lining and waterproofing before it is complete.

We will work seven days a week, with the noisier works taking place during core hours (see table below). We will set up a site to support our tunnelling operations within the Old Oak Common station site. We will also need to deliver large equipment to this site outside of core working hours.

We will keep residents regularly informed of when to expect the noisier works as they progress from now till December.

We are sorry for any inconvenience these works may cause.

If you have further questions about HS2 or our works, please contact us on the helpline number or email us at HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

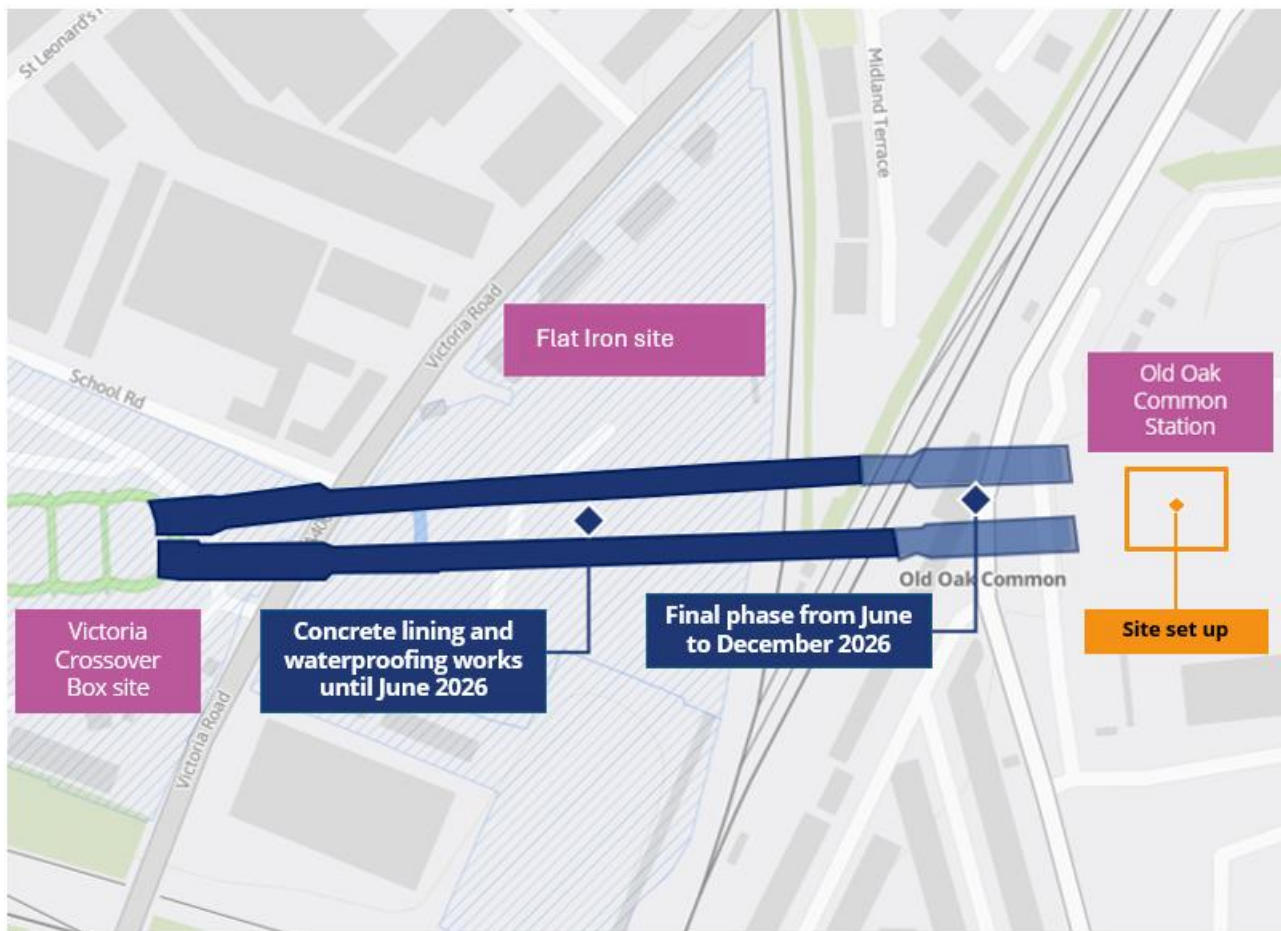
Tunnelling work June to December 2026

Dates in 2026*	Impactful works during core working hours only	Impactful activity
W/C 29 June (3 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Headwall pilot tunnel break out
W/C 27 July (3 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Down line tunnel enlargement break out
W/C 10 August (3 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Up line tunnel enlargement break out,
W/C 21 September (17 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Down line tunnel invert demolition, breaking activity will be intermittent during this period
W/C 28 September (3 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Down line breakthrough to Old Oak Common station, breaking activity will be intermittent during this period
W/C 12 October (18 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Up line tunnel invert demolition, breaking activity will be intermittent during this period
W/C 02 November (3 days)	Monday to Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm	Up line breakthrough to Old Oak Common station, breaking activity will be intermittent during this period

Dates are subject to change

Old Oak Common tunnel

Please see map showing the works at this location



Old Oak Common tunnel virtual drop-ins

If you would like to speak to us about these works or other tunneling activities, we hold a virtual tunneling drop-in on the third Tuesday of the month. Details of these events can be found here - [Virtual Drop-ins: HS2 & SCSJV Tunnelling Works - HS2](#)

For more information and to sign up to events please visit: www.hs2.org.uk/events
To learn more about the Old Oak Common tunnel, you can see our FAQ [here](#) or visit 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 following [this link](#).

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>

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We have an independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner who helps settle disputes and monitors the way in which we manage and respond to complaints about construction.

For more information visit: **www.hs2.org.uk/independent-commissioner**