

HS2 Euston station newsletter

Construction Update | Winter 2024

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Mace Dragados is the construction partner building the new HS2 station in Euston.

A message from the HS2 Euston Project Team

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2024 where we will provide an overview of completed and upcoming utility works and important milestones.

Specifically, this newsletter will detail:

- **Traction Substation** – including milestones and activities required to bring the new asset into use
- **Completed utility works and project milestones** – Including works on Hampstead Road
- **Planned and ongoing utility works** – Including works taking place on Drummond Street
- **Community Engagement** –and detailing volunteering, work experience and other contributions working with the local community.
- **Meanwhiles uses** – an update on meanwhile uses on MDjv sites.
- **Keeping you engaged** – details how to keep in touch with project progress.

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Traction Substation



Work is progressing well, and we are beginning to complete key systems such as Mechanical Equipment Plumbing (MEP) installations throughout the new structure. We have also completed the external trench for earthing, and priming and painting of the structure was completed this summer.

The substation will become operational from summer 2025 when it will be used to power the Northern Line. The permanent façade will be installed at a later stage.

Ongoing Works

Upcoming and ongoing works include:

- Earthing cable excavation and installation around the box perimeter (external).
- Installation of fire detection devices ongoing (internal).
- Installation of louvred panels (windows) to external north façade (external).
- CCTV installation and cable pulling (internal and external) and;
- Removal of acoustic shed.

We will continue to provide further updates on the progress of bringing the substation into use.

Completed works and project milestones

Melton Street Footpath

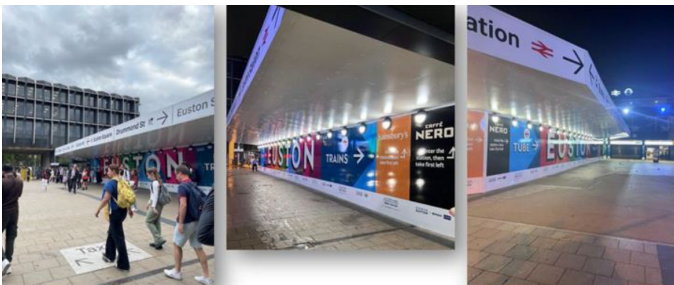


Image of completed works

In September we completed remedial works on Melton Street footpath to fix uneven paving slabs making it easier and safer for all pedestrians to navigate to and from Euston Station.

Euston Station Piazza Canopy

In August MDjv completed the new canopy across Euston Station Piazza. The work was undertaken at night to reduce disruption to station users. The new canopy provides a covered route from the main station entrance to Euston Bus station, to help to improve journeys for passengers during wet weather.



Images showing completed station piazza canopy

Behind Our Hoardings

Works continue to take place behind our hoardings which you may not be aware of. Some of the works including the new Thames Water main connection between Melton Street and Cardington Street.

Melton Street and Cobourg Street

We commenced work on the commissioning of a water main cross connection on Melton Street. These works are due to be completed in January 2025. The works that have taken place behind our hoardings on Cobourg Street are directly related to works to get the Traction substation ready for opening next summer.

Completed utility works

Throughout 2024, we have completed the following phases of works:

UKPN ducting works

UKPN have completed their ducting works along North Gower Street, Cobourg Street, and Starcross Street. These works will help to enable the new electricity substations being installed.



Photos of duct installation on Cobourg Street

Thames Water main Connection

Thames water main commissioning – commissioning of the new water main via Cumberland Market, Hampstead Road and Melton Street will be completed in early 2025.



Image showing watermain

Cobourg Street

Various utility diversions, including micro-tunnelling have taken place on Cobourg Street in 2024. Some of the works completed this year includes London Underground ducts to facilitate the new Traction Substation coming into use. To enable ongoing works that the road remains closed to vehicles.

Planned and Ongoing Utility Works

Drummond Street gas works

In 2025 the gas main along Drummond Street will be replaced using a cut and insert technique instead of using the traditional open trench method.

This will reduce the impact to businesses, residents and the community, halving the duration of works.



Indication of site set up on Drummond Street

An engagement session was held on Saturday 7 December 2024 on Drummond Street to further explain the works to residents and businesses.

A works notification letter will be sent to properties once the start date of works has been confirmed.

Substation (Starcross Street – behind the hoarding)

From January 2025, UKPN will begin installing a new electricity substation behind the hoarding on Starcross Street. These works will take approximately 11 months to complete.

Maria Fidelis Old School (MFOS)

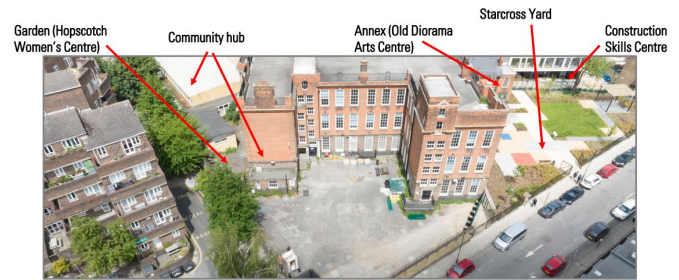
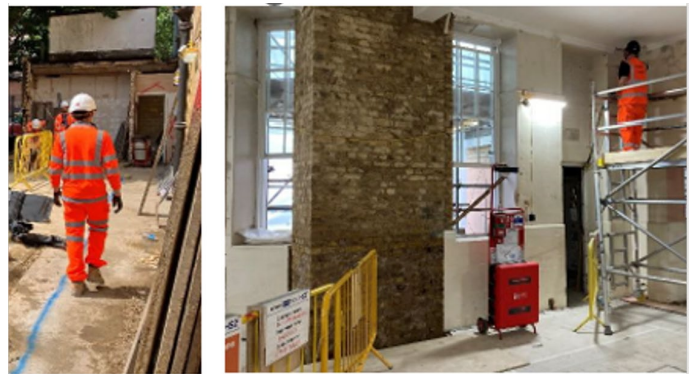


Image showing MFOS landscape

Part of the MFOS site will open in the spring as a new community hub. You can read more about the community initiatives being delivered within this site further in this newsletter under meanwhile uses.

This year, we have completed the replacement of the windows, continuing with installing and upgrading mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems throughout the old school building. We are also continuing with the installation of pipework, ductwork and piping.



Images showing progress of works

You can find out more about the Maria Fidelis Gardens and Annex in the Meanwhile Uses section of this newsletter.

Community Engagement

Throughout 2024 MDjv have carried out several volunteer days and have contributed to community initiatives as detailed below.

Pay it forward

The stand is **situated at Euston Station Piazza**, and it allows anyone in need to take an item to help keep them warm. This is a joint initiative **between MDjv and Network Rail**.

If you can donate, we are asking for the following items (Please make sure the items are in good condition and clean):

- Warm coats
- Waterproof coats
- Warm jumpers/cardigans
- Hoodies
- Scarfs
- Gloves



Image of pay it forward stand

Furniture Donation

MDjv donated over 2,000 items of furniture to organisations, charities, schools and small businesses in the local area. The donations were due to MDjv staff moving from various site offices into the new Maria Fidelis Old school accommodation.



Images of some of the donated furniture

Work Experience

For two weeks in July 2024, MDjv hosted 15 students from across schools in London. The students were on site and wanted insight into the construction industry.



Image showing work experience students

Volunteering Days

MDjv has carried out several volunteering days ranging from installing new taps to clearing leaves and litter picking.



Images from volunteering days

Meanwhile Uses

In 2024 four meanwhile use spaces were activated throughout Euston.

Euston Square Gardens West

In September 2024 Euston Square Gardens West (former taxi rank) meanwhile use space was opened.

Thank you to all who helped shape this green space within the heart of Euston.



Image of Euston Square Gardens West

Maria Fidelis Gardens

Since May 2024 the former Maria Fidelis School Outside Space has been managed by Hopscotch, a local a charity which supports women to feel empowered, connected, well and safe.

The space is occupied by growing beds where users can learn how to grow vegetables, fruits, small flowers and plants, and will also be used as a wellbeing tool. If you would like to contribute to this space, please contact info@hopscotchuk.org.



Image of Maria Fidelis Gardens

Maria Fidelis Annex

Since April 2024 the Old Diorama Arts Centre (ODAC) have been using the annex building within the Maria Fidelis Old School for their Neighbourhood Makeshop – a flexible space hands on community and artistic making ODAC are delivering this in partnership with Camden's People Theatre and is supported by Community Champions Regent Park, and Hopscotch.

For more information please visit www.olddiorama.com.



Image of Annex building in Maria Fidelis Old School

NTH Gardens Expansion

We have been working with ten young people to design a play structure to be installed in the expanded NTH Gardens, working after school on a weekly basis to develop and expand on their ideas into the final structure. The young people, who are all part of Fitzrovia Youth in Action (FYA) and worked with Matt + Fiona to design the structure also built, sanded, and painted all elements during August 2024, and an additional eight young people also joined the build.



Concept image of expanded gardens and images of build week

The expansion of the gardens will be completed and opened in December 2024 and the gardens will be open from dusk to dawn on a daily basis.

Keeping You Engaged

We will keep in contact with you regarding works and engagement opportunities taking place in the area via the following methods.

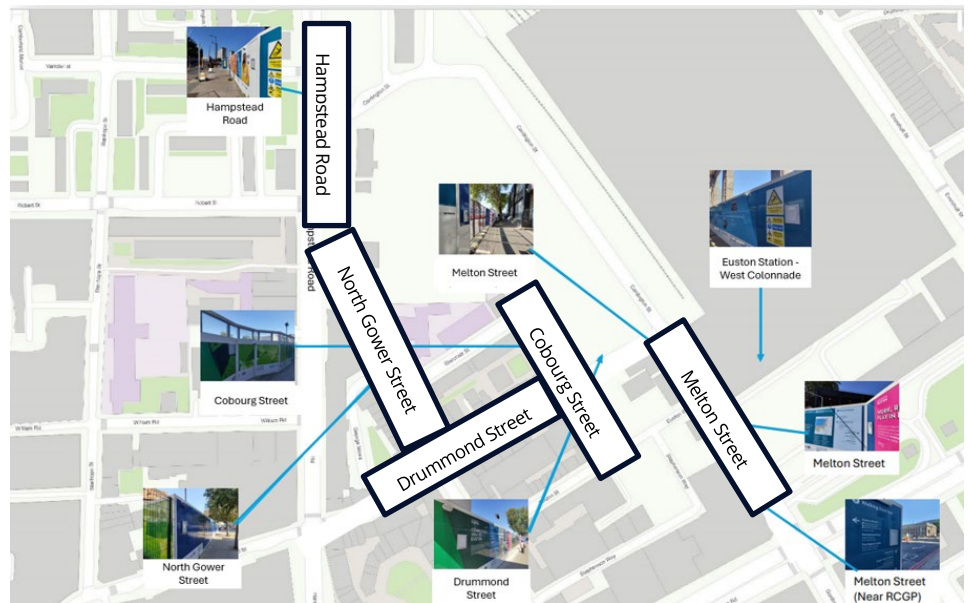
Advanced Notification Letters (ANLs) and Newsletters

MDjv will inform you of works in the area which may impact you with at least two weeks' notice. Current and past ANLs and newsletters can be viewed on the HS2 website: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/in-your-area-map/search-current-works/>

Community Notices

MDjv will put our latest and most relevant ANL in our hoardings so members of the community and the public are informed.

ANLs can be found on hoardings along Euston Station (West Collanade), Drummond Street, Hampstead Road, Cobourg Street, and North Gower Street.



Virtual 121s

This year, over twenty-five people signed up for a slot on one of our monthly virtual 121 sessions. These sessions are continuing in 2025, and you can book your space here: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/events/hs2-mdjv-virtual-drop-ins-euston-station-works>

In person drop in events

Throughout the year, we will hold in person drop in events within the local area to share updates on our works and community initiatives. We will give you at least two weeks notice for these sessions which can take place in the daytime, in the early evenings, or at weekends.

Stakeholder meetings

Continuation of meetings with our stakeholders via existing forums.

HS2 helpdesk

HS2's helpdesk is available all day every day. Contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

HS2 website

You can find out more about HS2 by visiting their dedicated website: www.hs2.org.uk

Future Endeavours

If you have suggestions about future volunteering days or you would like more information about getting involved in community projects, please contact: enquiries@macedragados.com.

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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