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# HS2 Update

Euston Approaches | March 2025

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. The Euston Approaches, being built by Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCSJV), is the section of the HS2 railway located in the London Borough of Camden between Parkway and Hampstead Road.

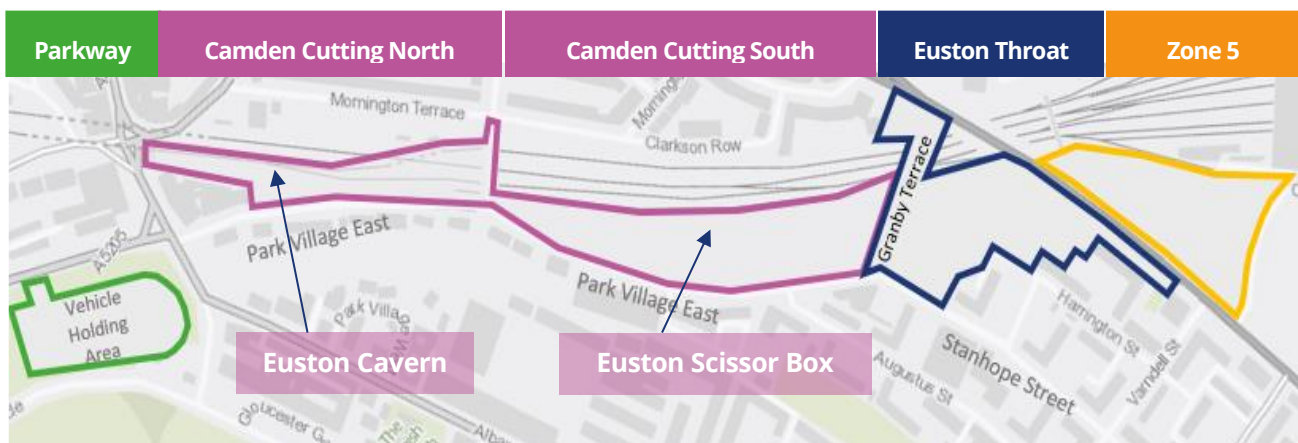


## Overview of works in Euston Approaches

In the Euston Approaches we will continue with utilities diversions, works on Granby Terrace Bridge, Hampstead Road Bridge and some tunnelling enabling works. We will also continue to monitor properties and carry out protective works. HS2 are rescheduling works in the Euston Cavern and Euston Scissor Box areas to ensure they are delivered at the lowest reasonable cost. We will keep you informed about our works programme.

At Old Oak Common, we are continuing preparations for the Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs), which will be used to construct the Euston tunnel. The TBMs are expected to begin their journeys within the next 12 months and will take around 18 months to reach the end of their drive length at Euston.

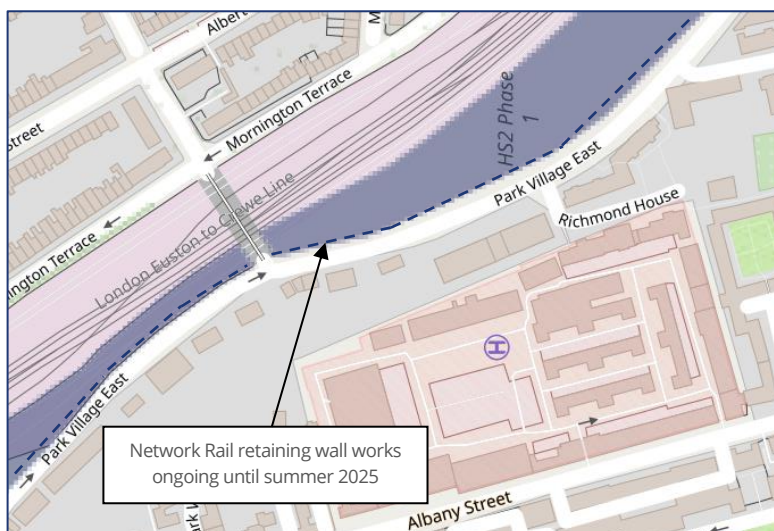
In this newsletter, we will cover works we will progress in 2025 in the areas shown on the map below.



# Camden Cutting North and Camden Cutting South

In the Euston Cavern, works are ongoing to reinforce and protect the Network Rail retaining wall. These works will continue until summer 2025.

We are rescheduling works in both the Euston Cavern and Euston Scissor Cut areas. We will continue to keep you informed about our works in this area.



## Mornington Street bridge

We reopened Mornington Street bridge to vehicles on 8 January 2024. We have put a 3-tonne weight limit in place which we are managing with width restriction barriers at both end of the bridge.

For safety reasons, Network Rail and SCS will continue to monitor the bridge whilst work continues beneath it.

Please note the bridge will be closed throughout the duration of tunnelling works and we will update you in advance. These are expected to take 5 years to complete.

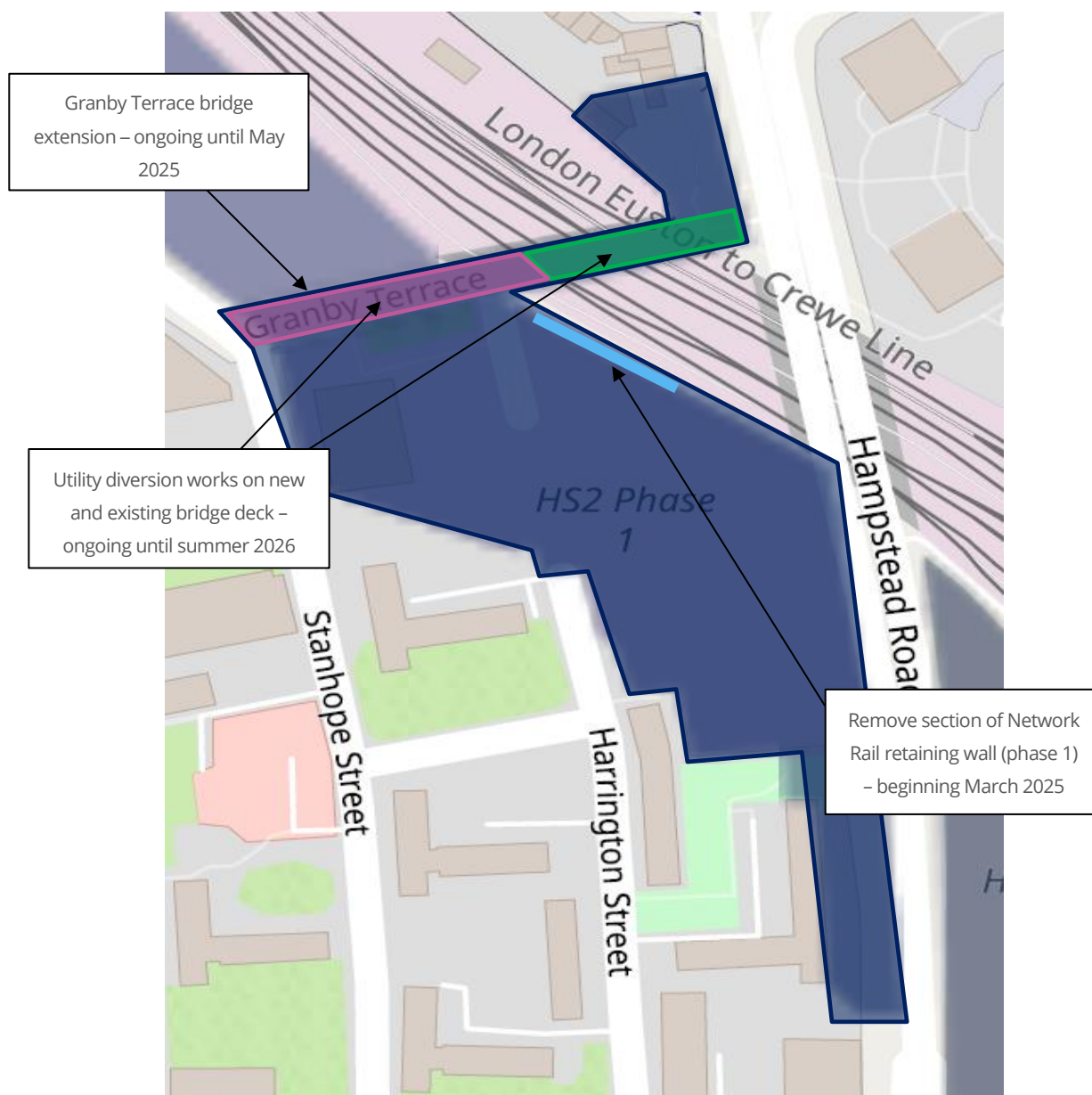
We continue to coordinate traffic arrangements with other contractors in the area and do our best to maintain direct vehicle and pedestrian routes through the area where possible.

**For updated works information in Euston Approaches, coordination maps, roadworks slides and FAQ's please follow [this link](#).**

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# Euston Throat



In March 2025, we will begin phase 1 works to remove a section of the Network Rail retaining wall. Due to the proximity of the wall to the live railway, and the associated risk of debris falling on the tracks, we will install scaffolding to allow us to complete this safely during our core hours.

We will work over the Easter weekend, while the tracks are not in use, to put up the scaffold. We will then work overnight on Saturdays as required to reduce the height of the scaffold, as we lower the wall. We have chosen the quietest methods possible for this work to reduce impact to neighbours. We expect phase 1 to be complete by autumn 2025 and will update you on the next phases in due course.

We are also continuing our work to construct the new bridge deck for Granby Terrace. We completed the concrete pour for the main bridge deck in November 2024 and are now constructing the northern roof slab and other supporting structures. This will be ongoing until June 2025, following which our utility team will take over to continue redirecting the utilities off Hampstead Road. We will continue to work overnight on weekends as required to complete this work.

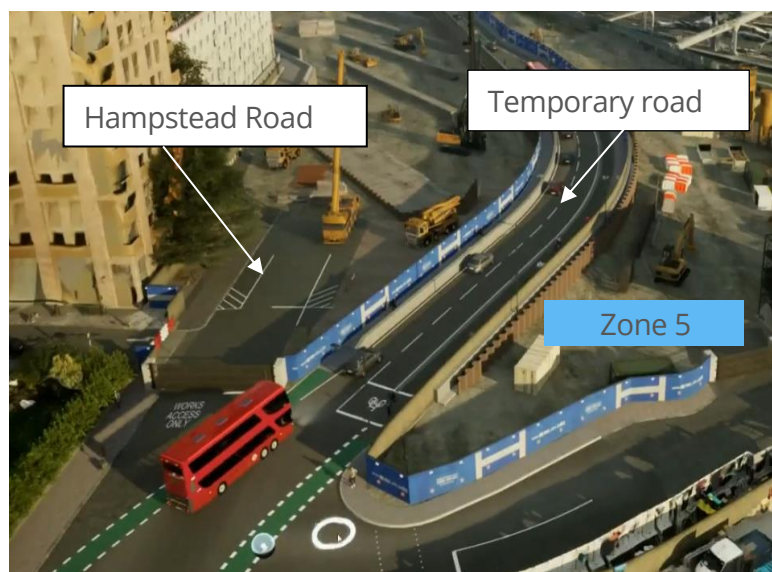
We will always notify the community ahead of any weekend or overnight working and we continue to utilise best practice methods to minimise impact to neighbours.



## Hampstead Road bridge

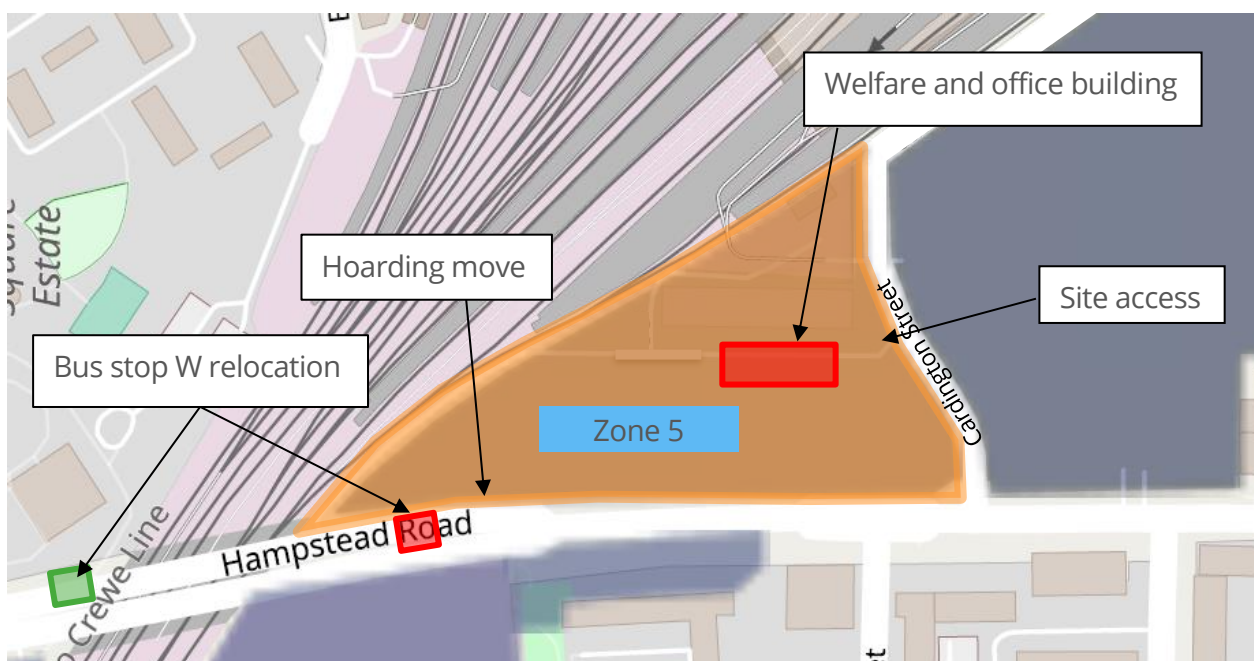
We need to extend Hampstead Road bridge to pass over the newly excavated and extended railway cutting. To allow us to complete this work, we will build a temporary road to the east of Hampstead Road, over the area known as Zone 5. The temporary road will be in place for approximately two years.

During the construction of the temporary road and the extension of the bridge, we will need to fully close Hampstead Road on three occasions, with each closure lasting approximately four weeks. We will engage with businesses, local residents and the wider community well in advance of these closures.



### Zone 5 preparatory works

In 2025 we need to install piles throughout Zone 5, to support the temporary road. Ahead of this, we will set up the site, including installing our site office and welfare building with connections to mains power. We will also prepare the area for piling by removing a section of the polymer plant, compacting the area and moving out our hoarding on Hampstead Road. To facilitate this hoarding move, we need to relocate bus stop W on Hampstead Road approximately 80m north, closer to Amphill Estate.

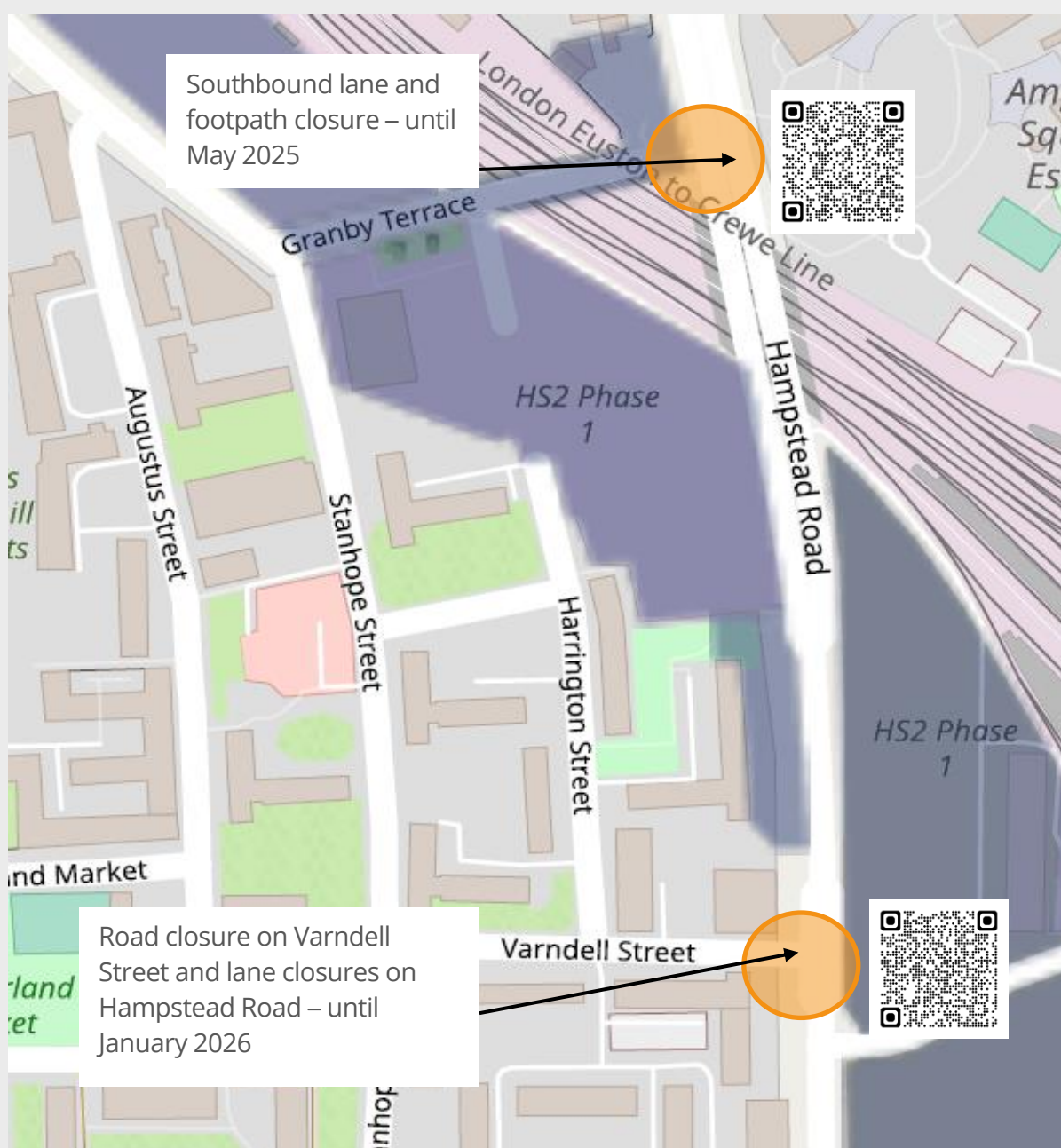


## Utility works

### Hampstead Road

To prevent disruption to local utility services, we are moving utilities away from Hampstead Road ahead of the Hampstead Road bridge extension works. Once these extension works are complete, we will return the utilities back on to the newly extended bridge.

These works involve various forms of traffic management on and around Hampstead Road at present, including a southbound lane and footpath closure near Ampthill Estate until May 2025, lane closures on Hampstead Road and a road closure on Varndell Street until approximately January 2026. Up to date information about these works can be found [here](#) or using the QR codes below.



Map showing upcoming utility works on Hampstead Road



## Engagement and community investment

Towards the end of 2024 and into early 2025, the SCS team have held engagement events with multiple groups in Camden such as the local Bengali community and elderly resident groups. We also continue to support charities and local organisations with social value.



(Left to right) Construction update events in September 2024, local Bengali group and Third Age Project elderly construction update events in October 2024

Flannery plant hire at  
Coram's Fields to  
support new play tower



Christmas lunch, quiz and  
engagement at Third Age Project,  
supported by Bon Appetit


Volunteering at  
Fitzrovia Youth in  
Action alongside The  
Euston Partnership and  
Groundwork



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