

# Railway improvement work in your area

## Electrification of the Poplars line & HS2 enabling work

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Dear neighbour,

### Work in your area

#### What's happening?

We're upgrading the railway in your area to support the construction of High Speed Two (HS2) — Britain's new high-speed railway. In this letter, you will find details of where we will be working over the next few months, including our Christmas work between 24-27 December. While most of our work will be similar to that we have been delivering over the past year, there will be 3 to 4 early mornings in late November / early December where we will be using noisy piling equipment at night (which we have not previously needed to do).

#### Work to connect the Great Western Main Line with a new Old Oak Common station

Network Rail is working in partnership with HS2 to prepare the existing railway for the construction of HS2. This involves realigning sections of track, overhead wires, signalling and other vital rail systems to connect the Great Western Main Line railway to a new station being built by HS2 at Old Oak Common. Our work to prepare and move parts of the railway for HS2 will continue over several years.

#### Work to electrify a section of railway between Acton Main Line station and Old Oak Common Lane

We're now in the last few months of construction, focusing on completing the installation of new overhead wires. We're hoping to finish construction by the end of this year, and to bring the scheme into operation in Spring 2026. This will enable electric trains to be diverted during planned closures of the Great Western Main Line railway to support the construction of HS2. This is also to help reduce disruption for passengers and will provide a long-term benefit to allow greener and cleaner electric trains to run on this section of the rail network. Because this route is used by a lot of freight trains, we need to do this work during weekends at night to minimise disruption to the railway.

#### When and where are we working?

On the other side of this letter is a map along with dates and times of what we are doing. The nature of our work means we will regularly move up and down the railway which means we will not be working next to individual properties constantly. Because of the nature of the work we will need to use lighting and floodlights during our nighttime working.

#### Electrification: What do we mean by piling, masts and overhead wires?

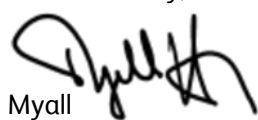
Our website has really good information on what we do and what it involves, Scan the QR code or visit the site via <https://bit.ly/rail-electrification>

We're sorry if our work disturbs you. It may be noisy at times, and we may occasionally use bright light, but we will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

If you have any queries about the work, please telephone our 24-hour national helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email [NRHS2@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:NRHS2@networkrail.co.uk). Please use the reference at the start of this letter.

If you have any questions about the HS2 project or HS2 construction work, please contact the HS2 helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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| Where & When                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| What's happening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Who is working                             | Dates & times of our work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Installation of overhead line structures &amp; new electrification wires.</b><br>(How we power trains and signalling)<br><br><b>Installation of new lineside signs, fences &amp; walkways.</b><br>Putting in/replacing the railway equivalent of traffic signs & speed limits & creating walking routes that are safe for staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Network Rail                               | <b>Saturday - Sunday 1800-1000</b><br>27-28 Sep,<br>04-05 , 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 Oct,<br>01-02, 08-09, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov<br>06-07, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 Dec<br><br><b>2200 - 1000 (Wed-Sat 24/7) 24 - 27 Dec</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Installation of new overhead line structures &amp; new electrification wires.</b><br>(How we power trains and signalling structures)<br><br><b>Installation of new track</b><br>Laying and installing new rails.<br><br><b>Installation of new lineside signs, fences, electrical cupboards &amp; walkways.</b><br>Putting in/replacing the railway equivalent of traffic signs & speed limits & creating walking routes that are safe for staff.<br>Installing the power cabinets for the signalling equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Network Rail<br>in partnership<br>with HS2 | <b>06 Oct to 02 Jan (Mon-Fri) 0800-1700</b><br><br><b>(Mon-Fri) 2300-0500</b><br>29 Sep-03 Oct & 20-24, 27-31 Oct,<br>10-14 Nov, 24-28 Nov,<br>01-05 Dec, 15-19 Dec<br><br><b>(Sat-Sun) 2200-0900</b><br>27-28 Sep,<br>04-05 Oct,<br>01-02, 08-09, 22-23 Nov,<br>06-07, 13-14, 27-28 Dec<br><br><b>(Sat-Mon) 2200-0500</b><br>18-20 Oct, 29 Nov-01 Dec<br><br><b>2200 - 1000 (Wed-Sat 24/7) 24 - 27 Dec</b><br><br><b>28 Dec-02 Jan (Sun-Fri) 2300-0500</b> |
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| <b>Installation of new overhead line structures &amp; new electrification wires.</b><br>(How we power trains and signalling)<br><br><b>Installation of cable routes.</b><br>Placing ground cables for signalling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Network Rail<br>in partnership<br>with HS2 | <b>(Mon-Fri) 0800-1700</b><br>06 Oct to 02 Jan<br><br><b>(Mon-Fri) 2300-0500</b><br>20-24 Oct, 27-31 Oct,<br>10-14, 17-21 Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Installation of new overhead line structures &amp; new electrification wires.</b><br>(How we power trains and signalling)<br><br><b>Installation of new track, drainage &amp; signalling systems</b><br>Laying new rails, drains & signalling boxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Network Rail<br>in partnership<br>with HS2 | <b>06 Oct to 02 Jan (Mon-Fri) 0800-1700</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Overhead view of worksites

