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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. BBVS is the contractor working on behalf HS2 to construct the Old Oak Common station.

This is an update of works taking place within the Old Oak Common Station site.

This will cover information about:

- additional site office
- south portal building construction
- substation construction update
- tower crane installation

Additional site office

From Monday 6 October we're due to receive a total of 52 units which will link together to form an additional site office block. The deliveries will take place over a two-week period. The reason for this additional space is for our growing workforce. The offices will be complete by mid-February 2026. A map of where the office will be located is on page 3.

As works at Old Oak Common station progresses, the number of people on the project will increase.

How will this affect the community?

We will be using the cranes which are onsite currently to construct the extra office.

The side of the new building facing onto Old Oak Common Lane will have no windows on the top floor. The windows on the remaining floors will be frosted and have blinds. As with the lighting in our current office, the lights will only come on outside of normal working hours (7pm – 6am) when our security team patrol the floors.

Working hours for these works will be Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm, and 8am – 1pm on Saturday's.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Notification



Duration of works

Site office: October 2025 – mid February 2026

South portal: August 2025 – February 2028

Substation construction: June 2025 – June 2026

Tower Crane: 27 October

All construction works:
Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm, Saturdays 8am – 1pm

For detail, refer to appropriate section in this update

What to expect

Cranes moving and lifting materials in and around the site.

Deliveries of large units and equipment.

Some deliveries outside of normal working hours.

What we will do

Update you with any changes

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-old-oak-and-north-acton/>

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South Portal building construction

At Old Oak Common Station, we have started construction on a new building. Please see map on page 3 for location. Due to the nature of works, this building will be constructed in three phases.

Phase 1: August 2025 – December 2025

In August we started the initial stage of construction for the new building. This building, known as the south portal building, is an important structure as it'll house ventilation, emergency access systems, power and signalling equipment, within the final Old Oak Common Station public realm area. During this phase, works will include removing the black paint on the wall using scrapers and scissor lifts.

We will also be carrying out some earthworks of the existing ground, and the filling the area with aggregate materials. This will be flattened using a roller.

Phase 2: December 2025 – October 2026

A crane will be operational from December 2025 for approximately three months. This will help construct the building by lifting in pre-cast walls and steelwork. The pre-cast walls are concrete panels which are made offsite. This, along with the steelwork, will be the main structure of the building.

The crane is likely to be delivered early morning one day in December. Residents will be notified about this nearer the time.

This phase of works also includes installation of the utility's pipework into the ground. The construction of the building itself will begin in mid-December and will consist of concrete pours for the walls and floors.

Phase 3: October 2026 – February 2028

This phase will consist of the construction of the main structure's cladding and roofing. Some excavation will take place in June 2027 to remove the crane platform from Phase 1. More details of these works will be provided nearer the time of works.

Working hours for these works are Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm, Saturday 8am – 1pm.

Substation construction

Following our previous AWN (<https://assets.hs2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/AWN-Interface-Substation-June-2025-1.pdf>) regarding the construction of the substation, please note this update.

The substation will house the electrical system for the entire station once completed. The activities will include installing long steel sheets into the ground, which is also known as 'sheet piling'. Please see map on page 3 for location.

The sheet piles will be lifted by large cranes, then installed using a large machine that will push the metal into the ground. The main frame of the substation will be installed using metal rods, which will then be encased in concrete. This will then become the building for the electrical equipment, known as the 'substation'.

The cranes currently being used for these works will be leaving site at 6am on Monday 15 September 2025. A larger crane will be used for these works will remain on site until end of June 2026.

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Tower crane installation

On Monday 27 October for approximately two weeks, we will be assembling the third Heavy Lift tower crane. This tower crane will be put together using the Heavy Lift tower crane that was previously installed on site six months ago. Please see map below for location.

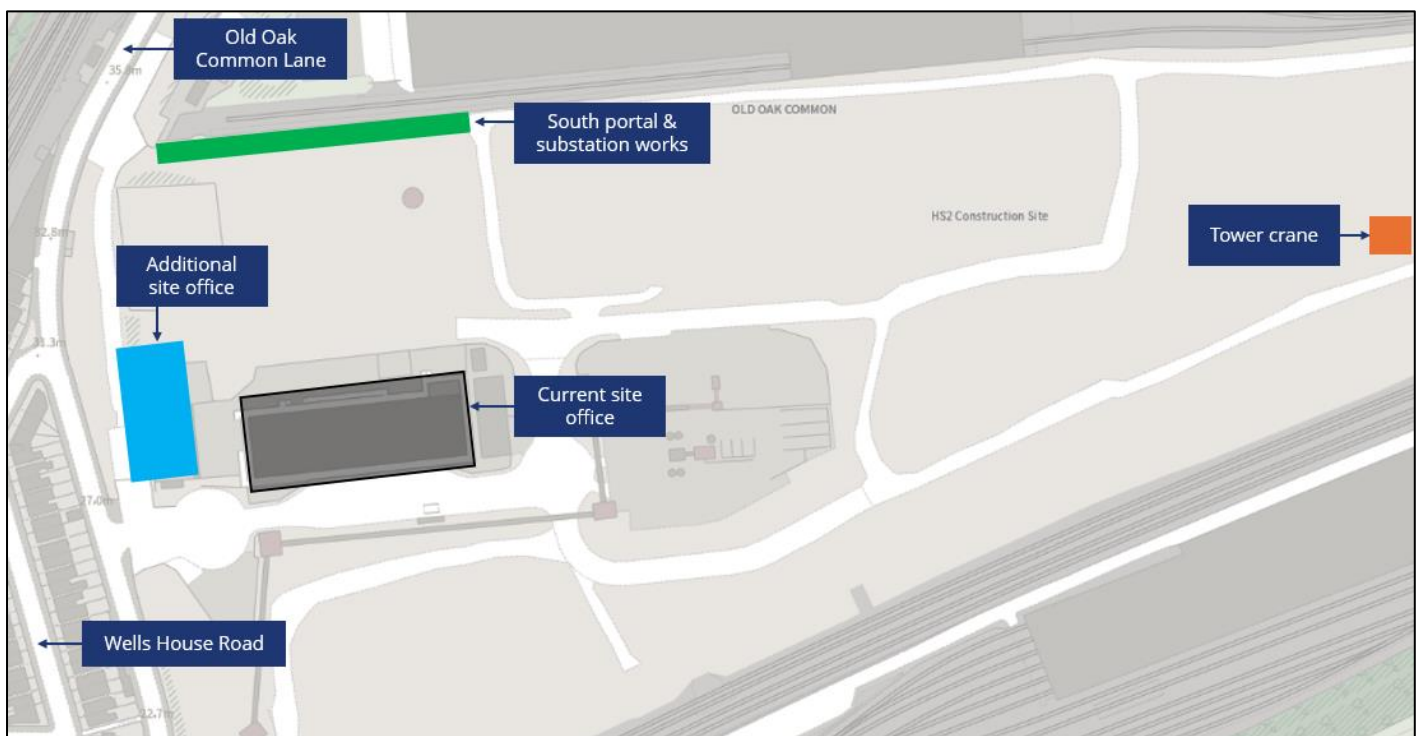
For this to happen a number of deliveries will be received onsite from approximately 6am. We have contingency dates of Sunday 26 – Monday 27 October if works are delayed due to bad weather.

Operatives installing the crane will use hand signals to communicate and the only sound should be the crane's engine as it goes up. This is not expected to cause a disruption to the local community.

What will we do for all works notes above:

To help minimise disturbance to the local community, we will:

- Put up noise barriers around the work area
- Carefully handle tools and equipment
- Be mindful of the placement and handling of materials
- Control raised voices on site
- Operatives will use hand signals & radios to communicate to reduce noise
- We will work hard to complete the works as quickly as possible to reduce disruption
- Dust suppression will be carried out in the form of a tractor bowser around the area as well as by using jet-washes
- Plant in the area will be fitted with white noise reversing barriers instead of beeper alarms



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 0800 454 454

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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