

# HS2

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This look ahead covers HS2 associated work in Old Oak Common.

The document includes:

A forward look of construction activities planned in the next 12 months. Locations are colour coded to help you easily understand if the works are carried out within one of our worksites or on the street:

- **Purple:** Works on site (inside our hoardings)
- **Blue:** Works on the street (outside our hoardings)

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The dates and information included in this look ahead are subject to change. For the latest information on our works, please visit the [HS2 in Old Oak and North Acton](#) website or our [In Your Area map](#).

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## Key

<span style="background-color: green; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Parkland	<span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">—</span> Rail station	<span style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 0 5px;">Existing train line</span>
<span style="background-color: lightblue; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Water/river	<span style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">—</span> Underground station	<span style="background-color: darkblue; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;">■</span> HS2 route Phase One underground

- 1 Willesden Euro Terminal (WET) site
- 2 Old Oak Common East box - Logistics tunnel
- 3 Atlas Road site
- 4 Old Oak Common station site
- 5 Old Oak Common Lane
- 6 Victoria Road Flat Iron site
- 7 Victoria Road Crossover Box site
- 8 Wormwood Scrubs: under track crossing / triangle site

## Construction look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b> <b>Willesden Euroterminal site</b>	Ongoing	<p>The Willesden Euroterminal site will continue to operate as a rail terminal. During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive tunnel segments via rail to support the future Euston Tunnel tunnel boring machines* (TBMs);</li> <li>• Carry out occasional track maintenance and wagon movements;</li> <li>• Operate two gantry cranes to unload trains and load lorries to transport tunnel segments to tunnelling sites on Atlas Road; and</li> <li>• Load and move rail wagons 24/7 to align with the national rail freight timetable. Each week, there may be up to 25 loaded train departures and six loaded train arrivals with tunnel segments – this will vary week to week.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 2</b> <b>Old Oak Common East Box</b>	Ongoing	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive deliveries via the Atlas Road Logistics Tunnel instead of local roads, wherever possible; and</li> <li>• Complete assembly of conveyor structures.</li> </ul>
	Ongoing to January 2026	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue works to prepare the TBMs ahead of future works to build the twin-bore Euston tunnel.</li> </ul>
	Q1 2026	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch the TBMs to construct the Euston Tunnel; and</li> <li>• Operate the conveyor system from Atlas Road Logistics Tunnel to Willesden Euroterminal 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7) to move excavated materials from works to build the Euston Tunnels.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b> <b>Atlas Road site</b>	Ongoing	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Atlas Road Logistics Tunnel between Atlas Road site and Old Oak Common East Box to minimize the use of local roads;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive tunnel segments from the Willesden Euroterminal site;</li> <li>• Store tunnelling materials and conveyor components ready for Euston TBM tunnel construction; and</li> <li>• Operate gantry cranes to move concrete tunnel segments.</li> </ul>
	Ongoing to January 2026	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-assemble and transport TBM conveyor structures to Old Oak Common East box.</li> </ul>
	January 2026	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate the conveyor system to move excavated materials from the Euston TBM drives to the Willesden Euroterminal site;</li> <li>• Provide logistics to support the Euston TBM tunnel drives at the Old Oak Common East Box; and</li> <li>• Operate the water treatment plant, grout batching plant, TBM cooling plant and air compressors to support tunnel construction.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4</b> <b>Old Oak Common Station site</b>	November 2025 to January 2026	<p>Works are progressing well at Old Oak Common Station site. Works planned for this period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the internal site road and concrete surfaces;</li> <li>• Concrete structure works for the HS2 underground station;</li> <li>• Ground preparation works in the Great Western Mainline Station;</li> <li>• Excavation of material and concrete structure works for the conventional station associated buildings;</li> <li>• Excavation of material and concrete structure works for the SAB (Shared Accommodation Building);</li> <li>• Excavation, enabling works and construction of attenuation tanks continue. Start of construction of various reinforced concrete structures at boundaries with TfL Depot and earthworks;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blockwork in HS2 Station and SAB (Shared Accommodation Building); and</li> <li>• Site offices installation.</li> </ul>
	November 2025 to November 2026	<p>Works planned at the Old Oak Common Lane site during this period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the internal site road and concrete surfaces;</li> <li>• Concrete structure works for the HS2 underground station;</li> <li>• Construction of concrete frame for Shared Accommodation Building* (SAB);</li> <li>• Platform construction for the conventional station (the above ground platforms that will connect the HS2 Station to the Great Western Main Line and the Elizabeth Line services);</li> <li>• Great Western Main Line Station platforms construction and canopies installation;</li> <li>• Blockwork within HS2 Station, Shared Accommodation Building* (SAB) and Great Western Main Line station;</li> <li>• Construction of HS2 Station Platform Accommodation Blocks*;</li> <li>• Temporary weather protection to HS2 station Lifts &amp; Escalator opening and Shared Accommodation Building* (SAB);</li> <li>• Earthwork for the urban realms works, installation of utilities, construction of various concrete structures at boundaries with TfL Depot and continuing attenuation tanks construction;</li> <li>• Construction of South Portal, East &amp; West Cores Headhouse structures; and</li> <li>• Installation of first lifts and hoists for vertical movement.</li> </ul>

<b>Location 5</b> <b>Old Oak</b> <b>Common Lane</b>	Ongoing to January 2026	<p>Works planned on Old Oak Common Lane include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing traffic management associated with various construction works. This includes localised diversions, lane closures and traffic light signals;</li> <li>• Utility diversion works in the road; and</li> <li>• Enabling works, earthworks, piling* and foundations on Old Oak Common Lane / Central Line bridges.</li> </ul>
	Ongoing to September 2026	<p>Works planned on Old Oak Common Lane during this period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-station diversion works;</li> <li>• Enabling works, piling* and foundations for future bridge construction above Old Oak Common Lane;</li> <li>• Old Oak Common Lane utilities diversion works;</li> <li>• Rider main* bridge installation;</li> <li>• Old Oak Common Lane bridge construction; and</li> <li>• Traffic management associated with various construction work. This can include lane / road closures, diversions and traffic light signals.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 6</b> <b>Victoria Road</b> <b>Flat Iron site</b>	Ongoing	<p>We'll continue to operate the vehicle holding area at this site to support construction at all HS2 sites in the Old Oak and Park Royal area.</p> <p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate the materials laboratory*;</li> <li>• Carry out utility works within the site next to the Network Rail tracks;</li> <li>• Move materials and plant from storage areas to support tunnelling construction and demobilisation; and</li> <li>• Ongoing general maintenance to site welfare and hoarding.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 7</b>	Ongoing to September 2026	<p>During this period, we'll:</p>

<b>Victoria Road Crossover Box site</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build permanent walkway and internal concrete walls in the Crossover Box; and</li> <li>• Build the walkways in the Northolt tunnel used for maintenance and emergencies inside the tunnels between Victoria Road Crossover Box and Greenford.</li> </ul>
	Ongoing to July 2027	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build the tunnels that connect Victoria Road Crossover Box to the Old Oak Common station. Works recommence in summer 2026. These tunnels will be dug using an excavator and built using the sprayed concrete lining (SCL) method. The works will continue to line the tunnels ahead of restarting digging the tunnels in summer 2026;</li> <li>• Continue with maintenance activities across the site; and</li> <li>• Continue to build the headhouse and plant room structures including piling works.</li> </ul>
	Ongoing to September 2027	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start urban realm works including underground drainage, tank construction and retaining wall construction for both the Crossover Box and Ancillary Shaft.</li> </ul>
<b>Various locations, HS2 Tunnel route</b>	Ongoing	<p>During this period, we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey, monitor and protect some structures along the tunnel route.</li> </ul>
<b>Works impacting the road network</b>	Ongoing to September 2026	<p>Ongoing traffic management associated with various construction work along Old Oak Common Lane (covered above).</p>
<b>Location 8 Wormwood Scrubs</b>	Ongoing to September 2026	<p>We are continuing the reinstatement of the Stamford Brook Sewer land.</p> <p>The site on Wormwood Scrubs will continue to be in place while utilities are diverted in the future.</p> <p>A new access road is being formed to maintain the Walking on Wood business entrance.</p>

**Definitions:**

- Materials laboratory\* - is a facility equipped for the analysis, testing, and characterization of materials.
- Piling\*- creating deep foundations.
- Rider main\* - is an above ground diversion of a water main.
- Shared Accommodation Building (SAB)\* - the area between the HS2 station and conventional station which will house operational rooms, retail space, station offices and plant rooms etc.
- Station Platform Accommodation Blocks\* - the units along the platforms which contain rooms for storage, electrical and mechanical equipment.
- Tunnel boring machines (TBMs)\* - is a large, specialized machine used to excavate tunnels. It works by using a rotating cutting head to grind away at the earth or rock, creating a tunnel as it moves forward.

# Respecting People, Respecting Places

Having listened to feedback from communities and stakeholders, we have refreshed our Community Engagement Strategy. [\*\*'Respecting People, Respecting Places'\*\*](#) highlights how we will always try to do the right thing and reduce disruption to the lives of local people as much as we can during the planning and building of the railway.

We will engage with you by:

**Informing:** Keeping you updated on issues that affect your area

**Involving:** Involving you in opportunities as we plan and build HS2

**Responding:** Listening to you and helping with your questions and concerns

## Our commitments to you

### Informing

We will tell you about HS2 works in your area.

We have local community websites and newsletters with regular information and updates about our work in your area.

We have local community teams who know your area. They will hold local events and run projects to keep you informed.

### Involving

We will involve you in opportunities to benefit and learn as we build HS2 including jobs, skills, education, employment and funding.

We will ask you about the design of specific parts of the railway.

### Responding

Our dedicated HS2 Helpdesk is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to help with any questions or concerns you have about HS2 or our work.

If things go wrong, we have a complaints process and a dedicated complaints team.

An independent Construction Commissioner monitors how we manage and deal with complaints.

# 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.

## Residents' and Construction Commissioner

The independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner oversees and monitors our **community engagement strategy**, making sure we fulfil our commitments to you.

The commissioner monitors the way we manage and respond to complaints about construction and advises members of the public how to make complaints.

The commissioner helps settle disputes involving individuals and organisations that we can't resolve.

You can find the commissioner's report and our responses at:  
[www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner)

The commissioner can be contacted on:  
[hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk](mailto:hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk)

## Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property)

Find out if you're eligible for compensation at:

[www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2](http://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 our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

[www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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