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Old Oak Common Lane

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

Old Oak Common Lane long-term closure

The programme for the long-term closure of Old Oak Common Lane has been reviewed, and we can now confirm that **it will not take place before the beginning of 2028.**

This newsletter contains information on the current and future works that need to take place on Old Oak Common Lane. There is also information about the engagement and community support we will put in place during the long-term closure.

We need to close the road so we can build new railway bridges, widen the road and new retaining walls are constructed. The level at which the road runs will be lowered to allow double-decker buses to pass under the bridges.

This will cause significant disruption to the local community, and we want to outline our early thinking in terms of the community support that will rightly be expected as we carry out these works.

Upcoming works

Work on Old Oak Common Lane continues. We have diverted utilities such as power, water, gas and telecommunications infrastructure. Moving and upgrading utilities was necessary ahead of constructing tunnels this year from our Victoria Road site under Old Oak Common Lane to the station.

Our recent newsletter with traffic management works on Old Oak Common Lane: <https://assets.hs2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Traffic-Management-Update-OOCL-Jan-to-Mar-2026-update-4-March.pdf>



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Ahead of the closure

Upcoming work

Two pieces of work need to take place on Old Oak Common Lane over the year from early 2026 to early 2027.

Work to **divert utilities** continues – making connections, upgrading services and preparing underground utility infrastructure ahead of tunnelling from our Victoria Road site.

Work will also restart around the site of the demolished **railway bridge** between our entrance and the bridges just before Minster and the Scrubs. The remaining supporting walls, or abutments, will be removed and, later in the year, the foundations will be constructed.

How this affects you

To support the utility works on Old Oak Common Lane, there is likely to be traffic management in place north of Wells House Road until 2027.

This will include brief periods of four-way temporary lights with parking bay suspensions on Wells House Road. Between May and October 2026, one lane on the realigned section of Old Oak Common Lane in this area will be closed to allow the temporary diversion of a major Thames Water main.

The bridge work will require the closure of one lane at any one time between our site entrance and the bridges by Minster, currently likely to take place between April 2026 and early April 2027, although this may change.

Please check online or via our community noticeboards for updates. We will also



provide regular bulletins and notices to local residents with full details of all these works.

Some activities are subject to approvals from the local authorities and may change at short notice. We will let you know of any changes via the HS2 website. You can register for email updates: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-old-oak-and-north-acton/>

During the closure

When the full closure of Old Oak Common Lane begins, we will continue to work on the bridges above the road. Clear diversion routes will be in place, and a pedestrian footpath will also be provided, so that people can safely pass through the area.

Once the bridges are ready, Network Rail will install track, signalling and overhead lines across them. This infrastructure forms the western approach to the new Elizabeth Line, Great Western Main Line and Heathrow Express platforms at Old Oak Common Station.

During this time, we will also be working to lower and realign Old Oak Common Lane.

The railway will then be temporarily closed between Ealing and Paddington while the lines are connected to the station. Once the old lines over the southern bridges are decommissioned, those bridges will be demolished and replaced as part of the realignment of the Great Western Main Line.

We will realign and lower Old Oak Common Lane to allow double-decker buses to pass

and take passengers to the new station. A finish will be applied to the retaining wall that runs along Wells House Road will be replaced. The design is still being finalised and will be shared with residents and other stakeholders well before work begins. The finish is intended to be in keeping with the overall design of the lowered road and will be sympathetic to the surrounding area.

A raised segregated footpath will also be provided, with improved lighting and artwork on the underpass walls.

When the new rail bridges and highway improvements are complete, Old Oak Common Lane will then be reopened, allowing traffic and bus services to resume in both directions.

Community support

We understand that there will be considerable impact to the local community

through the extended closure of Old Oak Common Lane and the extensive programme of works planned during that time. We have been engaging with the local authorities and businesses, and we will be working closely with residents on what we will be doing and the community support measures we will put in place.

Ahead of the closure, there will be a series of public events to ensure that there is transparency about the work and how it will affect the community. This will include engaging with you and getting feedback about the community support package that will be put in place to help mitigate the disruption and impacts of the closure.

In addition, we are working with Ealing council to rectify the flooding issues on Victoria Road and engaging with emergency services to maintain operational standards throughout the closure.

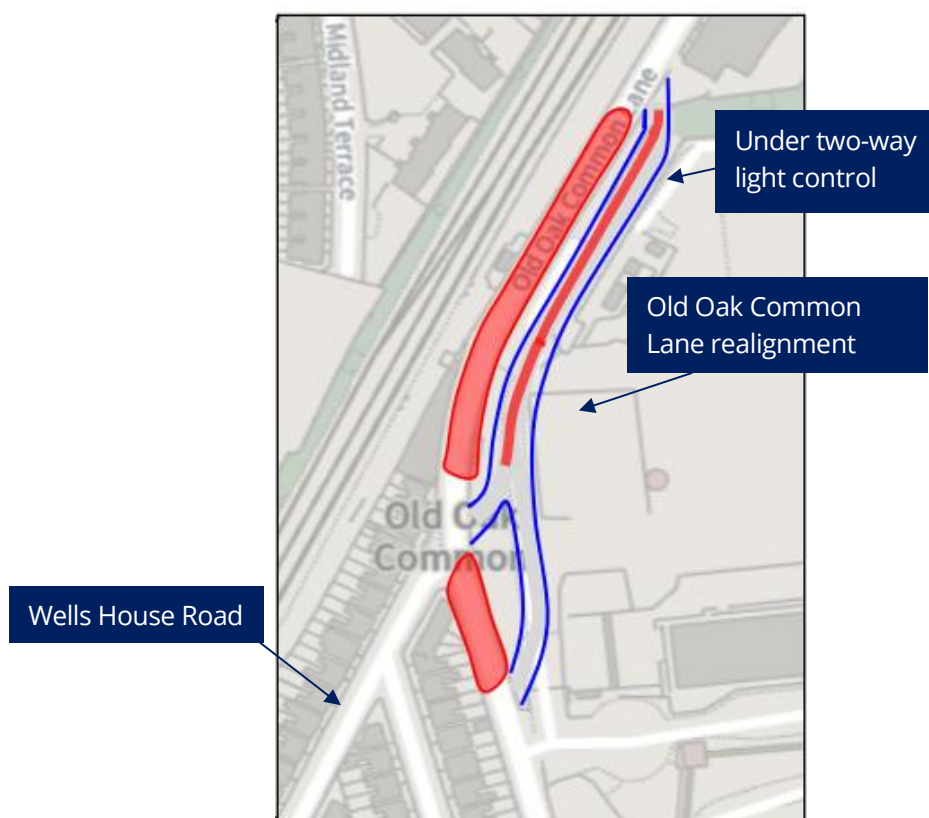


Traffic management on Old Oak Common Lane from April to July 2026

We are replacing utility services and working on removing old bridge infrastructure on Old Oak Common Lane **between April and June 2026**. We anticipate traffic on Old Oak Common Lane will be heavier than usual over the next few months and **we strongly encourage you to leave extra time for your journey**. We will update this newsletter accordingly, so please check regularly for updates. Please also note that dates are subject to change.

Works scheduled from April

Until early autumn, there will be two-way traffic lights in place while Thames Water make temporary utility connections. The northbound carriageway will be closed during this period.



Map showing location of closure of southbound lane of realigned Old Oak Common north, which will be in place until 1 September approximately.

UPDATE: Works scheduled from July

Reopening site-side pavement

We are reopening the pavement between our site entrance and the bridges on Old Oak Common Lane. To safely prepare the area, we will be temporarily closing the southbound lane in that area from **6.00am on Saturday 4 July to 8.00pm on Sunday 5 July**.

The site-side pavement will be opened in the week commencing **Monday 6 July**.



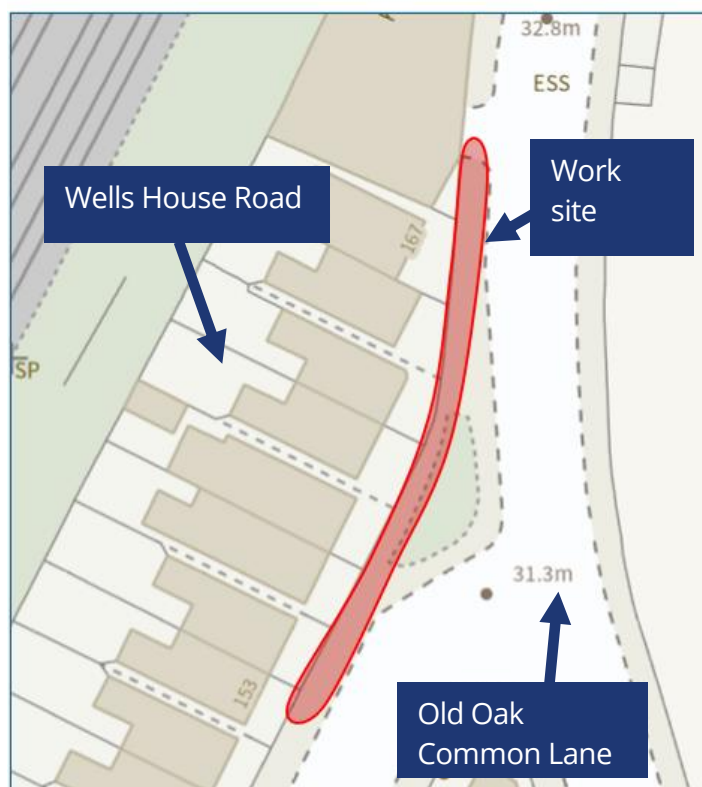
Map showing location of lane closures on Old Oak Common Lane from Saturday 4 July to Sunday 5 July.

Between numbers 155 – 167 Wells House Road, from **Monday 13 July until Sunday 9 August**, we will be working on the BT telecommunications as part of our utility diversions. Please note, your internet services will not be impacted during this time.

To install the route, we will need to excavate along the pavement, at first using hand tools such as shovels. From approximately Monday 27 July, the excavation works will require a vacuum excavator for a few days, mostly towards the Kildun Court end of Wells House Road and this will be noisier. This is because the vacuum excavator removes material using suction, which is necessary to minimise the risk of damaging utilities in the footpath.

When the work is complete, we will then begin to install the hoarding with the design introduced following engagement with the community earlier in the year.

Access to properties in Wells House Road will be maintained at all times, with temporary covers over the excavations as necessary. We will work between 8.00am and 6.00pm



Map showing location of works on Wells House Road between nos. 155 – 167 from 13 July to 9 August.

Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes making sure 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

The commissioner can be contacted on:
hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk

Property and compensation

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

Holding us to account

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