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Southam update

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EKFB
Working in
partnership with **HS2**

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain.

If you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more.

You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk.



EKFB are the civil engineering contractors building the HS2 railway south of Southam, including two key road bridges for Southam communities.

In this newsletter ...

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- Construction progress
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The joint venture EKFB - Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovial and BAM Nuttall, is working together to construct a section of the HS2 railway, spanning approximately 50 miles (80 km) from Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire to Southam in Warwickshire. Our neighbouring contractors BBV (Balfour Betty Vinci) continue the route, building the section from Southam to Birmingham. In south Warwickshire EKFB are constructing the deepest cutting along the HS2 route at 32 metres, as well as four viaducts and two road bridges in Southam which carry traffic over the HS2 line. Find out more about this work on the following pages of this EKFB Southam focused update.



The HS2 railway line will pass under the A423 road bridge, currently under construction.

Kineton Road bridge

A section of the B4451, Kineton Road, will be permanently realigned over the HS2 railway.

The bridge structure is now complete, and the earthworks are progressing to build the approach roads up to the structure. The waterproofing is also complete and is ready for the road surfacing, as well as the footpath from the roundabout to the Southam Rugby Club entrance.

Opening the bridge

The final step before the bridge can open is to connect it to the existing road. This process, known as a 'tie-in', involves completing the construction works and safely moving traffic onto the new road alignment over the bridge. To do this, a temporary road closure will be required.

The closure is expected to take place later this year and last approximately four weeks. During this time, we will build the remainder of the road to the roundabout and a 375m section of new road near the Southam Rugby Club. In addition, we will be laying new utility cables along these sections of roads.



Access to addresses on B4451 Kineton Road

During the closure, Southam Industrial Estates and the

Tesco store located off B4451 will only be accessible from A425 in Southam, please follow the signed diversion route.

To access Southam Agricultural Services and Southam Rugby Club: customers, visitors and deliveries can access these local businesses from the Bishops Itchington direction, following the diversion route. Drivers are reminded of the 7.5 tonnes weight restrictions in place at Deppers Bridge and through Ladbroke village.



Earthworks for the Kineton Road bridge approach roads are built to join the bridge to the local highway network.



Traveling to Gaydon, M40 junction 12

During the four-week closure of B4451 Kineton Road, a diversion will be in place along the B4452 via Harbury. Please follow the signs and plan your journey, especially during busy periods.

Scan and watch this video showing the road closures and diversion routes.



Please note, any dates shown are indicative and may be subject to change due to circumstances outside our control.

A423 bridge

Located south of Southam on the Banbury Road, this bridge will take traffic over the HS2 railway line on the realigned A423 road.

The railway reaches Southam from the south through the Ladbroke Cutting, a 32-metre-deep excavation currently being built. At Southam the railway emerges from the cutting and will be shielded from view by landscaping and planting, which will be formed following the opening of the new bridge and road realignment.

Since the operation of the A423 bypass we have been able to build the approach roads to the bridge, allowing the final road closure duration to be kept to a minimum.

Opening the new road bridge

To join the A423 bridge to the current road, we need to close the road for approximately four weeks, later this summer.

During this period a diversion to Banbury via Daventry will be sign posted for all traffic. Additional local restrictions will be in place to manage traffic flows and congestion through the local rural communities. Please allow additional time for journeys and plan your route during this time.

Southam road closure summary

- A423 bridge is due to be opened later this year. Traffic will move to the new permanent alignment after the 4-week closure.
- Kineton Road bridge is due to be opened later this year. Traffic will move to the new permanent alignment after a 4-week closure.
- The B4451 and A423, will not be closed at the same time.
- Exact dates and further details will be announced nearer the time, please sign

up for email alerts at:
www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk



HGV access during road closures

7.5 tonne weight restrictions are in place locally, over Deppers Bridge and through Ladbroke.

Please plan ahead, follow the diversion routes and adhere to the road signage restriction information



Community events

Join us at the following drop-in events to find out more:

9 July, 2pm to 3.30pm – Former village hall car park, Wormleighton

9 July, 2pm to 3.30pm – opposite the Butchers Arms, Priors Hardwick

14 July, 11am to 1pm – Village hall, Fenny Compton

15 July, 5pm to 7pm - Southam United Football Club

Further dates and full details can be found on the HS2 website here:



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

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/contact-us/how-to-complain

Contact us

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them by:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

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 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

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