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HS2 Information Update

Working Hours Update – Greatworth to Boddington | Winter 2026

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This is a document produced to inform residents of our works during the construction of the railway.

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Overview

The HS2 Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) provides details about the working hours that contractors are able to operate in. The code sets out 'core working hours' which are 8am to 6pm on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. The CoCP describes how there are circumstances where 'additional working hours' will be required with the consent of the local authority. These circumstances include activity that is daylight or weather dependent, some structural work, essential maintenance and repairs.

Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovial Construction and BAM Nuttall (EKFB), are the main works contractor for HS2 in the area from Greatworth to Boddington. The table below shows the working hours for EKFB until spring 2027.

Area	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Boddington	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm*
Aston Le Walls	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm*
Chipping Warden	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm*
Chipping Warden green tunnel	24 hours**	7am – 6pm	7am – 6pm**
Edgcote	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	
Thorpe Mandeville & Lower Thorpe	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	
Greatworth	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	
Greatworth green tunnel	24 hours**	24 hours**	24 hours**

* Regular Sunday working is limited to resoiling landscaping activities.
** Overnight and Sunday working is limited to installation of precast sections and backfill of earthworks.
NB: There may be occasional Sunday working, with additional permissions, for specific or emergency works. Some maintenance, monitoring and water management can take place on Sundays. Further time restrictions are in place near identified sensitive locations.

Q. Will I hear noise of construction outside theses times?

A. Outside the times set out in the table above, you may hear limited construction noise during a one hour start up and close down period at the beginning and end of each day. This is when some equipment is turned on or shut down and staff may be leaving or returning from construction sites to the compound facilities. Some activities such as security and maintenance will operate 24 hours per day though these are of a low level of impact and noise generation. To effectively use overnight or weekend road closures, our construction team may work up to 24 hours per day on these occasions, subject to approvals.

Q: Will you be working every evening and weekend?

A: Some areas of our project will require regular extended working hours, such as 24-hour operations at our green tunnel sites. As we progress the structures and earthworks the working hours will vary by location. There may be times when permitted extended working hours are not in effect across all sites.

Q: What work is restricted during our additional working hours?

A: Work is carefully assessed on an area by area basis taking into account the construction activity required, and the likely impact on nearby properties and residents. Restrictions include:

- Reduced number of vehicles on our site access and haul roads.
- Reduced deliveries to our compounds.
- Restrictions on some types of earthworks such as soil stripping, excavating, and stockpiling.
- Measures to reduce the impact of equipment that may produce vibrations.
- Additional control measures to reduce sound impacts near properties close to our construction areas created by equipment such as generators.

Q: Where are the sensitive locations?

A: Several areas have been identified as sensitive working locations, such as those adjacent to people's homes or businesses. The restrictions for each sensitive area are determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the local authority, as well as noise and vibration specialists. We have installed noise and dust monitoring stations near some sensitive locations. Any noise or dust level alerts are sent automatically to our construction team so that immediate action can be taken.

The restriction zones and sensitive areas include:

- Properties between the Banbury Road Overbridge construction and Claydon Road in Lower Boddington.
- Some properties near the Chipping Warden Green Tunnel construction.
- Some properties near Culworth Road, Chipping Warden.
- Some properties near the Lower Thorpe Viaduct and Lower Thorpe South Embankment construction.
- Properties in Thorpe Mandeville near to the Greatworth Green Tunnel construction.
- Properties to the north of Greatworth, near to the Greatworth Green Tunnel construction.

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