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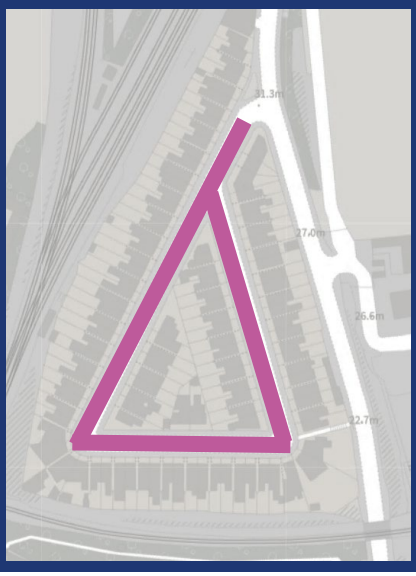
Update: 20/11/2026 Excavating and demolishing old bridge walls on Old Oak Common Lane

HS2-OOC - SCP-26-2795



For the attention of:
Residents of Wells House Road

Location

Old Oak Common Lane (west of Old Oak Common Lane, south of Wells House Road).

Duration

We will start enabling works on Monday 21 September and continue until Thursday 24 December. This will then resume on Monday 4 January 2027 until Friday 26 February 2027.
All works, including the lane closure, will be done during normal working hours (Monday to Friday 8am until 6pm and Saturday 8am until 1pm).

What we are doing

We need to identify existing utilities in the ground so that we can excavate and build new bridge foundations. We will remove the supporting walls (called 'abutments') of the former Wycombe line bridge between our site and the remaining bridge on Old Oak Common Lane. The walls of the old bridges on the east side of Old Oak Common Lane were demolished in April 2026.

What to expect

There will be a northbound lane closure on Old Oak Common Lane during daytime workings hours. Two-way traffic will be controlled by temporary traffic lights with full access to Wells House Road from both directions. The lane closures will be done on a case-by-cases basis and will not be used on every working day.

Due to the complex location of the utilities, we may need to occasionally use a machine called a vacuum excavator. The vacuum excavator can be loud, although within permitted limits, but it is essential for safety reasons when working around live utility services. We will use this machine intermittently. Where possible, we will limit using this machine before 9am.

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. Should you have any questions or concerns about our works you can contact us by:

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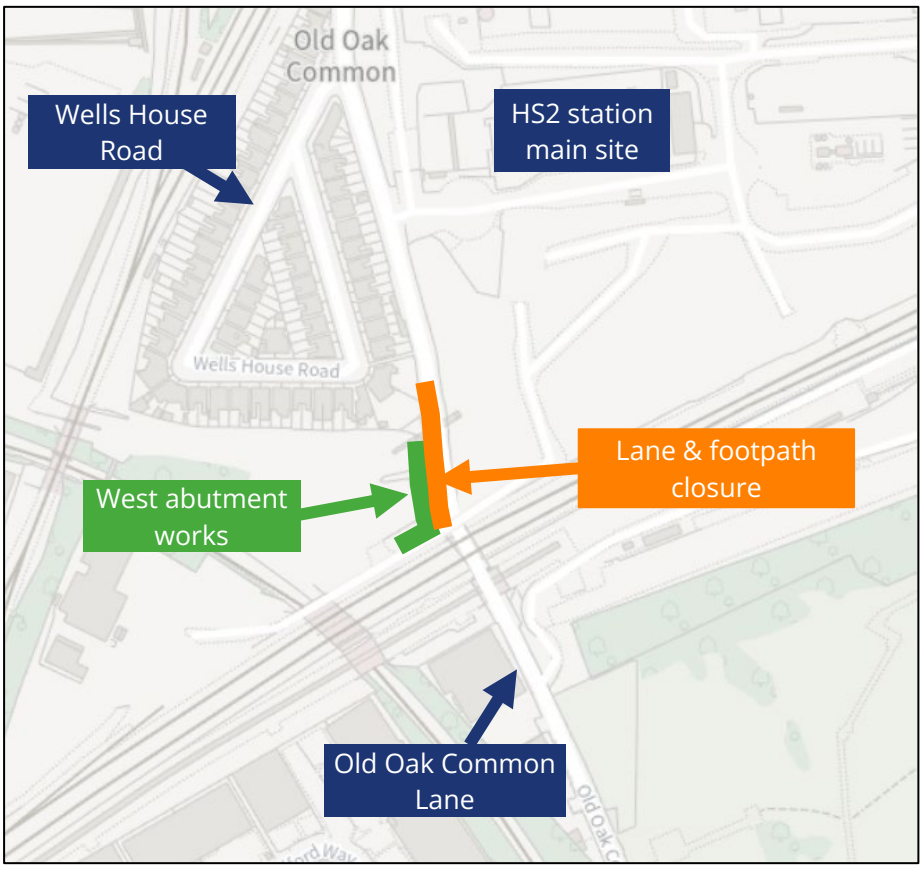
Key updates

The railway bridges on Old Oak Common Lane between our site entrance and Minster in the south are all gradually being demolished and will be rebuilt as part of the programme to construct Old Oak Common station. The new bridges will carry the realigned Great Western Main Line and other railways into the station. We demolished the supporting walls, or abutments, on the site side (the east) of the road in April 2026. We are now working on the other side of the road.

For the preparations to demolish the western walls, the northbound lane on Old Oak Common Lane will be ongoing until the Christmas break when works will pause. This will be used a case-by-case basis depending on the requirements of the construction team. Further lane closures may be required in the new year. We will provide updates once further dates of lane closures are confirmed.

Where we will be working



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Impacts to the community

Noise – The works will generate additional when using the vacuum excavator. This is necessary due to the sensitive positioning of utilities meaning we cannot use less impactful forms of excavation. We will make sure to closely monitor noise impacts to stay within limits agreed with the local authority. We will restrict its usage to core working hours.

Lane closure – The northbound lane will need to be closed intermittently when there is risk that the works on the abutment could impact vehicles below. There will be a two-way light system and traffic marshals in place to guarantee the smooth and safe flow of traffic. The lane closure will only be in place during weekdays until 6pm, and only when required for works. The new temporary southbound bus stop by the site entrance is not affected by this lane closure.

Note – This closure is happening in conjunction with the northbound lane closure of the Wells House Road stairs construction. Please see the AWN with the latest updates for lane closure dates. **Old Oak Common Lane: single lane closure for Wells House Road stairs work – Update November 2026** (ref: HS2-OOC - SCP-26-2792)

Reminder of upcoming road closures

Old Oak Common Lane emergency weekend road closure: Utility chamber repairs (ref: HS2-OOC - SCP-26-2732) – closure of Old Oak Common Lane north Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November from 6am to 10pm each day.

Old Oak Common Lane southern Saturday road closure (ref: HS2-OOC - SCP-26-2788) – closure of Old Oak Common Lane south Saturday 5 December from 6am to 4pm.

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