

Notice of work – Ongoing works in Amersham

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are continually reviewing the works on our construction sites in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with COVID-19. The Government's current strategy makes it clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance. Please be assured that only sites that can operate within the guidelines are operational. All sites will remain under constant review. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement events and meetings and have put in place a number of channels to communicate with communities, such as letters and phone calls, as well as updates and alerts from each of the local community websites. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

Why are the works taking place now?

As many of you are already aware Fusion are making improvements to the roundabout junction of the A355 and A413 known as the Gore Hill roundabout. At the same time ALIGN JV have been working on A404 by Whielden Lane in preparation for the construction of the Amersham vent shaft.

Works are being undertaken as the A355 and A413 forms one of the construction lorry routes for the HS2 programme of works. We have previously updated you on the phase one construction works that we have now completed at this roundabout junction. This notice is to provide further details for the construction works in phase two and the continued closure of Whielden Lane by ALIGN JV.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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Duration of works

Construction activities planned from Monday 11 January 2021 to Spring 2021

Continued closure of Whielden Lane to February 2021

What to expect

For phase three some local overnight traffic management on the A355 and A413 with traffic light control

Use of welfare vehicles

Noise associated to construction works

What we will do

Provide access for emergency services

Work hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum

Hold webinars to keep you informed on updates and to ask questions to our team

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Why the continued closure of Whielden Lane?

Whielden Lane has been closed since the 18 May 2020 when work started to change the junction of Whielden Lane and the A404. This included;

- Construction of a new combined footway/cycleway along Whielden Lane
- A new road entrance to the vent shaft site
- Utility diversions

The utility diversions are taking longer than anticipated to complete. To ensure that these works can continue safely and to minimise disruption to residents, Whielden Lane will now remain closed until February 2021.

To support these works ALIGN JV will continue to run the bus replacement service from Gore Hill/A355 bus stops near the Tesco supermarket to the hospital. Monday to Saturday from 7am to 6.30pm on a half hourly basis. On Sundays a reduced hourly service will operate from 7.49am to 6.30pm.

Keeping Whielden Lane closed allows the utility companies to do more work at one time than if it was carried out under single lane closures with traffic lights.

What does the work at Gore Hill involve?

Fusion will continue widening and carrying out associated road improvement works to some of the highway approaches to the Gore Hill roundabout – A355 and A413 - as detailed overleaf.

To minimise the disruption to the community and motorists Fusion will be carrying out this work over a further two phases of work using traffic management. Outside of these times the roads will be open as normal. You will find the locations of the work areas on the map attached for your reference.

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What are we doing?

Phase two (utility diversions) – Monday 11 January to 5 February 2021

Working hours: 9:30am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

There are a number of utility diversions at the existing junction that need to take place. Subject to further consents and approvals utility diversions are planned to be undertaken during the day to the entrance of the westbound approach of the A413.

Works will be undertaken by Virgin and UKPN. We will be working hard to ensure that any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and all of our remaining works. Utility diversion works in this area are estimated to take four weeks from the 11 January 2021:

- **Virgin** – Anticipated start date week commencing 11 January 2021 for approximately eight days.
- **UKPN** – Anticipated start date week commencing 25 January 2021 for approximately five days.

Phase three (remaining works) – 8 February 2021 to 20 March 2021

Working hours: 9pm to 5am, Monday to Friday.

Fusion will be undertaking the remainder of the work to the Gore Hill roundabout approaches and exits (A413 east and west approach, and A355 south approach).

We will write to you in the new year and update you further regarding this phase of works including the traffic management requirements to complete the works.

How will the works at Gore Hill affect me?

Phase two works at Gore Hill will be carried out in the day during off peak hours, 09:30 am to 3:30 pm. The works will be closely monitored for noise and we will install temporary acoustic barriers around the work site to reduce the noise of our machinery as much as possible.

There may be some minor disruption to local services during this time as a result of the utility diversions. Fusion will ensure that all residents are notified in advance of any disruption.

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Works in the highway verge will be carried out with traffic management in place. This traffic management will involve a section of highway with narrow two way lanes. There are no planned road closures for this phase of works.

Advance warning signage of the works will be put out on the road ahead of the traffic management. As soon as our works are completed all traffic management will be removed. All of the roads will be open as normal outside of the working hours mentioned on the previous page.

Access for Emergency services will be maintained at all times.

The workforce will use mobile welfare units with materials and equipment delivered and removed at the start and end of each shift.

Pedestrian access to Fieldway during phase two will be managed on site with signs and traffic marshalling for pedestrians.

What is the impact of the continued closure at Whielden Lane?

Whielden Lane will remain closed for through traffic until February 2021. The closure is shown on the map overleaf. A sign-posted diversion for traffic is currently in place along Whielden Street, along The Broadway, Gore Hill to the A413 and A404. Access to the hospital will be maintained along Whielden Street from The Broadway and Amersham Old Town.

Pedestrian / cycle way access will be maintained via the existing path that crosses the vent shaft site. This path links the A404 near to the crematorium entrance and Whielden Street, near to the hospital entrance and A413 bypass overbridge. We are building a permanent replacement for the path along Whielden Street. The current path will not be closed until the new path is ready.

Webinars and updates

We will be running a webinar to provide you with further information on phase three of the works and for you to ask questions about our works to the project team. Details of the webinars and how to register will be advertised on www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk.

The next webinar will be held on 12 January 2020 – 6pm to 7pm.

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Whielden Lane – ongoing closure



Gore Hill junction improvements

Areas of work

- Phase two - Monday 11 November 2021 to Friday 5 February 2021
- Phase three - Monday 8 February 2021 to Monday 22 March 2021 (Further details to follow in 2021)



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

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' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at:
residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing:
complaints@hs2-cc.org.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
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/how-to-complain

Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

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

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

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

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