

Works at the Adelaide Road site

Q&As updated March 2021

Where is the Adelaide Road site?

Our Adelaide Road site will be located on the section of Adelaide Road between Chalk Farm Road and Primrose Hill Road.

The site is in the Network Rail embankment area behind the wall that runs along Adelaide Road, opposite the junction with Eton Road and next to Adelaide Nature Reserve. Our site does not include the nature reserve.

We held an online community update event on 25 February. You can find more information and a map showing the location of our Adelaide Road site [here](#).

HS2 and SCSJV are holding virtual one-to-one sessions. You can book a 20-minute appointment between 3pm and 6pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The session will give you a chance to learn more about the works at the Adelaide Road site. You can sign up by visiting HS2.org.uk/events or by clicking [here](#).

What are you building at Adelaide Road?

We will build a ventilation shaft and head house at the Adelaide Road site, which will connect to the HS2 tunnels.

Ventilation shafts and head houses are an essential part of building a new railway. These are permanent structures which will provide access to the tunnels for maintenance and emergency services, ventilation and electrical power supply.

We plan to start building the ventilation shaft from 2022 and the head house from 2023. These dates remain subject to change. We will keep local residents and the community updated about our future works.

What works are happening now?

Works to set up our Adelaide Road set began in summer 2020. The following works are ongoing during 2021:

- Ongoing clearance of vegetation within the site area
- Site investigation works (within site)
- Preparation for piling works which include further surveys
- Installation of concrete slab
- Utility works to divert / protect utility services during construction
- Piling works
- Installation of ground anchors

You can view information about our current and upcoming works at HS2inCamden.co.uk

Upcoming works at the Adelaide Road site

Sheet piling

From June 2021 we will start installing sheet piles at the Adelaide Road site to provide ground stability and support during future works to build the ventilation shaft.

To install the sheet piles, we will use a silent push pull method. This will be completed by using a pre-auger drill to loosen the ground and then install the piles into place.

This date remains subject to change; we will provide more information to local residents.

How long will it take to install the sheet piles?

We anticipate that the piling works will take two-months. The programme remains subject to confirmation and we'll provide more information to local residents.

Ground anchors

From September 2021 we will start installing ground anchors at the Adelaide Road.

Ground anchors are lightweight, corrosive resistant rods or cables installed into the ground to hold, restrain and support building, civil engineering works and other structures, either permanently or temporarily.

This date remains subject to change; we will provide more information to local residents.

How long will it take to install the ground anchors?

We anticipate that the ground anchors will be installed in three phases and will take up to 19 weeks to install. The programme remains subject to confirmation and we'll provide more information to local residents.

We held a community update event on 25 February. You can find more information about these works [here](#).

What are the working hours at the Adelaide Road site?

Our core working hours will be from 8am to 6pm, Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 1pm Saturdays if needed. We may be on site for an hour before the start and/or end of each shift.

We may need extended working hours for some construction activities. For example, works that need a continuous pour of concrete for a number of hours, or activities which need to be carried out while trains are not running on the railway tracks next to the site. We will agree these works with Camden Council and coordinate with Network Rail. We will let local residents and the community know about any changes to our core working hours.

How will you reduce disruption?

To help reduce disruption, we will:

- Use water sprays to minimise dust on-site
- Use a wheel wash the wheels of vehicles before they exit the site
- Monitor noise and dust levels throughout construction and introduce additional mitigations if needed
- We will install vibration monitors close to our Adelaide Road site. These will be installed to ensure we keep to agreed levels.
- Use noise reducing barriers
- Turn off on-site lighting outside of our working hours, with the exception of lighting required for security
- Keep residents informed about our works
- Let you know in advance of any changes to traffic management on Adelaide Road

These mitigations are in place to ensure we align to the HS2 Environmental Minimum Requirements and HS2 Code of Construction Practice, which you can view [here](#).

What will I be able to see on your site?

You will be able to see our site office and welfare facilities when you are walking along Adelaide Road. These will be inside the hoardings and will be about six metres high.

During our works, you may notice large construction equipment and machinery in our site including:

- Heavy goods vehicles
- Piling and excavating machinery
- Cranes
- Lighting towers
- Concreting equipment

What are the planned lorry routes?

During construction, we will transport materials and equipment to the Adelaide Road worksite using agreed lorry routes. Deliveries to our site come from west to east. We provided information about the lorry routes at the online engagement event on 25 February, which you can view [here](#).

How many vehicles will travel to your site every day?

The number of vehicles travelling to and from the Adelaide Road site will vary depending on our construction programme. During peak periods, we anticipate 60 to 80 combined two-way movements. During peak periods, this means there will be up to 30 to 40 vehicles entering and up to 30 to 40 vehicles leaving our site. At other times, there will be fewer vehicle movements.

What vegetation have you removed and how will you protect wildlife?

We have started removing vegetation and trees within our site boundary in the Network Rail embankment area. All necessary ecological and arboricultural surveys and inspections have been completed.

We have not identified any protected species including bats, crested newts or badgers at the Adelaide Road site during previous ecology surveys. We know that birds may nest in this area. While site clearance works are taking place, we will have an ecologist on site. In the event of an active nest being found within an area requiring clearance, the nest will not be disturbed until the nesting has finished.

Please note: we are not removing vegetation and trees from the Adelaide Nature Reserve located next to our site.

What are the future landscaping plans?

Once we have built the ventilation shaft and head house, we will landscape the area around it. We are planning our future landscaping works with consideration of local ecological and visual needs.

Our current future landscape design includes a combination of the following:

- Blocks and slab paving in the parking and maintenance area
- Woodland habitat planting along Adelaide Road side
- Scrub habitat and grassland habitat planting along the railway side
- Green roof on the head house buildings

We are planning to carry out further engagement about the Adelaide Road headhouse and compound design, including our future landscaping plans, during summer 2021. We will provide more information about this when the dates for this engagement are confirmed.

In the meantime, we are working with a small focus group made up of community representatives to consider local feedback in relation to the future landscaping plans.

When will affected residents get noise insulation installed in their properties?

HS2's commitment is to provide noise insulation to eligible properties before works reach the trigger point. However, noise modelling over the next year does not indicate that noise insulation is required. There are special cases in which noise insulation could be provided based on a review of an individual case by case basis. You can view more information [here](#) or by contacting the HS2 Helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

What will the headhouse look like at the Adelaide Road site?

In summer 2018, we showed you our scheme design for the Adelaide Road headhouse and compound. The feedback we received from local residents and community in summer 2018 is being considered and we are continuing our detailed design.

We are planning to carry out further engagement about the Adelaide Road headhouse and compound design during summer 2021. We will provide more information about this when the dates for this engagement are confirmed.

Local residents and the community will be encouraged to provide further feedback on the design of design on the headhouse and compound before we agree our final design.

Other questions

When and how often will Adelaide Road have lane closures?

To carry out future works, we may need to install temporary lane closures on Adelaide Road for a short period of time.

We will write to residents in advance of any temporary changes to traffic management on Adelaide Road.

How is the pollution level being monitored?

Dust monitors are in place to monitor dust levels during construction. The results of all the air quality monitoring we undertake is published on a monthly basis on the UK Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2>. You can view results of the monitoring at Adelaide Road in the Camden report.

Can you reduce the brightness of the lighting in your site?

Lighting is required in order for the security team to safely carry out their tasks (including security patrols) overnight. The flood lights have been lowered to reduce the level of brightness coming from our site and we have reduced the number of lighting towers being used overnight. We do appreciate local community concerns about this and are reviewing the lighting within our site overnight.

Why are hoarding lights required?

The lighting on the Adelaide Road site hoardings has been agreed with Camden Council. The hoarding lighting is in accordance with British Standards and is required to ensure the hoarding is clearly visible to road users.

We must ensure that hoarding lighting complies with the British Standards and other legal and health and safety requirements related to site management. This is to ensure we are

providing a safe construction site and to ensure that Adelaide Road remains safe for road users.

Why are there gaps within your hoarding?

We currently have temporary gates installed but we will soon install permanent gates which will allow deliveries to access our site. They will have some mesh on due to the size and weight of the gates, but we are looking at further screening to minimise disruption to our neighbours.

Will waste collections be affected again?

We appreciate that this was a concern during the lane closure last summer. SCSJV community engagement was in regular contact with Camden Council and Veolia to resolve this. We apologise that resolving this took longer than planned.

A letter was sent to local resident from Veolia explaining the temporary change to waste removal location during the lane closure.

Are you following current COVID-19 regulations?

Our staff are expected to follow the latest National Guidance relating to COVID-19 and are briefed regularly about this. Regular testing is taking place across all SCSJV sites along the London section of the HS2 route.

I would like to sell my property, what support do you offer?

HS2 have a 'need to sell scheme' available to local residents who need to sell their property but cannot because of HS2. Further information about scheme is available [here](#) or by contacting the HS2 Helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk