

# HS2 Update

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. This newsletter is to provide you with an update on our progress in Camden and how you can find out more information and get in touch with us.

## Winter 2020 update

September 2020 marked the formal start of construction on HS2. Over the next year, we will create apprenticeships and skilled jobs for local people in the area.

As you will know, enabling works have been underway in the area for some time and the project is now moving into its main construction period.

In Camden, we are working with two partners to deliver the new railway:

- Mace Dragados, who are building the HS2 Euston Station; and
- Skanska Costain Strabag, who are constructing 26.4km (16.4 miles) of new high-speed railway between Northolt and Euston.

We understand that 2020 has been a difficult year for many. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to ensure we're communicating and engaging in different ways to continue to inform, listen and respond to the local community.

We will be publishing a newsletter (like this one) several times a year to let you know how our work is progressing. You can contact us via our Helpdesk or see more detail about the work we're doing by visiting [www.HS2inCamden.co.uk](http://www.HS2inCamden.co.uk).

## Holiday period

We will be minimising the amount of work taking place on all our worksites over the holiday period.

HS2 sites in Camden will close from 5.30pm on **24 December** and restart work on **4 January 2021**.

However, from **25 to 27 December**, piling work will take place at track level between Mornington Street and Granby Terrace bridges. This can only happen when the railway is closed.

We will be using sheet piling to complete this work and will do our best to minimise disruption.



# Building HS2

Activity is underway in Camden to deliver the new high-speed railway and the HS2 Euston station. The main areas of work are site preparation, utilities diversion works and piling.

## Upcoming works

We refer to the area leading into the station from Euston Cavern headhouse as the 'Euston Approaches'. The following works are underway in this location:

- Piling in the Euston Throat Retained Cut, between Granby Terrace and Hampstead Road bridges;
- Piling and slab works in the Euston Scissor box; and
- Construction of the Vehicle Holding Area within the London Zoo car park.

Piles are structures we build or install vertically into the ground to safely provide support to future buildings and above-ground structures. There are various piling methods used in construction and we have chosen the quietest methods available.

A number of key works around Euston station will also be starting in early 2021:

- Demolition of the ground floor and basements of the One Euston Square and Grant Thornton buildings;
- Construction of a new interim taxi rank at Euston Square Eastern Gardens; and
- Ground investigation and survey works around Euston Road and Doric Way.

At the Adelaide Road site, works are continuing to prepare for construction of a ventilation shaft for the Old Oak Common to Euston tunnels. Our work in early 2021 will include:

- Installation of worksite gates;
- Construction of a protection slab to form a working platform;
- Installation of our offices and welfare cabins, including the associated utility connections; and
- Removal of wall foundations.

Short-term lane closures and traffic management may be needed during these works. Before we start disruptive work near you, we will send you an Advanced Notification Leaflet with details of what we are doing, what to expect and how long it will last. You can find out more by visiting [www.HS2inCamden.co.uk](http://www.HS2inCamden.co.uk).



More about HS2's upcoming works can be found in our Winter 2020 Construction Look Ahead. We will be publishing these looks ahead every three months. You can find them at <https://hs2ineuston.commonplace.is/proposals/works-in-your-area>.



# Network Rail update

## Work taking place in Camden over Christmas

Network Rail are continuing to help prepare the way for building HS2.

As well as enabling works for the new high-speed railway, Network Rail are also carrying out some essential resilience works over the Christmas period:

- Network Rail will be doing essential work on the track between Park Street tunnels to Chalk Farm and Camden Lock, and at Mornington Street bridge;
- On **25 December**, they will be removing a temporary staircase on the western side of Euston Station;
- From **26 to 27 December**, Network Rail will be installing a new lighting column on the western side of Euston Station to make way for our works; and
- They are demolishing the parcel deck on the western side of Euston Station. This particular work will stop on **24 December** at 18:00 and will not start again until **4 January 2021**.

If you have any questions about Network Rail works, please call **03457 11 41 41** or email [NRHS2@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:NRHS2@networkrail.co.uk).

## Graffiti hotspots targeted in major clean-up at Euston

Unightly graffiti around London Euston is being removed. This month, teams have been getting rid of graffiti in Camden, including on Mornington Crescent and Harlesden Bridge.

The clean-up supports Transport Secretary Grant Shapps' ongoing commitment to improve the railway for passengers and residents who live near it.

The railway at Euston is one of the busiest in Europe and graffiti can only be cleaned up when trains aren't running.

James Dean, Route Director for West Coast South, said: "Graffiti makes the place look messy for neighbours and passengers. We want the railway to be a clean, welcoming environment for people who travel on it and live and work near it."

Mark Recce, Head of Programme Delivery Unit for Euston on Network Works, HS2 Ltd, said: "We are happy to be supporting Network Rail in their efforts to remove rail-side graffiti around our worksite in Euston to improve the area for passengers. HS2 is committed to creating a clean, reliable and safe rail network, not only for passengers in the future, but also those who use it now."



# HS2 in the community

## Global Generation Story Garden

Global Generation is a local charity supporting the local community by connecting them with nature through education, wellbeing and growing space.

Since June 2019 Global Generation, together with local people including residents, families, children and young people, companies and institutions have developed and built the Story Garden behind the British Library.

In October 2020, with winter approaching, Global Generation needed a shelter so they could continue their projects outside during the wet and cold months ahead.

In response, HS2 contractors Mace Dragados and contractor Clipfine donated their time and resources to build a structure that now allows the community to continue enjoying the space in even the dreariest weather.

To date more than 650 adults and nearly 300 children and young people have been involved with the building of the garden.



## The spirit of Christmas

This Christmas HS2 contractors and partners have been involved in a number of local initiatives across Camden.

- On 13 December, contractors Skanska Costain Strabag handed out over 200 meals and bags of essential items (hats, gloves, blankets, food, toiletries etc.) to the homeless at Granby Terrace. Buses 4 Homeless joined with their community bus the next day, and fed a further 100 people.
- Network Rail is giving thousands of mince pies to locals and travellers at Euston Station on 23 December.
- In lieu of usual Christmas celebrations, Mace Dragados has kindly donated £5,000, which is to be split between Camden Giving, New Horizons, Euston Food Bank and Somers Town Community Association.
- This week Mace Dragados also held an end-of-year virtual Christmas fundraiser quiz in aid of St Mungo's, a charity aimed at preventing and ending homelessness.
- Lastly, a donated Christmas tree is now sparkling at local children's nursery, Regents Park Children's Centre.

# HS2 jobs, skills and training

As 2020 comes to a close there is some good news ahead. HS2 is expected to create 22,000 new jobs during the Phase One construction works, of which 10,000 jobs will be with HS2 Tier One construction partners operating in Greater London.

With that in mind, HS2 and its contractors have been reaching out to potential future employees. We hosted a week-long virtual work experience programme for young people during the October half term and arranged for local students to meet our teams to find out more about career pathways with HS2.

More information about these jobs and how they can be accessed will be made available in 2021.

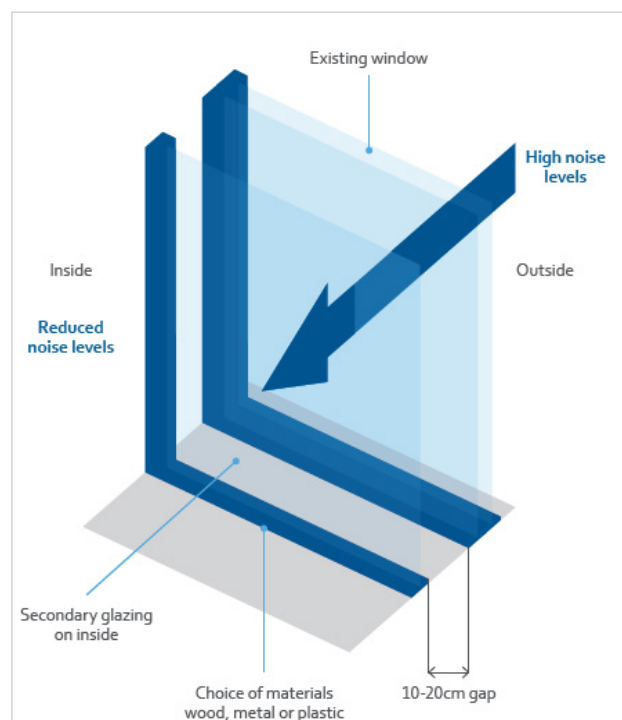


## Noise insulation

The construction work for HS2 is likely to create noise and vibration that will affect some residents living near our worksites. While we will design and construct the new railway and station to reduce noise as much as we reasonably can, we may offer to install noise insulation for you, or pay for you to install it yourself.

We are working hard to get noise insulation into properties before works that might trigger the need for it, including putting in place COVID-19-secure methods of working. The offer remains open for eligible properties, even if you haven't previously applied, or if the property has changed owner.

To find out if your home is eligible and find out more about the support available, please visit the Noise Insulation section of [www.HS2inCamden.co.uk](http://www.HS2inCamden.co.uk) or call our Helpdesk on **08081 434 434**.



Secondary glazing is an example of noise insulation. An extra pane of glass fitted inside the existing window can reduce noise levels.

# Keeping you informed

# HS2

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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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 at: [complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

## Contact us

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

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **[hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

Write to

**FREEPOST**  
**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

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