

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

HS2 Update

Station Road, Quainton | August 2021

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. In response to the Covid-19 virus we have worked hard to ensure that our working practices are fully aligned with the Site Operating Procedures produced by the Construction Leadership Council. We will be keeping our local website www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk up to date with information on our works, and the measures we have in place to maintain the safety of the community and our workforce.

A41 and Station Road junction update

Further to our last newsletter in July 2021 we are writing to give you an update on the works. As we previously informed you there was a delay to the start of the A41 junction works as we resolved utility diversion and protection works with the asset owners. To reduce the Winter 2021 delay to the programme we have gained consent from the Local Authority to extend our working hours at the junction to include the following weekend shift patterns for the next four weeks.

- Saturday 14 August and Sunday 15 August 2021
- Saturday 21 August 2021
- Saturday 28 August and Sunday 29 August 2021
- Saturday 4 September 2021

Station Road will remain closed for through traffic during these working weekends. Throughout these four weeks we will continue to review the impact to the community and make considerations to further reduce the work programme timeline.

When works are not taking place on a Sunday, Station Road will be open from 6pm on the Saturday evening and closed again at 8am on the Monday morning.

We will also be undertaking night working when possible under our agreed Local Authority consent. We are aware of the impact that these changes will have, however this work is required to enable the main works contractor to utilise the internal access road which will take HGV's off local roads.



Duration of works

A41 junction improvement works until Winter 2021

What to expect

Weekend working:

Saturday 8am to 6pm

Sunday 8am to 6pm

(alternative Sundays)

Full road closure of Station Road and continued use of the existing signposted diversion route

Night working at times on the A41

24/7 temporary traffic lights

Some additional traffic on local roads. Some noise from equipment used for the works. Site storage and welfare vehicles. Site operated with 24hr security



HS2 Station Road frequently asked questions

Q: Why are we doing these works?

A: As part of our continuing works ahead of the construction of the railway we need to undertake highway improvement works to Station Road between the A41 and the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre at Quainton. As part of this scheme of works we are also upgrading the junction of Station Road with the A41. These works are required as the section of Station Road approaching the Railway Centre from the A41 forms part of the HS2 lorry route for the main construction phase. Once we have completed these highway works the road will be reopened for public use.

Q: Why has the programme of works been extended?

A: At the junction of the A41 and Station Road there are numerous utilities within the highway. Whilst we undertake the junction works we are working hard to protect these utilities to maintain supply and maintain safety. One such utility is a water main situated at the A41 junction. Following a review of the design by the utility owner we now have an approved design to construct a protection slab to the asset prior to the construction of the reconfigured junction. This work has now commenced. This has had an impact to our programme and we have had to extend the delivery timescale until Winter 2021 as advised in our July 2021 newsletter.

Q: What have we done to reduce the impact of these works?

A: We are aware that concern has been raised regarding the length of traffic queues at the A41 traffic lights, following this we have agreed with Buckinghamshire Council to;

- Optimise the current temporary A41 Traffic Management lights to maximise green light times in each direction to help traffic flow
- During peak hours we will also monitor and when necessary operate the 2-way traffic light system manually to balance queue waiting periods for each direction of traffic flow
- Fusion will increase the management and maintenance of the traffic management system during the weekend periods

We are continually reviewing the traffic management system at this location to reduce possible further delays.

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Q: What have we done to keep you updated?

A: Ahead of the works starting in October 2020 due to COVID-19 we were not able to hold face-to-face public events. Instead we provided a virtual exhibition about these works which provided further information that members of the public could view at their convenience, two community webinars and a comprehensive advanced works notice.

Further to this we have provided a newsletter update in December 2020, and a further newsletter update and community webinar in July 2021.

Q: What have we been doing?

A: We have;

- Constructed five new passing bays along the length of Station Road
- Improved highway drainage
- Repaired the road surface and overlay with new asphalt for the full width and length of the Station Road
- Installed new road signage and completed road line marking
- Undertaken Station Road verge landscaping
- Diverted utilities at the A41 junction
- Investigated and agreed the water main protection detail at the A41 junction. We have now commenced these works

Q: What works are still to be completed?

To complete the junction improvements at the A41 and Station Road we need to;

- Continue with temporary traffic lights at the junction of Station Road and the A41 to allow the junction improvement works to continue. Station Road will remain closed for through traffic
- Continue construction of the junction improvement works, protection works to the water main and widen the existing A41 carriageway, then install new road drainage, kerbs and traffic islands
- Install 3-way traffic lights at the junction to be in place during the HS2 main construction period

For all information please visit www.HS2inyourarea.co.uk.

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

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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