



Works at Amersham A404, Whielden Lane and A413

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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.

To reduce the impact of HS2 construction traffic on the road network, we are making changes to the junctions in the area of the A413 and A404. This work is adjacent to the future HS2 Chiltern tunnel vent shaft site and the shaft construction will start later this year. These junction works provide safety and capacity improvements for motorists, pedestrians and HS2 related traffic. The shaft construction traffic will access the site via the A404 and a short section of Whielden Lane.

What we will be doing?

We will be carrying out a number of activities as shown on the map below and described further in this notice. This work includes:

- Setting up of a site compound including welfare facilities
- Removing and upgrading street signage
- Modifications to the junction of Whielden Lane and the A404 including the introduction of three-way traffic light control
- Renewing road markings
- Localised vegetation clearance to improve visibility for road users
- Minor changes to the A413 central traffic island kerb line when approaching the A413 roundabout from the south
- Changes to the existing cycleway and footpath crossing on the A404 ahead of the later diversion.

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

Duration of works

Work will start on 18 May and finish 4 July 2020. To complete the works quickly we will have day and night shift working.

Day shift 18 May to 4 July on Whielden Lane

Three night shift phases:

1. Phase one: 2 weeks
18 May to 30 May
2. Phase two: 2 weeks
8 June to 20 June
3. Phase three: 1 week
29 June to 4 July

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local diversion route roads and a road closure.

What we will do

We will be working hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and future works.

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Notification



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How this may affect you

Whielden Lane will be closed for through traffic from the 18 May to the 4 July 2020. The closure is shown on the map in this notification. A sign posted diversion for public traffic will be in place along Whielden Street, along The Broadway, Gore Hill to the A413 and A404. Access to the hospital will be maintained throughout, along Whielden Street from The Broadway and the Old Town.

We have closed the section of Whielden Lane and the A404 for the duration of the works, until 4 July 2020, in order to complete the works as quickly as possible. Bus stops along Whielden Street and part of The Broadway will not be in use during this time. The affected bus stops are shown later in this notification. The closest open bus stops will be on the A404 outside the Chiltern Crematorium and on Gore Hill located between the A413 and The Broadway roundabouts. Each bus stop that is to be closed will have notices attached in advance and during the works to inform the public.

Pedestrian / cycle way access will be maintained throughout these junction works through the existing link 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 will not use Whielden Street or the Old Town. Construction traffic will access from the A404 / A413 only.

We have kept the emergency services informed of these works and during the night works emergency service access will be provided at all times along the A404. The crematorium will also be provided with access at all times along the A404.

Day time working (8am to 6pm)

To complete the works as quickly as possible we will have day and night time working.

Day time works will be Monday to Friday on Whielden Lane between 8am and 6pm. We may also be on site for one hour's start up and shutdown outside of these times. The work will involve changes to the existing junction with the A404. This includes alterations to the existing traffic islands and the installation of the traffic lights at this junction. Throughout this work safe pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained between the A404 and Whielden Street.

Works will also include preparation activities for the later diversion of this footpath along Whielden Lane ahead of the vent shaft works starting later this year.

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Night time working (9pm to 5am)

To complete the works as quickly as possible we will have day and night shift working.

The works on the A413 and A404 are being undertaken at night to reduce the impact on traffic. The A404 will be closed to enable the junction works with Whielden Lane to take place, including changes to the central traffic islands and installing traffic lights. All day and night works will be closely monitored for noise. Removal of the existing white lining will be the noisiest activity. This work will be closely monitored and controlled.

There will be three phases of night working. Each phase will require the closure of the A404 between the crematorium entrance and the A413 roundabout. At times the A413 will also be under single lane traffic light control whilst we undertake works at the A413 and A404 roundabout. All night works will take place each weekday night between the hours of 9pm and 5am. Outside of the three phases of works the A404 and A413 will be open as normal. There will be no weekend working during the below periods.

Phase one: Monday 18 May 2020 until 5am Saturday 30 May 2020

The A404 road closure and diversion will be in place. Additionally, during this period, there will be an overnight A413 lane closure in place as shown on the map below, with traffic lights in place on the roundabout of the A404 and A413 for A413 through traffic. No overnight working will take place on Monday 25 May due to the bank holiday.

Phase two: Monday 8 June 2020 until 5am Saturday 20 June 2020

The A404 road closure and diversion will be in place. Traffic lights at the A413 / A404 roundabout for A413 through traffic will also be used periodically during this time.

Phase three: Monday 29 June 2020 until 5am Saturday 4 July

The A404 road closure and diversion will be in place. Traffic lights at the A413 / A404 roundabout for A413 through traffic will also be used periodically during this time.

Vegetation removal / strimming

Before any vegetation is removed the area will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists. Any protected species found to be present will be recorded and no vegetation will be cleared in that immediate area. Vegetation that is located alongside the vent shaft island perimeter with the A413 and the A404 will be cut back 2 metres from the existing kerb line. This is to provide safety sight lines for traffic approaching and leaving the A413 roundabout and traffic joining and leaving Whielden Lane.

Whielden Lane road closure (Full time)



A404 and A413 (Night shift operations)



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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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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