

HS2

Breakspear Road South Closure

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. As part of the railway's construction we're continuing with our preparatory works in the Hillingdon area. This is to ensure that the area is ready for us to start building the railway.

We will be working on Breakspear Road South from 20 July to 14 September.

We have produced this document to try and answer the most commonly asked questions we have been asked by members of the local community about the closure of Breakspear Road South.

1. Where can I get information about further road closures?

To find out about what is happening in your local area visit our local website, www.hs2inhilligdon.co.uk It has details of our construction programme, traffic management, air quality, planned works, engagement events and other information you may find useful.

We will also have a dedicated Breakspear Road South page during the closure with updates on the work.

2 Why is it in three phases?

HS2 is closing Breakspear Road South from the 20 July for eight weeks to construct an access road off Breakspear Road South to the Merck Sharp & Dhome facility.

Due to the size of the excavation needed and Breakspear Road South being a narrow road, the safest and most effective way to deliver the work is by closing the road. Many of the utility and service connections span the full width of the road. The closure is also required to construct the entrance for the access road and complete the utility diversions under the road.

Questions and Answers



Upcoming drop-ins

Friday 2 August 2019, 2pm-5pm

Harefield Library, Park Lane, Harefield UB9 6BJ

Thursday 8 August 2019, 2pm-5pm

Committee Room at St Lawrence Church, 2A Bridle Road, Eastcote, Pinner HA5 2SJ

Tuesday 13 August 2019, 2pm-5pm

Ruislip Manor Library, Linden Avenue, Ruislip Manor HA4 8TW

Thursday 22 August 2019, 2pm-5pm

Ickenham Library, Long Lane, Ickenham UB10 8RE

Friday 30 August 2019, 2pm-5pm

Harefield Library, Park Lane, Harefield UB9 6BJ

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

The works will require a sequence of full closures and a lane closure over the eight week period which is outlined in detail below.

- The first phase will be a full closure and will commence on 20 July at 6am, running for 28 days until 8pm on 16 August.
- The second phase will consist of two-way lights closing the northbound carriageway, controlling traffic running on the southbound carriageway, this will commence from 8pm on 16 August and remain in place until 6am on 31 August.
- The third phase will be another full closure for 15 days until 8pm on 31 August, ready to reopen northbound and southbound traffic at 8pm on 14 September.

We hope that the lane closure in the second phase of the works will help alleviate the pressure on surrounding roads.

3 Was there consultation on the closure?

HS2 has been engaging with the council and local residents on the closure of Breakspear Road South and the detailed design of traffic management needed for these works for many months. This has been through a variety of groups that include the Traffic Liaison Group, Hillingdon Community Traffic Working Group and with the chairs of Residents Associations in the Borough. In these meetings the works were outlined and the proposed timing for the closure was discussed.

We regularly engage with local residents to factor in their concerns where we are able to.

4 I believe an assurance was given at the Select Committee that Breakspear Road South would not be closed. Why are you now closing it?

No formal assurance was given regarding the closure of Breakspear Road South. Wherever possible we will try to keep roads open, however, there may be occasions where a full road closure may be necessary.

Where we have to close the road we will provide as much advance notice of the closures to warn residents and road users. We want people to be as informed as possible and try to make alternative travel arrangements where they can, and plan their travel to take into account any closure. Information will also be made available on our community website www.hs2inhilligdon.co.uk

5 What are you going to do about poor/ bad driving as a result of the road closure?

Any dangerous driving should be reported to the police.

6 How many more times will Breakspear Road South be shut?

The decision to close a road is not taken lightly and we do understand the impact this has on the local community. Wherever possible every effort is made to keep the road open or use traffic management to allow one lane to remain open.

There are currently no plans to close the road again, but if we do need to, we will give people as much warning as possible.

We will always try to give as much notice as possible of road closures as we understand the huge inconvenience they place upon the local community. We want people to be as informed as possible and try to make alternative travel arrangements where they can and plan their travel to take into account any closure. The best way to be kept informed is to sign up to news alerts at www.hs2inhillington.co.uk

7 Have you considered the impact on the local community?

We are very conscious of the impact road closures have both on the local community and on commuters.

We appreciate that there will be disruption as a result of the works and various measures will be implemented during this time period to mitigate the disruption where we can. We have produced this question and answer guide to try and answer some of the questions that has been asked previously by members of the community.

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8 What about the emergency services?

HS2 hold regular traffic meetings which the emergency services attends so that they can plan their routes in line with our works.

9 Why are you working 24 hours a day for part of the closure?

In order to complete the works as quickly as possible, we will be working 24 hours a day in the first 2 weeks and the last week of the closure.

10 Will the pedestrian access over Breakspear Road South remain open?

Yes, access between bridleway U42 and footpath U45 will be kept open so the public can cross between the two pathways.

11 What are you doing about pollution?

HS2 and our contractors are required to comply with a code of construction practice and we already monitor, air quality and dust in this area and produce monthly reports.

Further information about air quality can be found on the HS2 in Hillington site here: <https://hs2inhillington.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/air-quality/details> along with a link to the air quality reports. For ease, the reports can also be found by clicking here.

12 Will this impact my utility supplies?

No, this work will not affect your utility supplies. Whilst the various utilities providers are assisting HS2 to deliver the works required please be aware that should operational issues occur on their infrastructure network during the closure, then there is a risk that the utility works may be postponed to a later date as maintaining residential customer utilities supplies must take priority.

13 Can I have compensation for the delay?

The general rule is that there is no entitlement in law for compensation to be paid to businesses or individuals whom may be affected by our road closures and are delayed as a result of traffic, therefore HS2 Ltd are unable to consider such requests.

We would encourage residents and commuters to plan ahead and add extra time into their travel plans or make alternative arrangements where possible.

14 My car is dirtier than usual, can I claim from you for it to be cleaned?

Our contractors will take all reasonably practicable measures to avoid or to limit mud and debris on roads. This is laid out in the HS2 Code of Construction Practise and therefore we do not offer compensation for vehicles becoming dirty.

However, if you see what you consider to be excessive debris, please report this to HS2 Ltd by email at HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk by calling our **24 hour Helpdesk on 08081 4340344** and we will work with our contractors to remedy this.

15 Is HS2 going ahead?

Yes, on 23 February 2017 Royal Assent was granted for Phase One of HS2, which comprises of a new high speed railway between London and the West Midlands (the "HS2 Act") following three years of scrutiny. The HS2 Act grants HS2 and those working on behalf of HS2 the powers to construct the new railway.

Over 9,000 people are currently employed as a result of HS2. The enabling works to prepare for main construction are well underway at over 250 work sites on Phase One, between London to Birmingham. Over 2,000 firms across the UK now have contracts with HS2, 70% of them small or medium enterprises and 98% of them British. Since Royal Assent in 2017, there have been 324 apprenticeships within HS2 and the wider supply chain.

16 I heard that you don't have 'Notice to Proceed'?

Notice to Proceed is about HS2 giving permission to the main works civils supply chain to start construction works. It is not about HS2 receiving permission for the scheme. That happened upon Royal Assent of the High Speed Rail Act (London – West Midlands) 2017, on 23 February 2017.

Notice to Proceed is a formal contractual process which is part of the main works civils contracts that enables them to move from design and development to construction. The works that are now taking place are necessary to enable the construction of HS2 to move forward in accordance with the programme, following notice to proceed.

17 Why is the northbound lane closed in Phase 2?

The utilities we are working on are buried beneath the northbound carriageway. However while we work on the northbound carriageway the southbound lane will be open to traffic flowing in both directions, controlled by traffic lights. For more details please see the **[notification sent to residents by clicking here](#)**.

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:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.HS2inyourarea.co.uk**

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