

# **UTILITY SURVEYS IN YOUR AREA Q&A**

## Why do we need to do utility surveys?

Utility trial holes are carried out to excavate the ground and identify which services sit beneath the surface of the road. It is important to do this to ensure that we do not disturb any utilities and services to the local area when construction works are carried out.

### Who will be completing the works?

The works will be carried out by Barhale on behalf of HS2.

## What are the utility surveys in advance of?

The information gathered from the survey will be used to inform the future design works.

## How long will the works go on for?

These works will take place from Saturday 21 October until Sunday 29 October. This particular trial hole will take nine days in total as Breakspear Road South is a fairly wide road and we wanted to give ourselves enough time to ensure the work is done safely.

## When will the work take place?

Please note in order to complete the works within the October school half term we will be working outside of our usual core working hours. Working hours for these utility surveys will be:

Saturdays: 8am-6pm Sundays: 8am-6pm Weekdays: 8am-6pm.

Our contractors may also be on site prior to shift start for one hour's start-up and after shift end for one hour's shutdown. Start-up and shut-down will include, but not be limited to deliveries, movement to place of work, unloading, maintenance and general preparation works. It will not include the operation of any plant or machinery likely to cause disturbance to local residents or



businesses.

### Have the council been informed about the works?

During consultation with the council, we have been advised by London Borough of Hillingdon that works should be carried out during the week of the school half term during the period 21 – 29 October in order to minimise road traffic impacts arising from the closure of Breakspear Road. Given that the works will take up to nine days to complete, it will therefore be necessary for works to be carried out 8am-6pm daily (including Saturdays and Sundays).

### How have you informed residents about the works?

We have distributed a number of materials to our residents, including this Q&A Sheet, a letter, a poster which has been put on display in your local library, and onsite signage.

A phase of door-knocking will be carried out nearer the start and in the vicinity of the works, where we will discuss the upcoming works with residents and answer any questions they may have.

We also upload information to our notification website, where you can find out more by going to <a href="https://hs2inhillingdon.commonplace.is/">https://hs2inhillingdon.commonplace.is/</a>

#### What do the works entail?

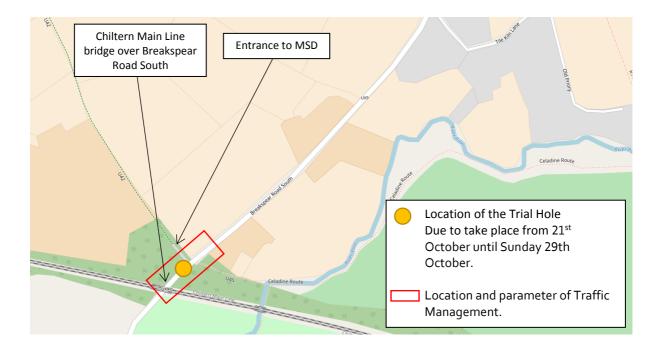
Initially, traffic management will be provided along with erection of Heras fencing panels including acoustic blankets for screening around the work site. Road surface will be removed over a period of 1-2 days using a floor saw to define the perimeter and breaker mounted on an excavator, with subsequent excavation of trial pit and installation of trench sheets, if deemed necessary, using the excavator with bucket and hand tools.

Surveys and recording will then be completed before backfilling of the trench and subsequent reinstatement of road surface. Asphalt will be delivered by lorry and compacted with using whacker plate or similar. Traffic management will then be removed at the end of the work.

## Where will the works take place?

These particular works are due to take place on Breakspear Road South, Ickenham.





## Is there going to be a disruption to my utilities?

No, there will be no disruption to any utilities during this process. If you do experience any loss of electricity, gas or water, then please contact your local provider before contacting our 24-hour helpdesk on 08081 434 434.

# Is there going to be a road closure/diversion?

No, there will not be a road closure or a diversion for these particular works. However, the road will be reduced to a single lane (with the closed lane alternating as the work demands). Appropriate traffic management (early warning signs, temporary lights) will be in place to direct the flow of traffic.

# Is the worksite going to be safe?

Yes, where excavations are being carried out in areas normally accessible by the general public, appropriate signage and secure guarding arrangements will be in place to ensure public safety. The site will be secured with security fencing and will be manned by personnel during daytime hours. We will always encourage members of the public to be safe around any main road and take care when walking near a construction site.



## Will the road be properly replaced once you've finished?

Yes, the road will be backfilled and reinstated to the required standard upon completion of these works.

## Where will the workers park their vehicles?

Our contractors have been briefed to only use the prescribed driving routes in and out of site and to never park their vehicles in a residential area.

#### Will there be noise?

We recognise that construction work can be disruptive to those living or working nearby and we have reminded all staff and contractors to be considerate of the environment they are working in. The initial breach of the road surface will be the noisiest activity, although this will be intermittent. We will use acoustic panels to reduce noise as much as possible.

### Will there be dust?

There may be some dust from the initial breaking up of the road surface but the team will ensure that the area is left clean and tidy once they have completed the works.

### Will there be vibration?

There will be an extremely small amount of vibration during the initial breaking up of the road surface but there will not be enough vibration to cause any damage to surrounding structures or buildings.