



# Notice of Ellesborough Road closure for utility diversion and crash barrier installation

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## What are we doing?

In advance of the completion and tie-in of the temporary diversion of Ellesborough Road into the existing road in early 2024, our team need to close the road to complete further utility diversions works at both the eastern and western tie-in areas.

In constructing the realignment, our team have so far dug trial holes, surveyed, and diverted high voltage cables, gas mains, internet and telephone services and installed a sheet pile wall to protect the Memorial Wood under our previous closures, and as we move closer to these works now being complete.

As the nature of these works involve open excavations and due to the narrow width of the carriageway, we need to close the road to ensure the safety of both our workforce and road users.

Pedestrian and resident access will be maintained throughout the closure although the footpath maybe diverted onto the carriageway.

Ellesborough Road must be diverted to continue with the construction of Wendover Green Tunnel. The diversion includes a temporary new bridge which will enable site traffic to pass underneath and for the tunnel to be constructed without any disruption to the road. We are working to have the temporary realignment in operation in early 2024.

## When will these works take place?

- Monday 4 December to Saturday 9 December

Please note, these dates may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control but will be completed on or around the timings specified.

Should our team finish earlier than planned, we will open the road when practicable.

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

## Duration of works

- 4 – 9 December 2023

Closures will be in place 24 hours a day.

## What to expect

Various activities taking place on Ellesborough Road.

A full diversion route to be signposted.

Full closure of a section of Ellesborough Road.

## What we will do

Respond promptly to any complaints we may receive and action accordingly.

Manage any noise or traffic impacts.

Access available for residents and pedestrians.

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## Where will the road closure be?

The map below shows the road closure and diversion route that will be in operation during the closure. Our works will be contained within the closed red section below.



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## How will this affect me?

For the advised dates, road users are being provided with a fully signposted diversion route. We would suggest allowing for additional journey time during this period. For residents, full access is being provided for properties along the road.

A pedestrian walking route will also be maintained, cyclists and those on horseback will have access but should dismount before passing through the works area. Those bringing horses through should be aware that some of these works may be noisy.

## What will the Ellesborough Road re-alignment be like?

The newly diverted road will go around the back of the existing houses on Ellesborough Road and will include a temporary bridge which allows our site traffic to pass underneath.

Bacombe Lane is also being temporary realigned with new access from Ellesborough Road. The access is due to be opened in the Spring of 2024. Once the new access has been opened, the original access point from South Street/London Road will be temporarily closed, there will be no through route.

As both realignments are temporary, they will eventually be removed and the area landscaped towards the end of the project. Their original alignments will be reinstated with slight amendments to take the road over the Wendover Green Tunnel.

## Will there be any more closures?

We are trying to condense these closures as much as possible to reduce inconvenience however we require the support of the utility companies as the assets owners. It is difficult to coordinate the utility companies to attend the site at the same time which is why there are different closures taking place for utility diversions.

There will be further road closures to complete the tie-in of Ellesborough Road and to allow us to tie in the Bacombe Lane diversion. This is due to be operational in the Spring of 2024. We will also need to undertake surveys and maintenance of the temporary bridge periodically which may require temporary traffic management.

Further short duration road closures may also be required for the construction of the Green Tunnel, details of this will be communicated closer to the time.

## Where can I find out more information?

You can find out more information from any of our community events, visiting the HS2 website or by contacting the HS2 helpdesk.

# 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](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 by emailing: [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)

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