



# Chipping Warden south A361 road closure update

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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.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk)

As a local resident we are writing to update you on the full road closure on the A361 this weekend, from 8pm Friday night (15 May 2020) to 6am Monday morning (18 May 2020). This is in the area of the southern tie in of the relief road near Allens Orchard and Appletree Road. We will also be working 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May, whereby we will notify you of the details next week.

## What are we doing?

We will be carrying out further works ahead of the final connection of the A361 relief road later this year. This work will be taking place at the southern tie in of the relief road only, in the area opposite Allens Orchard and the connection to Appletree Road. HS2 contractor Fusion, through our subcontractor Buckingham Group Construction Ltd (BGCL), will be carrying out the work which requires a full weekend road closure of the A361. This diversion route is similar to the diversion that was put in place for the previous closure at the end of April. Please go to [www.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk) for more details about the diversion route.

**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

The closure works will begin Friday 15 May and will continue until the morning of Monday 18 May 2020

### What to expect

The full weekend closure of the A361 with traffic management on the road

Increased journey times following the signposted diversion route

Local movement of our equipment and staff while the works are taking place

Some noise from our equipment and lighting around our worksite

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The table below shows our planned 12 hour schedule of the works being undertaken during the closure this weekend.

Timeline	Activities Friday 15 May 2020	Activities Saturday 16 May 2020	Activities Sunday 17 May 2020
<b>Day time (6am to 8pm)</b>	<b>Not applicable - the A361 highway will be open as normal until 8pm when the road will be closed.</b>	Construction of road formation with continued surfacing works to the tie in with the main A361 connection.  Kerbing installation to the village side of the south tie in.	Continue the works that we started on Saturday with surfacing.
<b>Night time (8pm to 6am)</b>	8pm commencement and setup of traffic management. This includes the road closure signage, traffic cones, diversion routes and the completion of any remaining temporary weekend noise protection  Our main works will commence during the Saturday Dayshift	No planned works	Removal of the A361 diversion route  <b>The A361 highway will be re-opened to traffic no later than 6am Monday 18 May 2020</b>

Some of the activities mentioned above will generate noise. We have put in place mitigation to minimise the disturbance.

## How will this affect me?

There will be some noise from our construction activities. We have sequenced our works as much as possible to ensure that the noisier activities will take place during the day. We will also use localised noise barriers to reduce noise disturbance from our equipment.

The A361 will have a full closure, you may need to plan your journey and allow more time. The diversion route will be clearly sign posted. However, residents may know alternative routes for local journeys.

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

## Need to speak to someone on site this weekend?

James Carden – Fusion Assistant Project Manager 07795 486375 (Fri, Sat, Sun 8am – 8pm)

Pete Daniel – Fusion Works Manager 07810 507557 (Sat, Sun 8am – 8pm)

Steve Kember 07387051114 – Fusion Site Foreman Supervisor 07387051114 (Fri, Sat & Sun 8pm – 6am)

If you need additional information during and prior to the works, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

## What are others doing?

As part of the new road scheme WPD (Western Power Distribution) will be carrying out works on behalf of HS2 within the Fusion Traffic management closure.

# 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

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

Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

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