

# Railway improvement work in your area

## Electrification of the Poplars line & HS2 enabling work

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Dear neighbour,

### Noisy work between Acton Main Line station and Old Oak Common Lane

#### What's happening?

I'm writing to inform you about railway upgrades taking place in your area to support the construction of HS2 — Britain's new high speed railway. In this letter, I'll provide details of where we'll be working over the next few months including our Christmas work plan and what to expect.

#### Work to connect the Great Western Main Line with a new Old Oak Common station

Network Rail is working in partnership with HS2 to prepare the existing railway for the construction of HS2. This involves realigning sections of track, overhead wires, signalling and other vital rail systems to connect the Great Western Main Line railway to a new station being built by HS2 at Old Oak Common. Our work to prepare and move parts of the railway for HS2 will continue over several years.

#### Work to electrify a section of railway between Acton Main Line station and Old Oak Common Lane

We're continuing work to electrify a 1.35 mile (2.2km) section of railway sometimes referred to as the 'Poplars electrification project'. Our electrification work, which is expected to be completed in 2026, will enable electric trains to be diverted during planned closures of the Great Western Main Line railway to support the construction of HS2. This is to help reduce disruption for passengers and will provide a long term benefit to allow greener and cleaner electric trains to run on this section of the rail network. Because this route is used by a lot of freight trains, we need to do this work on weekends and at night to minimise disruption to the railway.

#### When and where are we working?

On the other side of this letter is a map along with dates and times of what we are doing. The nature of our work means we'll regularly move up and down the railway which means we won't be working next to individual properties constantly. Because of the nature of the work we will need to use lighting and floodlights during our night time working.

#### Electrification: What do we mean by piling, masts and overhead wires?

Our website has really good information on what we do and what it involves, scan the QR Code or visit the site via <https://bit.ly/rail-electrification>



We are sorry if our work disturbs you, it may be noisy at times and we'll at times be using bright lights, but we'll make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

#### Other work in the area by HS2.

HS2 and its partners at BBVS will be continuing their work very near area 4 on the map overleaf on the bridge running over the Central Line which will involve some road closures. BBVS/HS2 have already contacted impacted residents about this work, you can see the notifications and access more information by scanning this QR code.



If you have any queries about the work, please telephone our 24-hour national helpline on **03457 11 41 41** or email **NRHS2@networkrail.co.uk**. Please use the reference at the start of this letter.

If you have any questions about the HS2 project or HS2 construction work, please contact the **HS2 helpdesk** on **08081 434 434** or email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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Community Relations Executive

Where & When		
What's happening	Who is working	Dates and times of our work
	<b>Map Area: 1</b>	
<p>Piling – the process of installing foundations for the masts and gantries that will carry electrified wires along the railway.</p> <p>Installation of overhead line equipment including structures and wires.</p>	Network Rail	<p><b>2-4 Nov, 16-18 Nov (Sat-Mon):</b> 2200 – 0500</p> <p><b>9-10 Nov (Sat-Sun):</b> 1800 – 1000</p> <p><b>23-25 Nov, 28-30 Dec (Sat-Mon):</b> 1800 – 0800</p> <p><b>14-15 Dec, 21-22 Dec (Sat-Sun):</b> 1800 – 0800</p> <p><b>25-26 Dec (Wed-Thu):</b> 1000 – 1000</p> <p><b>4-5 Jan, 11-12 Jan 2025 (Sat-Sun):</b> 1800 – 1000</p>
	<b>Map Area: 2</b>	
<p>Installation of new track drainage.</p> <p>Weeknight shifts - teams using hand tools &amp; measuring equipment to inspect area.</p>	Network Rail in partnership with HS2	<p><b>16-18 &amp; 23-25 Nov, 30 Nov-2 Dec, 7-9 Dec, 21-23 Dec (Sat-Mon):</b> 2200 – 0500</p> <p><b>25-29 Dec (Wed-Sun):</b> 0400 – 2300</p> <p><b>18-22 Nov, 25-29 Nov, 2-6 Dec, 9-13 Dec (Mon-Fri):</b> 2300 – 0600</p>
	<b>Map Area: 3</b>	
Installation of new structures to support signals and lineside equipment.	Network Rail in partnership with HS2	<p><b>2-3 Nov, 30 Nov-1 Dec (Sat-Sun):</b> 2200 – 2000</p> <p><b>16-18 Nov (Sat-Mon):</b> 2200 – 0500</p> <p><b>4 Nov-17 Jan 2025 (Mon-Fri):</b> 0800 – 1600</p>
	<b>Map Area:4</b>	
<p>Installation of new overhead line equipment (OLE) structures.</p> <p>Installation of new track and drainage.</p>	Network Rail in partnership with HS2	<p><b>11-13 Jan (Sat-Mon):</b> 2200 – 0500</p> <p><b>4 Nov-17 Jan 2025 (Mon-Fri only):</b> 0800 – 1600</p>
	<b>Map Area: 5</b>	
Modifying or installing new track, overhead line equipment (OLE) structures., signalling and electrical equipment.	Network Rail in partnership with HS2	<p><b>2-4 Nov, 16-18 Nov, 30 Nov-2 Dec, 21-23 Dec, 11-13 Jan (Sat-Mon):</b> 22:00 – 05:00</p> <p><b>7-8 Dec, 14-15 Dec, 4-5 Jan 2025 (Sat-Sun):</b> 22:00 – 20:00</p> <p><b>25-29 Dec (Wed-Sun):</b> 0400 – 2300</p> <p><b>4 Nov-17 Jan 2025(Mon-Fri):</b> 0800 – 1600</p>

