



Continued closure of Whielden Lane, Amersham

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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.

What we are doing

Whielden Lane has been closed since the 18 May 2020 when we started work to change the junction of Whielden Lane and the A404. This work is in preparation for the construction of the Chiltern Tunnel vent shaft.

The vent shaft works are due to start on the 4 July 2020 and will include:

- Construction of a new combined footway / cycleway along Whielden Lane
- A new road entrance to the vent shaft site
- The diversion of two BT services
- A high-pressure Affinity Water main diversion

To ensure that these works can continue safely and to minimise disruption to residents, Whielden Lane will remain closed until September 2020. We will also need to close part of the A404 overnight. More information on the daytime, and overnight closure, are included in this notification.

We will continue to run the bus replacement service from Gore Hill/A355 bus stops near the Tesco supermarket to the hospital. Monday to Saturday from 7am to 6.30pm on a half hourly basis. On Sundays a reduced hourly service will operate from 7.49am to 6.30pm.

Keeping Whielden Lane closed allows us to do more work at one time than if it was carried out under single lane closures with traffic lights. This means that once complete there will be fewer times that traffic management needs to be used for the rest of the vent shaft construction.

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

Duration of works

July to September 2020

What to expect

Working hours Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm. Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's start up and shutdown outside of these times

Traffic Management with signs showing the diversion route

Some additional traffic on local diversion route roads and an overnight A404 road closure

What we will do

We will be working hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and future works

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How this may impact you

Whielden Lane will remain closed for through traffic from the 4 July to 30 September 2020. The closure is shown on the map below. A sign-posted diversion for traffic is currently in place along Whielden Street, along The Broadway, Gore Hill to the A413 and A404. Access to the hospital will be maintained along Whielden Street from The Broadway and Amersham Old Town.

Pedestrian / cycle way access will be maintained via the existing path that crosses the vent shaft site. This path links the A404 near to the crematorium entrance and Whielden Street, near to the hospital entrance and A413 bypass overbridge. We are building a permanent replacement for the path along Whielden Street. The current path will not be closed until the new path is ready.

Access for emergency services and the crematorium will be provided at all times along the A404.



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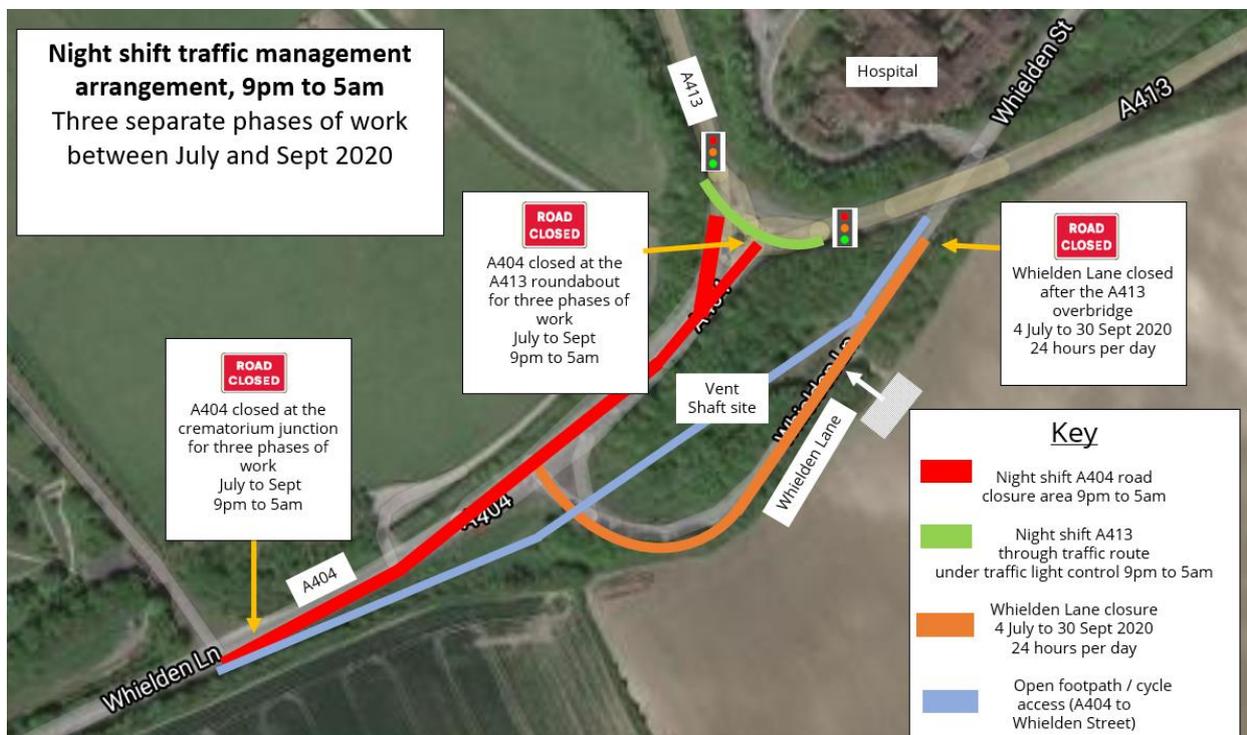
Overnight closure of the A404

Ahead of our works for the vent shaft we need to install a temporary safety barrier along the A404. This will be done at night to reduce disruption to the A404. At the same time the newly installed traffic lights at the junction of the A404 and Whielden Lane will be completed. These will then be covered over until Whielden Lane re-opens.

We will need to close the A404 overnight for these works to take place. The diversion route will be the same used for the recent junction works as shown in the on the map below. The works will take place between 9pm and 5am.

The closure dates, expected later in July, will be pre-advertised on the digital road signs in the area and also on the HS2 local community website. You can sign up for regular updates at www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk

We have kept the emergency services informed of these works and during the night works emergency service access will be provided at all times along the A404. The crematorium will also be provided with access at all times along the A404.



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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**

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 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk**

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