

Update on Chipping Warden relief road works

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. In response to the Covid-19 virus we have worked hard to ensure that our working practices are fully aligned with the Site Operating Procedures produced by the Construction Leadership Council and in line with Government and Public Health England advice. We will be keeping our local website <https://hs2innorthants.commonplace.is/> up to date with information on our works, and the measures we have in place to maintain the safety of the public and our workforce.

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 <https://hs2innorthants.commonplace.is/>

Chipping Warden Relief Road Update

As a local resident we are writing to update you on the completion works which are to be delivered over four phases of works between November and December 2020.

Please note that the below dates are all subject to consents and approvals from the relevant local authorities.

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

Notification



Phase 1

Monday 16 November 2020 for 2 weeks

Phase 2

Monday 23 November 2020 for 2 weeks

Phase 3

Weekend A361 Road closure

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 2020

Phase 4

Weekend A361 Road closure

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December 2020

Phase 5

January to February 2021

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Phase 1

Monday 16 November 2020 for two weeks

The utility diversion which will be undertaken by Western Power Distribution (WPD) will require an increase in the highway working area to carry out the diversion works safely. The proposed work is to complete the installation of an underground high voltage cable in the highway and footpath at Appletree Road / A361 junction. This includes the removal of decommissioned equipment including the poles in the new relief road alignment. Once completed, the new equipment will be tested and then made live. No power outages will take place during the works.

This work will require the introduction of temporary four-way traffic lights to control the vehicle flow along the A361, the traffic joining from Appletree Industrial Estate and from the residential section of Appletree Road.

The works will be carried out within existing traffic management and the footpath on A361 and Appletree Road.

The Appletree Industrial Estate traffic under **phase 1** will be diverted down the southern section of the new relief road to the A361 at the southern tie in. This will assist in reducing the amount of traffic using Appletree Road and avoids industrial estate traffic passing the residential properties. The A361 footpath will need to be closed for the duration of these works and a diversion route will be signposted. Access to Appletree Road will be maintained for residents.

Phase 2

Monday 23 November 2020 for two weeks

The four-way traffic lights used in phase 1 will be retained to provide the working room to construct the section of relief road and to complete drainage works on Appletree Road. The requirement for these temporary traffic lights is expected to be of two weeks duration.

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Phase 3

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 2020

A weekend road closure on the A361 is required to construct the permanent traffic splitter island that will assist motorists in the completed works case to either enter the village or to be directed to take the relief road as a through road. The construction of this island is not possible until the WPD utility diversion undertaken in (phase 1) and the road is partially constructed under (phase 2). The A361 will close on Friday 4 December 2020 at 8pm and reopen on Monday 7 December at 6am.

Phase 3 continued

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 2020

There will be a diversion route in place for the road closures and this will be similar to those that have been in place for previous closures. Please see map enclosed.

The four-way traffic lights will then be reintroduced after phase 3 to enable further works after the weekend closure and the subsequent weekend closure under phase 4. The industrial estate will continue to access via a section of the relief road.

Phase 4

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December 2020

A further weekend closure is required for final highway preparation, surfacing and white lining to connect the existing A361 to the new relief road and the retained road through the village.

The A361 will close on Friday 11 December 2020 at 8pm and reopen on Monday 14 December at 6am. There will be diversion route in place for road closures and this will be similar to those that have been in place for previous closures. Please see map enclosed.

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Phase 4 continued

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December 2020

At the end of the phase 4 the existing A361 through the village will be reopened without traffic lights, including the Appletree Road junction.

The relief road at this stage will continue to provide access to the Appletree Road residential estate only, with the remaining section being closed to all traffic. Traffic entering and leaving the Appletree Industrial Estate will continue to use the southern section of the relief road to join the current A361 through the village.

Upon the completion of phase 4 the traffic lights on the A361 will be removed. This work is predicted to be completed by the December holiday break, but this is subject to consents and approvals.

Phase 5

January 2021 until February 2021

The final phase of the works will include all safety related checks, compliance reviews and the installation of planting for the area.

During January 2021 the industrial estate traffic will continue to be diverted to use part of the southern section of the relief road to gain access to the A361. This transfer of industrial estate traffic allows the final completion works to be undertaken on the residential section of Appletree Road where the relief road crosses.

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Phase 5 continued January 2021 until February 2021

Subject to the completion of phases 1 - 4 in 2020 we are planning to fully open the relief road in early February 2021

Location of phase 1 and 2 works



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Location of phase 3 and 4 works



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Diversion route



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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

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