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TUNNELLING TO EUSTON

Two giant tunnel boring machines (TBMs) named Karen and Madeleine will bore 4.5 miles from Old Oak Common to Euston, providing an underground link between the two London HS2 stations.

In October, the Government confirmed funding for the tunnels. Engineers are assembling the TBMs to dig the final stage of HS2 into central London.

Each 1,250-tonne TBM will launch from an underground box at Old Oak Common, digging and building the tunnels as they advance. They are expected to take around one and a half years to reach the railway's southern terminus at Euston.

Following tunnelling tradition, the TBMs are named after prominent women in history. One machine is named after Karen Harrison, the first female train driver in the UK, based at Old Oak Common depot. A mural dedicated to Karen is situated by platform 2 in Euston station.

Karen's sister, Marie Harrison, said:

"I can say with confidence that Karen would have been delighted to have this TBM named for her. In many ways it reflects her qualities of strength and perseverance."

The second machine is named after Madeleine Nobbs, the former president of the Women's Engineering Society. She lived

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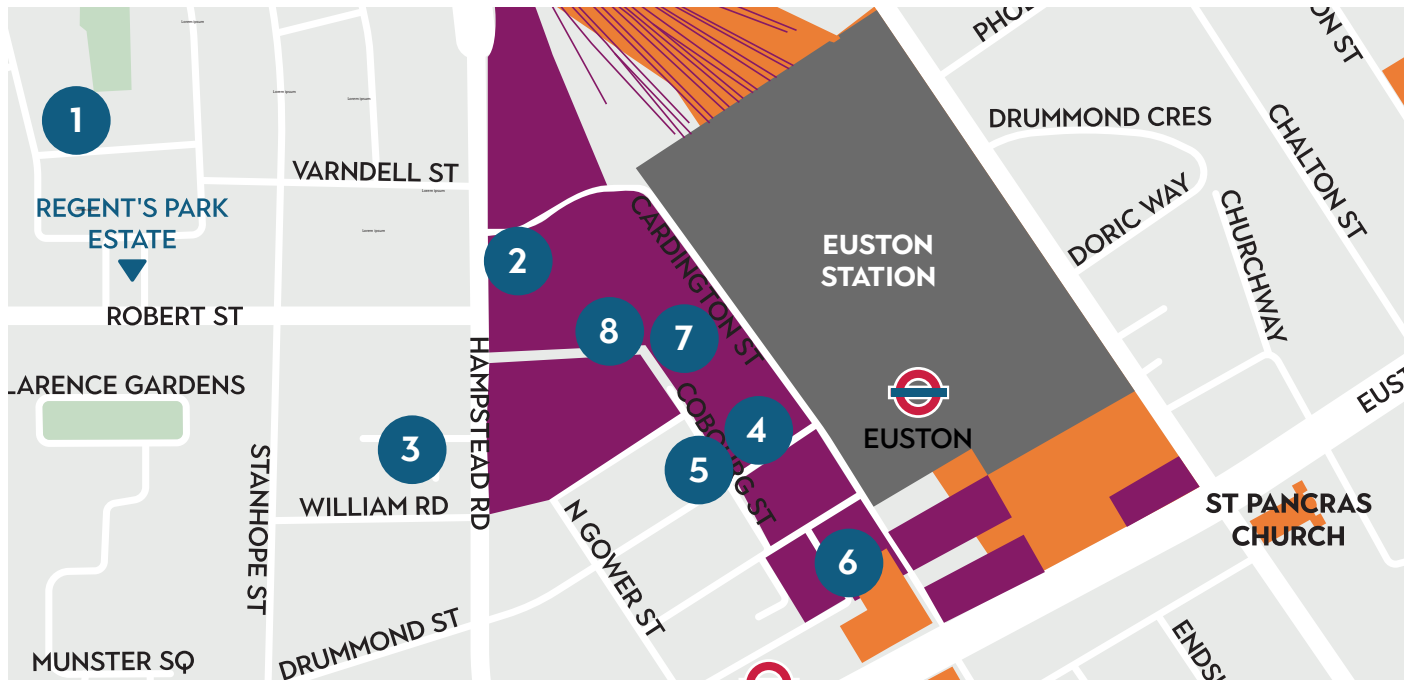
from 1914 to 1970 and worked as a building services engineer.

The Government is committed to bringing HS2 to Euston and is working at pace with partners in the area to deliver and integrate four major projects: the new high-speed rail (HS2) station, an upgraded Network Rail station, enhancements to the London Underground station and local transport facilities along with a significant level of development.

Further details will be announced by the Government in due course.

WORK UPDATES: STATION WORK SITES

While the construction of the HS2 station is paused, Mace Dragados Joint Venture (MDJV) continues with critical preparatory work to enable the delivery of a future station. This includes the construction of a new traction substation to power the Northern Line, work on essential utilities and meanwhile use sites.



1. 2. & 3. Cumberland Market, Hampstead Road and Robert Street

As part of the essential programme of utilities works in the area in 2024, MDJV completed the installation of a new 1,000mm water main on Hampstead Road, Cumberland Market and Robert Street. In spring 2025, MDJV will divert the old water main to the new one. There will be no impact on water supply during this period.

4. Cobourg Street

Various utility diversions took place on Cobourg Street in 2024. Some of the works completed in 2024 included installing London Underground cables to enable the new traction substation to come into use. To enable ongoing works, the road remains closed to vehicles but pedestrian access is maintained.

5. Drummond Street

In May 2024, MDJV carried out CCTV investigations to inform the Drummond Street gas works. In 2025, the gas main along Drummond Street will be replaced using a 'cut and insert' technique instead of using the traditional open trench method. This means less disruption to Drummond Street.

The works will be undertaken in four phases. To complete the works, Virgin Media will remove and relocate assets to enable MDJV to complete the gas diversion. The final phase will close Drummond Street to vehicles from the junction of North Gower Street to Cobourg Street for approximately 12 weeks. Pedestrian access to businesses and properties will be maintained.

6. Traction Substation

Work is progressing at the site and MDJV is beginning to complete

important components such as Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) installations throughout the new structure.

In summer 2024, MDJV completed the temporary painting of the structure. This will enable the new substation to come into operation which will continue to power the Northern Line.

7. & 8. Behind the hoardings

A lot of work is taking place behind the MDJV hoardings that is not always visible to the public, including the new Thames Water main connection between Melton Street and Cardington Street.

In February 2025, MDJV began the construction and installation of the UK Power Network substation on Starcross Street. To facilitate the work, MDJV moved hoardings in the area but pedestrian access to Euston station has been maintained.

WORK UPDATES: EUSTON APPROACHES

In the Euston Approaches, Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture (SCSJV) will continue with utilities diversions, works on Granby Terrace Bridge, Hampstead Road Bridge and some tunnelling enabling works. They will also continue to monitor properties and carry out protective works.

HS2 are rescheduling works in the Euston Cavern and Euston Scissor Box areas to ensure they are delivered at the lowest reasonable cost. SCSJV will keep you informed about their works programme.

Area wide works

SCSJV are diverting utilities on Hampstead Road between Granby Terrace bridge and Varndell Street, ahead of the Hampstead Road bridge extension works. Once these extension works are complete, SCSJV will return the utilities onto the newly extended bridge.

In the current phase of works on Hampstead Road, in the northern section near the Ampthill Estate, SCSJV have closed a southbound lane, footpath and cycle lane until May 2025. In the southern section near Varndell Street, the northbound lane is closed. Varndell Street will remain closed for safety reasons and vehicles are being diverted via Robert Street until August 2025. In conjunction with Mace Dragados JV, pedestrian access will be maintained at the junction with Varndell Street.

1. Euston Cavern & Euston Scissor Box

In the Euston Cavern, works are ongoing to reinforce and protect the Network Rail retaining wall. These works will continue until summer 2025.

SCSJV are re-sequencing works in both the Euston Cavern and Euston Scissor Box areas. They will continue to keep you informed about their works in this area.

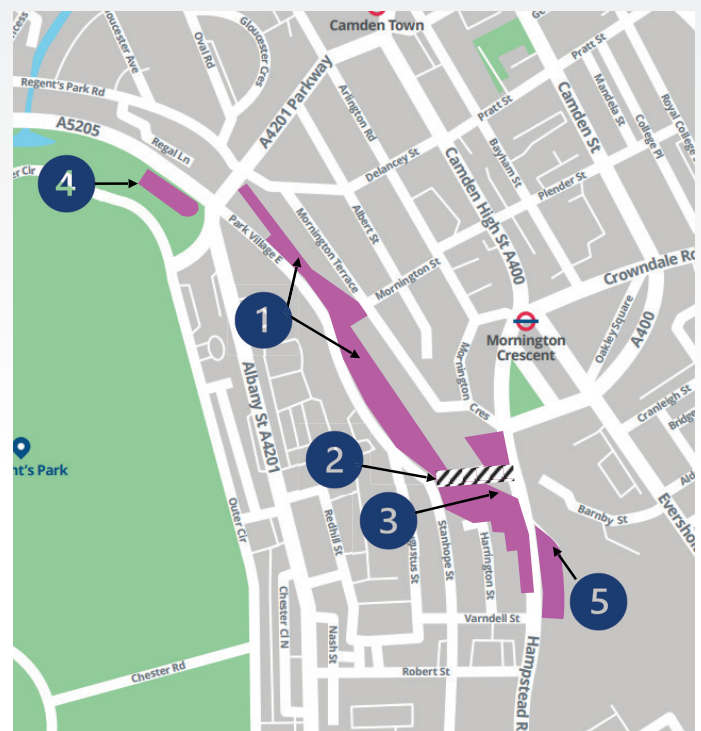
2. Granby Terrace Bridge

The Granby Terrace Bridge deck extension was completed in November 2024 and finishing works are under way. This will be ongoing until June, following which the utility team will take over to continue redirecting the utilities off Hampstead Road. As the work is next to the railway, SCSJV will continue to work overnight on weekends as required to complete this work.

The bridge will remain closed and will only re-open once HS2 works in the Euston Approaches are finished. For safety, SCSJV cannot provide vehicle or pedestrian access while major construction works continue on and around the bridge.

3. Euston Throat

In March 2025, SCSJV began work to remove a section of the Network Rail retaining wall. Due to the proximity of the wall to the live railway, and the associated risk of debris falling on the tracks, they will install scaffolding overnight at weekends while tracks are not in use. This will be used to complete the wall removal safely, during the day, in core hours.



4. Vehicle Holding Area (VHA)

The vehicle holding area will be in operation until major construction works are complete. This avoids lorries queueing in streets near worksites.

5. Hampstead Road

In 2025, SCSJV will begin preparatory works in Zone 5, located east of Hampstead Road. They will install an office and welfare unit, and the area will be prepared for piling.

MAKING EUSTON STATION BETTER FOR PASSENGERS

Network Rail, along with its train operator partners, is working hard to make Euston station a better place for everyone. Since October, they've been rolling out a five-point improvement plan based on what passengers have said they need. Here's how it's already making a difference at one of London's busiest transport hubs.



Progress so far

Passengers are already noticing the changes. Simplified signs make navigating the station easier, while early boarding trials have made it more comfortable to catch a train. Clearing out space on the concourse has helped reduce crowding, and the temporary toilets helped with demand during busy periods.

Amanda Webster-Uz, Network Rail's head of Euston station operations, said:

"Passengers are at the heart of everything we do, and it's great to see the five-point plan making a real difference. From smoother boarding to better information and facilities, these changes are helping passengers feel more comfortable and confident at Euston. There's still more to do, but we're committed to making Euston a station people can rely on."

Looking to the future, Network Rail is also developing plans for a major upgrade to London Euston station, which will deliver a brand-new station concourse that's fit for the future, bigger, brighter and offers much better facilities to passengers. The new design will work seamlessly with the upcoming HS2 station and connect with TfL services, homes, offices, shops, and community spaces.

Rail Minister, Lord Hendy, praised the progress, saying:

"For too long, Euston hasn't been good enough for passengers, and it's great to see things improving. A passenger-first railway is one of the Government's top priorities, and we'll keep working with Network Rail to make Euston a station passengers can look forward to using."

These changes show a clear commitment to making Euston better—not just for now, but for the future too.

What's in the Five-Point Plan?

1. Clearer information:

Overhead advertising boards are being tested to display live travel updates, helping passengers stay informed.

Signs across the station have been redesigned to be simpler and easier to follow.

2. Smoother boarding:

Trials for early boarding on Avanti West Coast and London Northwestern Railway services have started. These trials are helping reduce crowds on the concourse, with feedback from passengers being used to make further improvements.

3. More space for passengers:

Known congestion points, like the bookstore on the station's eastern side, have been cleared to open up space.

Temporary extra toilets were added for the festive season, with plans for a full refurbishment of the main toilets underway.

4. Better coordination during disruption:

Teams are working more closely together to keep the station running smoothly when unexpected delays occur.

5. More reliable services:

Teams are improving the reliability of both infrastructure and train services to reduce disruption experienced at the station.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Euston Partnership, HS2, Network Rail, Lendlease, MDJV, SCSJV and Camden Council have been working together to deliver a range of projects that will benefit the community. Over the following pages, you'll find some of the projects that are being delivered in your community.

Expanding National Temperance Hospital gardens

A new pavilion and performance space has been added to a temporary public garden off Hampstead Road, designed with input from young people in collaboration with social enterprise MATT+FIONA and Fitzrovia Youth in Action. The six-metre-tall structure, called 'Reflect', acts as a focal point for the space. There has been a renewed commitment to youth-led decision-making and co-production, reflected not only in the planning and design but also in the physical creation of this community space.



Maria Fidelis Gardens

Since May last year, Hopscotch, a local charity empowering women, has managed the Maria Fidelis Gardens on North Gower Street. The space features growing beds where people can learn to cultivate vegetables, fruits, and plants, while also serving as a peaceful hub for wellbeing.



Euston Square Gardens

Last year, a series of community engagement sessions helped shape the design of the temporary green space at Euston Square Gardens, formerly the main Euston taxi rank. The space now features lawns, planting, and seating for the public to enjoy.

The Euston Community Hub and an upgrade to North Gower Street

Look out for the Euston Community Hub, run by the Euston partners, opening this spring in the old Maria Fidelis school, providing a vibrant space for the community to work, play, meet, discuss and discover. The hub will be an information point for the various projects in the area as well as hosting community events and activities.

Close by, Camden Council is also working with the community to make North Gower Street greener, safer, and healthier. Plans include better lighting, art installations, living walls, and eight rain gardens to absorb rainfall and improve air quality. High-quality cycle routes will be maintained with improvements expected by spring 2025.



Artist's impression: proposed upgrades to North Gower Street

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Local charity delivering a 'Neighbourhood Makeshop'

Local Camden arts and community charity, Old Diorama Arts Centre (ODAC), has taken up residence at the Annex at the old Maria Fidelis School on Starcross Street.

While plans for a HS2 terminus at Euston are being redeveloped, land acquired for the new high-speed station is being temporarily repurposed and being turned into spaces for the local community.

ODAC is using the space to deliver their 'Neighbourhood Makeshop' project in partnership with Camden People's Theatre (CPT), with support from Community Champions Regent's Park (managed by Fitzrovia Youth in Action) and Hospcotch. It's also home to the Drummond Street Artists collective of painters experiencing homelessness.



The Neighbourhood Makeshop is a collaborative community space open for all who have dreams of DIY, are inspired to upcycle, and want to get creative with craft. Responding to residents' requests, it's a local workshop with an extensive library of tools, specialist equipment and materials and a space to make. Twice-weekly free drop in sessions facilitated by community artist Caitlin Strongarm provide a welcoming and accessible entry-point to mindful making, tool use and DIY projects.

Daniel Pitt, Creative Director of Old Diorama Arts Centre said:

"Taking on the management of the Maria Fidelis Annex marks a next step for ODAC in both the range of creative practices we can properly enable, and another step in the ways that we respond to and collaborate with local residents to develop our programmes. We're delighted to collaborate with our Drummond Street neighbours Camden People's Theatre on this, serving our shared communities and pooling resources. This 'slightly-less loved' space is exactly what we need to be able to offer more opportunities for creativity in the area."

For more information about the workshops head over to www.olddiorama.com/workshops

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Providing Camden residents with life changing skills

A new skills bootcamp designed to fast-track careers in construction has opened its doors at HS2's Euston site.

Aimed at getting local people 'job ready' in just two weeks, the intensive course offers the full training and accreditation needed to start work as a plant machinery operator.

The programme is free to Camden residents over the age of 19 and is designed to support those who are either currently out of work or are seeking a career change to gain new skills which will help secure an opportunity in the construction industry.

The initiative is a collaboration between Flannery Plant Hire, HS2 and its construction partner Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCS), Camden Council and the Euston Partnership.

At the end of the fortnight's intensive training, successful participants will be offered a guaranteed interview for a plant operator role and will receive a Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) card for the machine categories they successfully completed the course on.

The training facility is located on Hampstead Road and is part of the Euston meanwhile use programme.

Local resident **Fatima**, one of the first to take part and who has since secured a job, said:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the two-week boot camp with Flannery. Not only did I learn how to operate two plant machines, it felt great to be on the HS2 site. I am overwhelmed to have accomplished my ticket for the roller and dumper. Doing the course has enhanced my confidence and knowledge for plant operations. Thank you all for changing my life."

To find out more about courses in the area, visit [GoodWork.Camden.gov.uk](https://www.goodworkcamden.gov.uk), call 020 7974 5161, or email escinfo@camden.gov.uk



The Euston Partnership was established to better integrate the four major projects at Euston:

The new high-speed rail (HS2) terminal, Network Rail's redevelopment of the mainline station, a major upgrade to the tube station and a new 60-acre development of homes, offices, shops and open public space managed by Master Development Partner, Lendlease.

The Partnership brings together the four projects alongside Camden Council, the Greater London Authority, West Coast Partnership Development and a number of key UK Government departments – providing a single guiding mind for the entire Euston Campus to ensure a collective effort to drive forward the benefits for all Euston residents, workers and passengers.

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