

Anthro appointed to support delivery of the HS2 Old Oak Common Station

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Egis and VVB Engineering have been appointed to support the delivery of Old Oak Common Station, the London interchange for HS2. As a new ‘super-hub’, Old Oak Common Station is set to be the best-connected and largest new railway station ever constructed in Britain.

The Anthro joint venture is an equal partnership between Egis and VVB Engineering that will provide comprehensive turn-key services for London’s state-of-the-art HS2 gateway station. These services cover mechanical, electrical, public health, fire and communications systems within the Old Oak Common project.

The project leverages Egis’ in-depth expertise in delivering turn-key solutions for major infrastructure projects with VVB Engineering’s extensive self-delivery capability in mechanical, electrical, fire and telecommunications systems.

The project will be undertaken with a “Design for Life” strategy, using a systems-led approach aligned with Transforming Infrastructure Performance 2030 goals which will minimise programme risk and reduce embodied carbon throughout the entire programme lifecycle.

The Anthro joint venture has been sub-contracted by the BBVS consortium, including Balfour Beatty, VINCI and SYSTRA, who are tasked with delivering the final design, construction, and commissioning of the HS2 Old Oak Common station in West London.

The project is underway with contracted services due to be delivered by late 2029. Services from Old Oak Common to Birmingham will start between 2029 to 2033.

Xavier Odolant, Consulting & Operations Director for Egis in the UK, said: “We are excited to embark on this project with VVB Engineering, alongside a remarkable group of partners, to contribute to the creation of one of Europe’s most connected stations. This project marks the convergence of our transportation and consulting and operations business lines, allowing us to harness our collective expertise for the delivery of this flagship infrastructure project.”

Andrew Jellis, CEO for VVB, said: “We are looking forward to working with both our partners Egis, and clients BBVS and HS2 on this scheme. The Anthro team has worked hard to establish a values-led, output focussed strategy for delivering Old Oak Common and VVB are excited to be a part of this nationally significant project. “

Old Oak Common is the London interchange station for HS2 and will be located on the existing Old Oak Common Railway Depot site. The station has been developed on the principle of a single, fully integrated station that maximises connectivity between HS2 and existing transport networks. It will provide additional links to central London, Heathrow Airport, the West of England and Wales, the West Midlands and the North of England. The station will be locally connected by buses, taxis, cycling and walking routes, along with better road access.