

Ground investigation surveys North Portal

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Align, the Main Works Contractor for both the Colne Valley Viaduct and the Chiltern Tunnel, need to carry out some additional ground investigation surveys in your area which will help us to further develop our plans for construction. This will complement and enhance our existing knowledge.

What is happening

Ground investigations

Ground investigation surveys will give us further information about the type, strength and details of the land where the new railway will be built. These ground investigation surveys will complement our existing knowledge and help us confirm our expectations that the land is suitable for the structures that we want to build. To do so we need to drill small holes into the ground to extract samples of the soil for testing using drilling rigs which are small enough to be towed by a typical off- road vehicle.

Where it is happening

These works will be taking place at the North Portal (the north end of the Chiltern Tunnel) and will be accessed via Weights and Measures on Frith Hill.

How may this affect you?

The survey activity will be done using standard ground investigation techniques. There is no traffic management, such as traffic lights, planned as part of this work and there are no anticipated impacts on Public Rights of Way.

We do not anticipate this work to be noisy, but there is potential for general site activity to be noticeable. This will be limited to core working hours. If you experience any issues, please contact the HS2 helpdesk.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Notification



Duration of works

4 weeks starting in April 2019

Monday to Friday

8am - 6pm and Saturday

8am - 1pm

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's start up and one hour's shut down, outside of these times

What to expect

A small number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) will use approved roads during these works.

We do not expect to close any public rights of way

What we will do

Manage any impacts such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing them where we can and take care to respect the community and environment

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 via the helpline. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

If you have any questions about this notification of works, please get in touch.

 24/7 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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