

Notice of works in your local area



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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.

As part of HS2's programme for the construction of the new high speed railway we will be carrying out preparation activities around the area shown on the map. The activities outlined below are due to start in November with completion in December 2018.

What will we be doing in your area?

Boundary Fencing

A programme of fencing works will take place during November on some of the land along the route of the railway line. This work will move from site to site. The fencing will primarily be a combination of 'post and wire' and 'post and rail' fencing. There may also be some chain-link, weldmesh, palisade or hoarding where appropriate in some areas.

Utility and ecology Surveys

Additional surveying may also be carried out to accurately identify the location of utilities such as gas and water pipes, which will be done using equipment such as ground penetrating radar. We may also need to dig some small trenches which will be backfilled. This will not cause any interruption to your utility services.

We will also be continuing with our programme of ecology surveying looking for different animal species in this and other local areas.

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

Duration of work

These works will start in November 2018 with completion in December 2018.

Normal working hours:
Mon to Fri 8am-6pm.
Some Saturday working from 8am-1pm.

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Noise from equipment used for the works.

Storage, welfare and works area with 24hr site security.

What we will do

Manage any impacts, such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing or removing them.

Take care to respect your community and the environment.

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Archaeological Investigations

In November we will also begin archaeological investigations in the area shown on the map. These works will enable a greater understanding of significant archaeology in the area. This will require the excavation of a number of trial trenches. Excavators will be used under the supervision of experienced archaeologists. We expect the archaeological works to be completed by the end of the year, but it is possible that the archaeological works may extend into early 2019. Once the work is completed, the trenches will be backfilled.

Newt and reptile translocation

In addition to the boundary fencing, we will also be installing newt and reptile barrier fencing where required. The barrier fencing is designed to prevent the movement of newts and reptiles and is buried partly under the ground to prevent the newts getting under the barrier material. The newts and reptiles will be relocated to agreed safe sites under license. The trapping and relocation programme will follow on from the fencing.

Vegetation clearance and access

It may be necessary to clear vegetation or some crops in places to make way for fencing and archaeology. This will be carried out using standard methods. Some of these activities may need us to place down metal trackway to be able to properly access the site and to help protect the ground from damage. These works will be taking place within the areas shown on the map below.

Quiet periods

In between activities there may be occasional quiet times where there is little activity. These periods will only be until the next activity is ready to commence.

How might this affect me?

We will be working hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and all our future works. You may notice a little extra traffic on the road immediately around the sites with workers moving to and from the site, and occasional delivery vehicles. There may be some noise from the machinery. All machinery will be restricted to running between the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. During species translocation periods, small teams of ecologists may be working out of hours.

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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.

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

Contact us

If you have any questions about this newsletter, please get in touch.

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