Update on HS2 activities in Great Missenden

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.
With the construction of HS2 comes an opportunity to reveal a new understanding of our past through Britain’s biggest ever programme of archaeological investigations.

Archaeological work continuing in Great Missenden

You may be aware that Fusion, who are working on behalf of HS2, have been managing archaeological works in the area shown on the map. A number of trenches have already been dug in the area and interesting archaeology has been uncovered there. Because of this we are taking the opportunity to carry out further archaeological investigations to get a better understanding of the area and its history.

The archaeological work on the site will now continue through into 2019 around the area shown in blue on the map and will be done by our contractor INFRA.

We will be able to share our discoveries with the community once the archaeologists have a more complete understanding of the site and discoveries.

Because of the archaeology work, we have revised the programme of other works that were due to start this year around Great Missenden. This includes the construction of the haul road (a dedicated temporary road to take construction traffic from the end of the Chiltern Tunnel onto the A413) and works on your local highways (Firth Hill, A413 and Link Road).

Draft Design Plans showing these works are being held both in your local library and at the Parish Council Office on Link Road.

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
Works will start in Nov 2018 and continue to Sept 2019.

Normal working hours: Mon to Fri 8am-6pm. Possible Saturday working 8am-1.00pm.

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 with the aim of reducing or removing them.
Take care to respect your community and the environment.
Respond promptly to any complaints.
Other work to expect up to January 2019

We will be setting up a new welfare, storage and works area starting at the end of November 2018 at the location shown in red on the map. This work will be finished by 21st December. This facility will then be used to deliver the highways works and the construction of the haul road starting in early 2019. We are currently also looking at ways to best screen the site from the village.

UK Power Networks will also be relocating the power lines on the poles that currently run up the hill across the path of the haul road. This will be started in early 2019 and take approximate 4 weeks. New poles will be delivered by HGV to site and holes will be dug mechanically. The new poles will then be installed and new cables strung. They will then switch over to the new power lines and the old poles and cables will be removed from site.

If, in the very unlikely event, you have any issues with your power supply during the work please call UKPN on 0800 31 63 105 (this is a 24/7 helpline).

Haul road construction and works to Link Road, the A413 and Frith Hill

The works to construct the haul road and the highways works will not start until January 2019. As well as this being because of the additional archaeological work, there is a Christmas 'embargo' preventing us doing any works disrupting your roads from the end of November through to the beginning of January.

We will write to you again early next year to tell you more about these works and expect to be able to share with you some of the news from the archaeology works.
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Location of the archaeological works and welfare and storage site

KEY:
Area in blue shows the extent of the archaeological programme of works
Area in red identifies the location of the welfare and storage site adjacent to the A413

24/7 Freephone Community Helpline 08081 434 434
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

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