

Ground investigation, utility survey, vegetation clearance

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Notification



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. As part of the preparation works for the construction of the Colne Valley Viaduct, we need to carry out some initial works in your area which will help us develop our plans for construction.

What is happening

We are undertaking two pieces of work. A series of ground investigation, which require some vegetation clearance and a survey of utility services in the area.

Ground investigations

Ground investigation will give us more information about the type, strength and details of the land where the new railway will be built. These investigations will help us to confirm the land is suitable for the structures that we want to build.

To understand the ground beneath the proposed viaduct we need to drill holes into the ground to extract samples of the soil for testing. To do this we use drilling rigs which are small enough to be towed by an off-road vehicle. These works will be taking place on sites (shown on map) along the Grand Union Canal using existing accesses off Moorhall Road.

Vegetation clearance

To provide enough room for our drill rigs to access the areas where we need to take the soil samples, we will have to carry out a small amount of tree removal and vegetation clearance.

To make sure that we do not impact on protected species such as bats our ecologists have visited the sites and inspected the trees to be removed. Further to this, to meet our environmental commitments, we will have to replace any lost habitat.

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 works

18 February to 30 March 2019
Monday to Friday 8am-6pm
Saturday 8am-1pm

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

What to expect

Extended working hours
Traffic management
Managed pedestrian access on Public Rights of Way

What we will do

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

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Utility survey

We need to conduct a utility survey (shown on map) of the gas main that runs through the Moorhall Road area to find its exact location and condition to determine whether it needs to be moved for the construction of the viaduct. This will be done by hand-excavators to help protect the gas main during the activity.

How may this affect you

Our working hours will be 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 1pm Saturday, apart from two sections of the works.

For the ground investigation works taking place north west of Korda Lake between 4 March – 18 March our working hours will be 7am – 7pm daily including Saturday and Sunday. We do not anticipate that these works will be disruptive.

The utility survey on the 11 March is being carried out around Moorhall Road. We will need to set up temporary traffic management. To make sure we cause as little disruption as we can and so that we can carry out the work as safely as possible two way lights will operate between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

During the vegetation clearance taking place 18 – 25 February there will be managed pedestrian access on Public Right of Way U75. Shown on the map overleaf, this path heads along the Grand Union Canal south of Moorhall Road and the London Loop and Colne Valley Trail. This is to ensure the safety of the public as we undertake our works.

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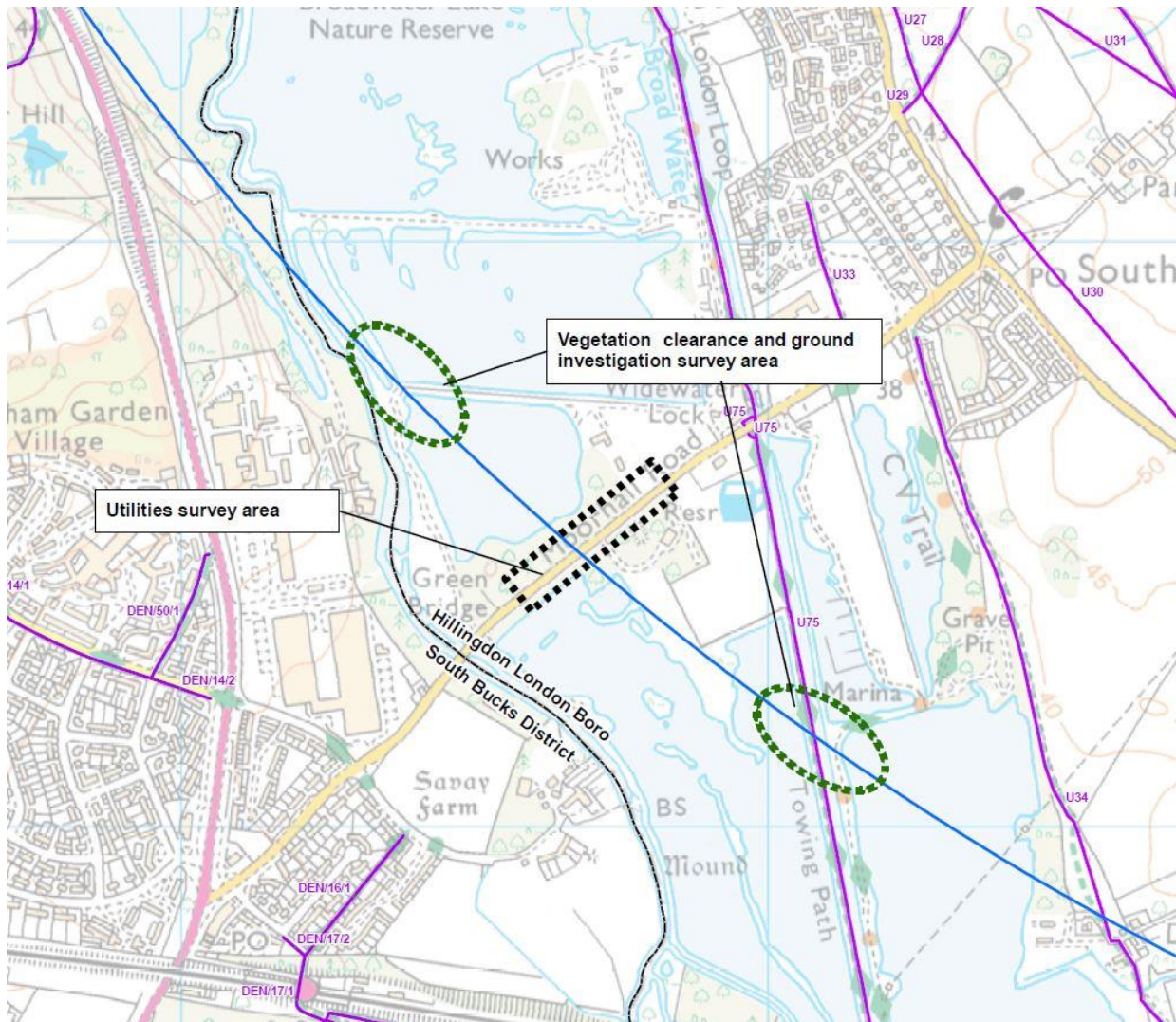


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Map of works in your area

The map below details the ground investigation, vegetation clearance and utility survey sites. If you have any further questions, you can contact our 24/7 Freephone Community Helpline on 0808 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.

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**

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

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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