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## Notification



# Notice of Archaeological works

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

As part of the railway's construction we are continuing preparatory works within Hillingdon.

Between now and June 2019 we will be carrying out environmental work, to help inform the future main construction works in Hillingdon.

## Archaeological surveys

Ahead of the main construction, an extensive programme of archaeological works was proposed. This was due to there being little knowledge about the archaeological makeup of the area. The areas between Ruislip, Ickenham and Harefield were identified as being of particular interest.

Throughout 2018 a period of 'predictive modelling' was carried out. This method has been used to identify areas where additional archaeological works should be targeted. Predictive modelling is a series of office based activities designed to determine the presence of topographic features in the land such as river terraces and sand or gravel islets.

The second stage of the archaeological works are now set to commence and are scheduled to take place at various locations between Copthall cuttings, Harvil Road and Newyears Green Lane. This work will largely be field based and will mainly involve exploration of the landscape.

No trees will be removed during the archaeological surveys, however some low level vegetation clearance will be carried out to make room for the trenches detailed overleaf.

**If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

### Duration of works

From mid April to the end June 2019

Core working hours:  
8am – 6pm Monday to Friday  
8am – 1pm Saturday

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown

### What to expect

Small teams of surveyors working in open fields

Security personnel will be on site

### What we will do

Staff will wear HS2 branded clothing and will carry identification

There will be no noise or disturbance to the neighbouring properties

In case of any changes to these dates, updates will be available on the HS2 in Hillingdon site

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## What is happening

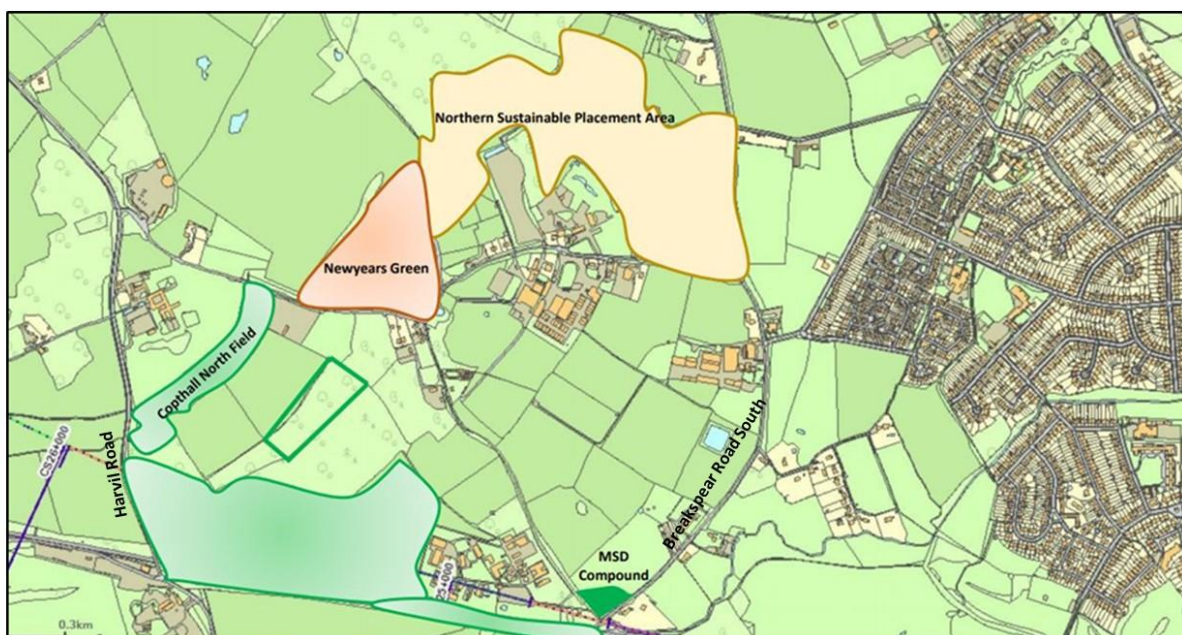
We will be scanning the ground with geophysical equipment, which can detect buried features. This information will then be used to determine the sites for our trenches. The trenches will be surrounded by fencing and around 25 metres by 2 metres in size to a depth of around 0.5 metres, dug by an excavator machine.

To allow us to carry out the evaluation trenching in the fields of the northern sustainable placement area we will set up a temporary compound. This will take place between April and June 2019. Please note this work will take place simultaneously to the activities on the western side of Newyears Green Lane.

The clearance work that is required in both areas is trimming the bramble bushes and grass to ground level around the excavation areas. Although we have developed and scheduled an order of works specific to these activities, our programme of work may change due to circumstances out of our control. In case of any changes, an update will be available on the HS2 in Hillingdon website. To sign up for news alerts please visit [hs2inhilligdon.commonplace.is](http://hs2inhilligdon.commonplace.is)

## Map of works in your area

The map below details the areas scheduled for site clearance, geophysics surveys and archaeology works.



# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

## About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between Birmingham and the West Midlands, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



## About our Commonplace websites

The planning and construction of HS2 is a huge operation – it is currently the largest infrastructure project in Europe.

It's important to us that you are kept up to date about the progress of the Project and any work that may impact you or your community. We have a series of community-focused websites where you can find out what is happening in your local area and sign up for updates about our activities.

Our Commonplace sites currently serve Birmingham, Bucks and Oxfordshire, Cheshire, Euston and Camden, Hertfordshire, Hillingdon, Northamptonshire, Old Oak, Solihull, Staffordshire and Warwickshire. More sites are being prepared to serve other areas.

To find your local Commonplace website, visit:  
<https://hs2.commonplace.is/>

For further information about Phase 2a and Phase 2b, visit :  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited>



# 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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **<https://hs2inkilburnandnortholt.commonplace.is>**

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