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## Notice of vegetation clearance works

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are carried out by a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and Murphy & Sons known as LM.

### Water Orton and Coleshill.

LM will be carrying out vegetation clearance on behalf of HS2 to prepare for main works. The works will involve boundary fencing and vegetation clearance along Watton Lane and Lichfield Road.

### We need to operate traffic management.

To undertake these works, there'll be minor, temporary traffic management in the area which may include lane closures, slip road closures and traffic signals. Traffic controls will operate 9am to 3pm and have been designed to minimise disruption and maximise safety. This will only be in place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Access to properties will be maintained** throughout the works, and diversions will be in place if necessary. Details on the traffic management are provided on the next page.

We will put up appropriate signage to explain the changes to road users and pedestrians.

**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)**

## Notification



### Duration of works

From Monday 1st July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Working hours will be Monday to Friday, 8.00pm to 5.00pm.

### What to expect

Some minor disruption to traffic.

Some low level noise from onsite machinery during working hours.

### What we will do

Keep all sites safe and secure.

Minimise noise at each works site.

Keep disruption to a minimum.

Ensure all traffic management is clearly signed with any diversions clearly marked.

Answer your questions via the 24/7 HS2 helpdesk.

## Location of traffic management and early works

We'll operate traffic management in the below areas



— Works area

Multiphase traffic signals and lane closures along Watton Lane and Lichfield Road.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1) When will works start and what will you be doing in my area?**

In July and August, LM on behalf of HS2 will fence off areas along Watton Lane and Lichfield Road to prepare for the enabling works and commence de-vegetation. This will be the beginning of the HS2 journey and will continue through the summer.

**2) What can I expect to see?**

Throughout the working day you may see multiple commercial vehicles accessing the areas with operatives delivering and operating machinery.

**3) What is HS2's Green Corridor?**

HS2 will deliver a 'green corridor' consisting of new wildlife habitats, native woodlands and community spaces to help integrate the new train line into its surrounding landscape and environment.

**4) When hedges are removed, what will replace them when the natural boundary has been altered?**

In most cases post and wire fencing will replace hedgerows and secure the area.

**5) Is the fenced area safe and secure?**

All land possessed and owned by HS2 will be fully secured.

**6) Why are you cutting down so many hedges and trees?**

Inevitably, HS2 is going to leave a footprint on the British countryside in order to provide new infrastructure. That's something we want to carefully manage, while improving the environment where we can. HS2 is committed to no net loss in biodiversity, which means that as a minimum, any trees removed will be replaced. Ancient woodland soils will be translocated to nearby areas where new woodlands will grow for future generations. Opportunities to plant new trees will be sought and sites planted with native trees, hedges and grassland to enhance biodiversity.

**7) What will happen to the local wildlife?**

We have designed and developed new wildlife habitats for protected wildlife species across the route.

**8) Why are you fencing off land and removing hedgerows and trees now if main works are not due to start immediately after?**

The vegetation clearance is currently undertaken to start preparing for the main works contractor, Balfour Beatty Vinci who will construct the new high speed rail line on behalf of HS2. The current clearance works help us to create haul routes and site accesses. In parallel with clearing hedges and cutting trees HS2 is planting seven million trees and creating new wildlife habitats. To date 16 new habitats have been created across the Midlands.

# 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

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## Contact Us

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

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Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

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

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