



# Notice of works on Bottom House Farm Lane

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. The Government's current strategy sets out that construction activity should continue as long as work can comply with Government and Public Health England guidance. We understand that some of the local community have concerns about the continuation of construction activity in your local area during the COVID-19 outbreak. We will be keeping our local website, [www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk](http://www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk), up to date with information on our works, and the measures we have in place to maintain the safety of the community and our workforce.

Bottom House Farm Lane in Chalfont St Giles will be the site of one of the Chiltern Tunnel's ventilation shafts, which will be sited about a mile from its junction with the A413. To access the site safely a new temporary access road must be built as the lane is too narrow for Heavy Good Vehicles (HGVs) to use. Works have been ongoing on the lane over the last few months. This has included ground investigation surveys, fencing, trackway installation, archaeological investigation and utility surveys. We are now moving to the next phase of works to build the temporary access road which will run parallel to the lane.

## Welfare facilities

We have installed temporary trackway on land next to Bottom House Farm Lane. This has moved construction vehicles off the lane between the River Misbourne and the ventilation shaft site. We have used the trackway to build a temporary welfare facility alongside the former stables at Upper Bottom House Farm. Works are underway to now construct a welfare and equipment storage area opposite the future ventilation shaft site that will be used to construct the temporary access road through the summer.

## Utility surveys and diversions

Local utility diversions by Openreach (BT) and SEN will now start to take place ahead of the later relocation of poles and transformers. Further trial holes will be dug initially to assess the condition and depth of utilities. We will write again once further details are confirmed and if there is to be any interruption to your utility supplies.

**If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

## Duration of works

April to Summer 2020

Normal working hours  
Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am - 1pm. We may also be on site for one hour's start up and shutdown outside of these times

## What to expect

Vehicle movements along the Lane

Construction of temporary welfare

Soil excavation and movement

Utility surveys and diversions

Start of access road construction

## What we will do

Respond promptly to any queries or complaints and take appropriate action

Clean the lane regularly to minimise mud on the road surface as much as possible and control dust

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## Affinity Water works

A new water main will be installed from Chalfont St Giles to Amersham. Using a directional drilling technique, which does not require excavation, the main will pass beneath Bottom House Farm Lane and the temporary access road. To undertake the pipeline works in the local area Affinity Water are looking to establish a small welfare facility later this year. This location is detailed on the plan on page 3.

We are working with Affinity Water and the other utility companies to ensure as minimal disruption as possible.

## Material movement

Material will be transported to the site by HGVs for the construction of the welfare area and parking. Further material will be delivered to site for the temporary access road construction and will be temporarily stored for later use. Material will be required later in the programme to construct embankments adjacent to the River Misbourne to enable the installation of a new temporary bridge.

## Temporary access road construction

We will begin works to construct the temporary access road starting with stripping the topsoil and subsoil to the appropriate level. This material will be retained on site for future reinstatement. The two-lane temporary access road can then be constructed whilst maintaining public access along the existing lane. This includes the construction of a new temporary junction at the A413. The junction will replace the existing junction and will be signal controlled including a right turn filter lane into Bottom House Farm Lane. The public rights of way crossing the worksite will be maintained where possible through local diversion with advertised closures put in place as required.

## Hedgerow vegetation clearance

In order to undertake the works sections of hedgerow alongside the existing lane are to be removed. Removal of the hedgerow allows also for the construction of intermediate passing bays along the lane to improve traffic flow along the existing lane. A new drainage system will be installed and placed between the widened existing lane and the temporary road.

The hedgerow clearance will be undertaken over two phases. Phase one is to facilitate the construction of the access road and drainage. Phase two of the clearance is for the widening of the existing lane and associated drainage. Each phase is detailed on the plan shown on page 4.

- Phase one will be undertaken in the period May to July
- Phase two will be undertaken in August / September ahead of the widening of the existing lane in that area

Before the hedgerow is cleared it will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists. Any protected species found to be present will be recorded and no vegetation will be cleared until the species have left the site.

As part of the scheme a new permanent hedgerow will be planted over the 2020 / 2021 winter season, following completion of the highway works. The hedgerow planting will reflect the local hedge species found on the lane. Once planted the hedgerow will be maintained so that it can establish along its length.

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## What consents do we have to undertake this work?

There have been extensive ecological and hedge surveys undertaken. Before the hedgerow is cleared it will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists. Any protected species found to be present will be recorded and no vegetation will be cleared until the species have left the site.

Further details are available online.

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-one-environmental-statement-volume-5-ecology>

The work on HS2 is guided by High-Speed Rail (LondonWestMidlands) Act 2017.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/7/contents/enacted>

Construction works on the highway are subject to some final consents and approvals.

## Programme of works

Below is the outline programme of works. This is subject to final consents and approvals. We will write to you again ahead of the works that interfere with the A413 junction and forthcoming utility diversions.

Feb '20	March '20	April '20	May '20	June '20	July '20	Aug '20	Sept '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec '20
Site Mobilisation Office and welfare establishment West end compound			Construct the 2 lane temporary access road Maintaining public highway access					Widen the existing lane by 1.5 metres and final landscape		
	Utility investigations and diversions		A413 Junction works			Open the temp. road				Open the widened lane

## Temporary access road plan

Below is a map of the temporary two-lane access road that is to be constructed alongside the existing Bottom House Farm Lane. The Affinity Water main route is shown indicatively.



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## Hedgerow vegetation clearance

Hedgerow is to be cleared on one side of the existing lane to enable the installation of the temporary road drainage for the widening of the existing lane and also the temporary access road. A permanent hedgerow will be planted over the 2020 / 2021 winter season.



# What else is happening in your area?

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

## Contact our new HS2 Helpdesk team

Our new Helpdesk team is based in our Head Office in Birmingham. This is so that we can provide you with the best service possible. Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

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Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

## Keep up-to-date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

## About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, 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>



# 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 by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. 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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