

Notice of works, Bowood Lane, The Lee

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Notification



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are continually reviewing the works on our construction sites in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with COVID-19. The Government's current strategy makes it clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance. Please be assured that only sites that can operate within the guidelines are operational. All sites will remain under constant review. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement events and meetings and have put in place a number of channels to communicate with communities, such as letters and phone calls, as well as updates and alerts from each of the local community websites. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

What will be doing in your area?

As part of our continuing works ahead of the construction of the railway we need to undertake some further work in your area, this will include:

- Installing boundary fencing which may require some clearance works.
- Shrub and hedgerow maintenance
- Ecology surveys and mitigation works
- Archaeology
- Tree planting

Install boundary fencing

The programme of fencing installation will begin around land that has been possessed. In the first instance this will be temporary fencing to identify the land boundary and subsequently security fencing. To erect the temporary fencing, we may be required to clear some vegetation.

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

Duration of works

The works will start in October 2020 and will be completed by end February 2021

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

Some additional traffic on local roads and noise from equipment. Site storage and welfare vehicles. Site operated with 24-hour security and temporary flood lighting

What we will do

Manage any impacts, such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing or removing them

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Shrub and hedgerow maintenance

Grass and hedgerow maintenance works are undertaken under the instructions of the ecologist on site, who decides the appropriate methods based on the vegetation present. This involves a detailed hand search to determine if any ecology is present. If it is found that the area is clear of ecology, then the works will be allowed to take place. A small workforce will use machinery and hand-held equipment to maintain sections of grass and hedgerows. Grass will be cut down to 15 centimetres above ground

Ecology surveys and mitigation works

We will continue our ecology surveys in the area. Based on these results and previous surveys we will then begin our mitigation works and translocation works to one of the local habitat mitigation sites. These habitat sites have been carefully constructed and maintained to ensure they are suitable for the wildlife which will be relocated there.

Archaeology

As part of HS2's enabling works, we need to undertake some archaeological survey works during autumn/winter 2020.

If any archaeology of significance has been identified, larger areas will be opened initially through trial trenching and then depending upon the result further mitigation work will be undertaken. This will allow the archaeological teams to create a more complete picture of the findings.

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Tree planting

A significant programme of tree planting will continue to take place in the area from mid-November 2020 into the planting season of 2021. We will be planting trees 1.75 - 2.5 metres in height to establish new bat flight path lines within these areas. The trees are container grown trees and will be planted along with shrubs. The trees and shrubs will be a mixture of native trees and shrub species which complement the current species within the surrounding countryside.

How will this affect you?

There will be a visible increase in site vehicles during the set up and closing of the works. There may be some noise from the machinery, which will be restricted to running between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

There may be occasional weekend working subject to local authority consent. Updates will be shared on www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

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 by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk**

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