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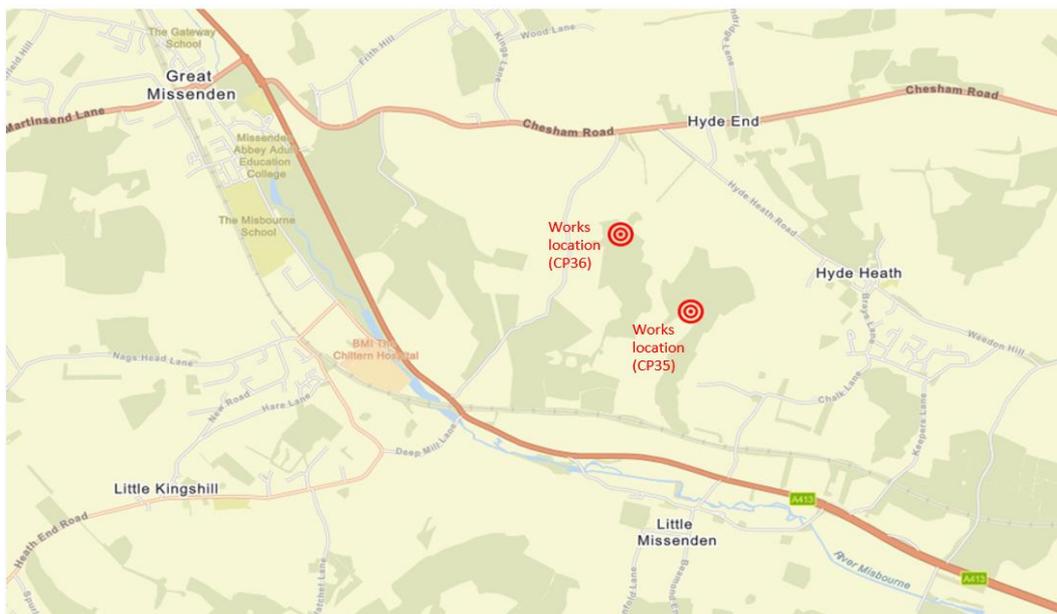
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: HS2 works – Ground investigation surveys

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 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 current review.

As part of the ongoing Ground Investigations (GI) along the line of route and preparation works for the construction of the Chiltern Tunnel, we will be carrying out some investigation works in locations between Hyde Lane and Hyde Heath Road. This will help us develop our plans for construction. Please see map below.



Ground investigation surveys

GI surveys will complement our existing knowledge and help guide the construction of the cross passages for the new railway tunnel. To understand the ground conditions for the cross passages, which link the north and south tunnels, we need to drill small holes into the ground to extract samples for testing.

We use drilling rigs which are small enough to be towed by a typical off-road vehicle. There will be some drilling noise and general site activity, but this will be kept to a minimum as much as possible.

We will access the site via Hyde Lane and the Public Right of Way. Some surrounding vegetation will be removed for these works in order to gain access to the site (this may include some overhanging branches, small trees and shrubs). Before any vegetation is removed it will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists.

Any Public Rights of Way will be maintained wherever possible, however whilst works are taking place access may be managed by on site staff with signage and traffic marshalling for pedestrians.

Duration and Hours of work

These works will start in July and will take approximately 4 weeks. Normal working hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday. Our contractors may be onsite for one hour's start up and one hour's shut down outside of these times.

How will this affect me?

If you live near to one of the test sites, you may become aware of a small team of operators working the machinery, and you may hear some drilling noise during working hours whilst the investigations are taking place. There may also be a need for some local fencing to be installed around the works, depending upon their proximity to Public Rights of Way.

Future works

We will be in touch again shortly to provide more information on what works will be taking place over the next six months as our programme develops around our new working practices.

Following UK Government advice to stop non-essential contact with other people, and avoid all unnecessary travel, we have taken the decision to postpone face to face engagement events and meetings. We are already engaging and communicating with communities and local stakeholders in different ways and we will update you with plans regarding specific engagement events.

Please rest assured that we will begin face-to-face meetings and engagement with you just

as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we will continue to notify local residents and add information to the HS2 website and local community commonplace websites, as well as sending a notification to residents about changes to our works programme.

However, should you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of these works, or if you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact HS2 via our 24/7 Freephone Community Helpline on 08081 434 434.

Alternatively, you can contact the Community Engagement team at Align via email to communityengagement@alignjv.com.

Yours faithfully

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