

Notice of works in Barton Hartshorn and Newton Purcell

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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.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk

What will we be doing?

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

- Set up of small site compound and traffic signage
- Minor tree and vegetation shrub clearance
- Archaeology

The works will start in late July 2020 and will be completed by mid-September 2020.

Site compound

A small compound will be set up within the site. This will be for welfare vehicles, car parking and the site storage of machinery and materials for the archaeologists. There will be 24/7 security in place and we will require temporary low level lighting. Track matting will be laid from the access point on the A4421 to the small compound and will be removed when the works are complete.

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

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Duration of works

The works will start in late July 2020 and will be completed by mid-September 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

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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How will we be accessing site?

Access to the site will be off the A4421. The access points for these fields are shown on the plan below in yellow.

Temporary verge access signage will be installed on the highway verge approaching the entrance to the site along the A4421. These will be on standard signage A-Frames and secured with ballasted sandbags which will be placed on the roadside verges. These will be in place for the duration of the works.

Minor tree and vegetation shrub clearance

There will be a small amount of hedgerow and tree clearance at each entry point from the A4421 to enable access to the site.

This clearance work will be completed by a small workforce who will use small machinery and hand-held equipment to clear sections of hedgerows and trees to enable the construction access to take place.

Before any vegetation 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.

The ecologist will check the tree's and hedgerows for nesting birds and if any are found within 5m of the access requiring clearance, the works will be cancelled, or an additional access will be sought after. Extensive ecological and tree surveys have been undertaken. Mitigation of impact on protected species have been assessed. There will be no clearance of ancient woodland.

The vegetation clearance will be undertaken in accordance with:

HS2 Organisational European Protected Species Great for Crested Newt Licences WML025. First issued March 2017.

HS2 Organisational European Protected Species Licence for Badger WML024. First issued February 2018. Further details are available online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-oneenvironmental-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>

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Archaeology in Barton Hartshorn and Newton Purcell

We have previously undertaken geophysical surveys in the area and identified areas of possible archaeological interest. The next step for our archaeological investigation is to undertake trial trench evaluations. The works are planned to start in late July 2020 and will be completed by mid-September 2020. The areas for further archaeological works, site access points and our compound location are shown on the plan in this notification.

We will begin our archaeological investigations within the red areas shown on the plan. These works will enable a greater understanding of significant archaeology in the area. Once the work is complete, the trenches will be backfilled. The digging and investigations are carried out by teams on site with supervision staff visiting the site to ensure the works are progressing safely.

How may 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.

We will be closely monitoring the roads around the site for dust and regular road sweeping will take place. We will take measures to ensure we keep mud off local roads, by ensuring dirty vehicles are cleaned before they leave work areas.

There may be occasional weekend working subject to local authority consent.

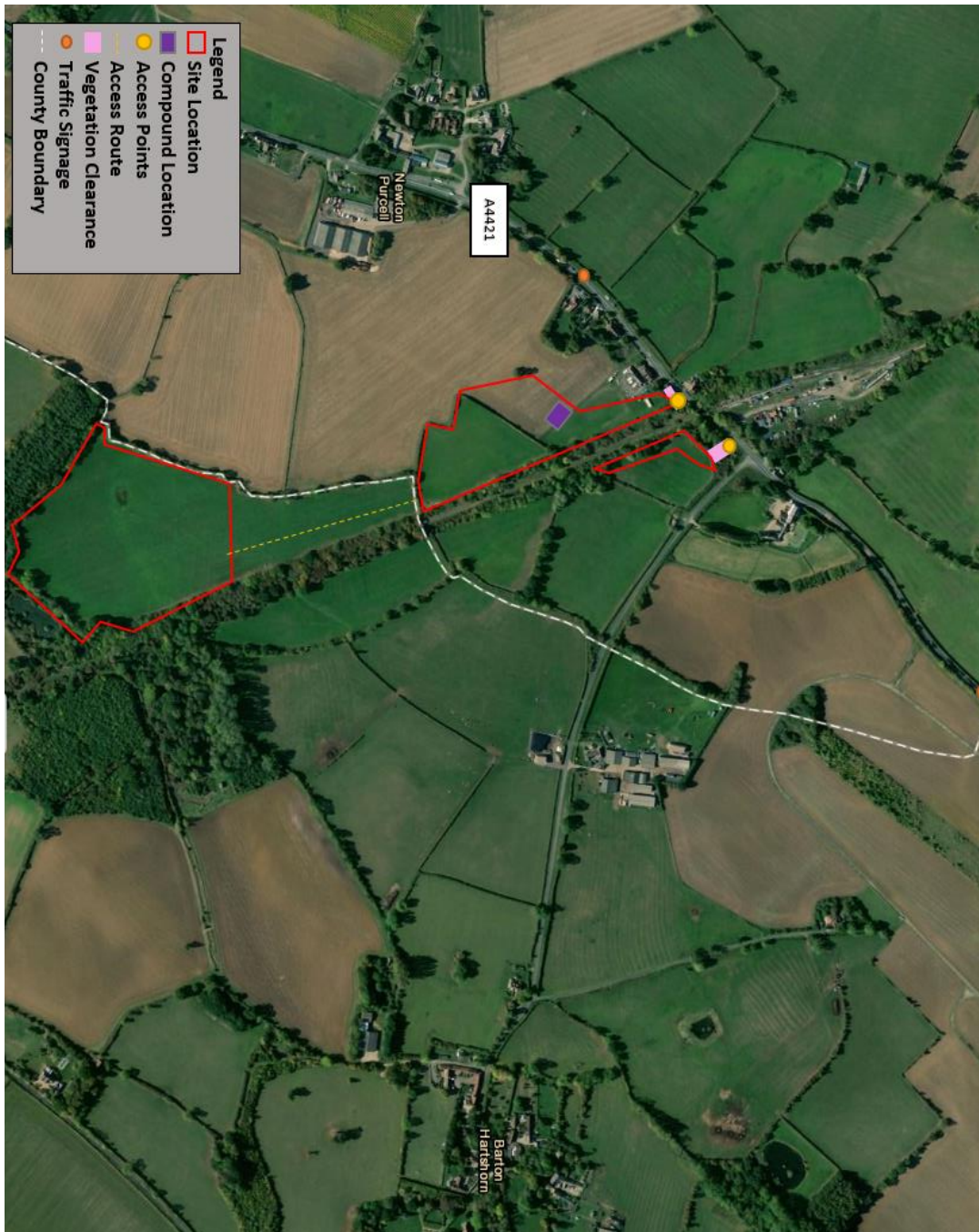
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Location of compound, work areas, access points and traffic signage



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

What else is happening in your area?

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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**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

Email: 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.

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

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

Contact Us

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