



# **Notice of trial trenching** works in Fleet Marston

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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.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

# What we will 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 further archaeological excavations.

# Completing archaeological trial trenching

In June 2020 archaeological trial trenching started in Fleet Marston. We are now returning to complete further investigative works which will start in September 2020 and be finished towards the end of December 2020. This work will help us understand if there is any significant archaeology in the area.

# Setting up our site compound

The site is located at Fleet Marston. Access will be via the previously used entrance on the A41 which leads into the site. The existing A41 traffic signage will remain in place on the approach to the entrance.

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

# **Notification**



### **Duration of works**

The works will start in September 2020 and will be completed in December 2020.

Normal working hours

Monday to Friday 8am -6pm with an hour either side for set up.

# What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Some noise from equipment used for the works

Site storage and welfare vehicles with 24 hour security.

#### What we will do

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

Take care to respect your community and the environment.

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## **Archaeological Trial Trenching**

As part of HS2's continued programme of archaeology in your local area we have already completed some excavations. We now need to continue to carry out further excavations to get a better understanding of archaeology in this area. This involves digging wider areas to identify and record any findings.

We will continue our archaeological investigations in the areas shown in blue on the attached map. These works are planned to start in September 2020 and will be completed by December 2020. Once the work is complete, the area will be backfilled.

The digging and investigations are carried out by Fusion's archaeology subcontractor with supervision staff visiting the site to ensure the works are progressing safely.

To complete these works, we will need to

- Set up a small works area
- Temporary track matting will be laid to create a works access road
- Temporary fencing and low level lighting
- Delivery of excavators required for the works.
- 24 hour security on the site during the period of the works

#### How may this affect you?

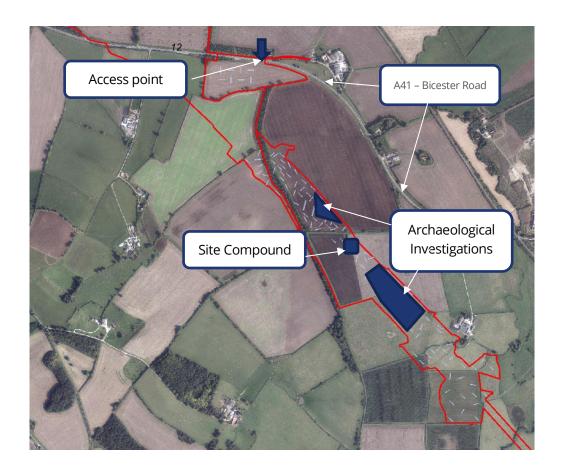
You may notice a small amount of additional traffic on your roads with contractors moving to and from the site. Temporary verge access signage will be maintained on the A41 highway verge approaching the entrance to the site along this route. These will be on standard signage A-Frames and secured with ballasted sandbags which will be placed on the roadside verges. These will be in place for the duration of the works.

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**Archaeological Investigations in Fleet Marston** 









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/hs2residents-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-ltdresidents-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**

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:



Freephone **08081 434 434** 



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(a) Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to:

**FREEPOST** 

**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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