

Notice of ground investigation and pump tests at Little Missenden vent shaft site

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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.

Ground investigation surveys

As part of the ongoing ground investigations works along the tunnel route, we will be returning to the Little Missenden vent shaft site to carry out further works. These ground investigation surveys will help us make sure that the land is suitable for the structures that we want to build. To do so we need to drill small holes into the ground to extract samples of the soil for testing using drilling rigs which are small enough to be towed by a typical off-road vehicle. We will also carry out soil sampling as well as pumping tests to provide accurate information on the movement and distribution of groundwater at the site. Any water extracted during groundwater investigations will be pumped to recharge wells on the eastern side of the worksite.

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

How will this affect me?

If you live near to the test site, 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.

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

July to September 2020

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm

Saturday 8am – 6pm

Our contractor will be on site for start-up and shut

down for one hour either

side of these times

What to expect

Traffic management

Single lane closure of the A413

Some noise from equipment used for these works

What we will do

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

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Traffic management

Traffic management will be in place during these works, with a single lane closure on the A413, towards Amersham only, (see map below) and a 40 mile per hour speed restriction. We expect this to continue in place until end of September 2020. All traffic management will be clearly signposted.

Area of works

The map below details the works area in red. The purple points mark the start and end of the single lane closure of the A413.



What else is happening in your area?

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**

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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 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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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.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk**

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