

Notice of works, Chesham Road Vent shaft

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. In response to the Covid-19 virus we have worked hard to ensure that our working practices are fully aligned with the Site Operating Procedures produced by the Construction Leadership Council and in line with Government and Public Health England advice. We will be keeping our local website www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk up to date with information on our works, and the measures we have in place to maintain the safety

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 does the work involve?

As part of our advance works for the construction of the Chiltern Tunnel vent shaft we need to undertake some further work in your area, this will include:

- Limited vegetation clearance to enable access and the delivery of the works
- Construction of a small welfare compound
- Installing post and wire, and post and rail fencing

All of these works are subject to the relevant consents and approvals being in place.

Following our works ALIGN, the main works contractor building the Chiltern Tunnel, will start on site to prepare for the building of the tunnel shaft. ALIGN will be issuing a January 2021 update on what will be subsequently happening on this site following these mobilisation works.

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

Works will take place from 6 January 2021 and will continue into February 2021.

Initial mobilisation working hours 9:30am to 3pm. Subsequent working hours 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. We may also be on site for one hour's start up and shutdown outside of these times

What to expect

Work access signage, and a short term off peak lane closure with temporary traffic lights .

Site storage and welfare cabins

What we will do

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

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What will we be doing in your area?

The programme of fencing installation will begin around land that has been possessed. This will be post and wire fencing to identify the land boundary along with post and rail fencing along the public right of way. To install the fencing, we need to prepare the area. This includes some localised vegetation to the hedgerows for site access. Please see map overleaf.

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. A small workforce will use machinery and hand-held equipment to clear the vegetation. A gap will be cleared in the layby hedgerow located alongside the existing B485 Chesham Road layby. This access will be used for construction and for the subsequent railway operational shaft access. On the other side of the B485 a short length of hedgerow will be cleared (shown within the red square on the map below) for a future drainage connection.

How will this affect you?

There will be a small 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 during core hours Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm.

For the safety of road users and personnel involved with the works, we will be accessing the work area from the layby of the west bound lane of the B485. This is to allow safe access and egress to and from the site and reduces disruption to the Chesham Road. The layby entrance will be closed from 9:30am to 3pm to allow the new entrance to be formed for three days from 6 January 2021. As soon as our entrance works are completed all traffic management will be removed.

For the safety of road users and personnel involved with the works to the north of Chesham Road, we may need to implement a lane closure for a short period to enable some hedgerow works. If required, we will use a short section of two way traffic lights on Chesham Road to allow safe access and room to carry out these works. As soon as our works are completed all traffic management will be removed.

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Public Rights of Way will be maintained with local fencing installed around the works to provide safe access. However, whilst works are taking place access will be managed by the onsite staff with signage and marshalling for pedestrians.

Map showing location of works off Chesham Road



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

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

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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

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Contact Us

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

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 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 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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