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Update to Works Notice - pump testing and spring flow monitoring, Wendover

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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

This is a works update notice for the pump testing, spring flow monitoring, vegetation clearance, footpath closure, construction compound and Ground Investigations in Wendover.

Pump tests and spring flow monitoring

The pump tests and spring flow monitoring are planned to complement our existing knowledge of the hydrology in Wendover.

For the pump test we will drill small holes into the ground, known as boreholes, to extract samples of the soil for testing and carry out pump tests to provide accurate information on the movement and distribution of groundwater in the locality. This is undertaken using a drilling rig. Pump testing will be carried out in two locations for 10 and 14 days respectively.

Any water extracted during groundwater investigations will be discharged into a sewer so as not to cause any water recharge in the vicinity.

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

Duration of works

The works start in late October 2020 and will last for approximately three months.

Working hours

Monday to Friday:
08:00 am – 18:00 pm

Saturday:
08:00 am – 13:00 pm

What to expect

A small workforce undertaking works in locations across Wendover throughout the Autumn and Winter.

Footpath closure.

What we will do

Take care to respect your community and the environment by managing any impacts such as traffic and noise, with the aim of reducing or removing them.

Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

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Pump tests and spring flow monitoring continued

Spring flow monitoring involves installation of specialised equipment to capture data. This will be taken from four locations in Wendover and data will be gathered for the next 12 months.

The data gathered will enable us to carry out tests to simulate how our construction works may affect the springs and aquifer. This will also feed into the temporary and detailed designs for the area.

Vegetation clearance

To construct the railway, it is necessary to remove vegetation to enable highway works to commence and to allow access to sites and compounds. We will be working at several locations spanning 6km from Wendover towards South Heath.

All clearance works are undertaken under the instruction of the ecologist on site, who decides the appropriate method of clearance based on the vegetation present. This involves a detailed hand search to determine if any ecology is present. If the area is found to be clear, then vegetation clearance will take place.

A small workforce will use machinery and handheld equipment to clear sections of vegetation. This will involve the use of brush cutters, chainsaws and tractors, employing different methods to remove the area of vegetation. There will be little or no disruption to traffic in the area.

We also inform communities of when we will be in specific locations closer to the time.

Construction compound

A construction compound is a local hub for the construction works in the area. It provides:

- Office and welfare facilities
- Storage of materials and equipment to be distributed on sites in the area – this is plant machinery and aggregate
- Car parking for workers
- Vegetation clearance
- Stripping of topsoil
- Importing of stone to create hardstanding

Ground Investigations

We will continue to carry out Ground Investigation surveys throughout the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. These activities will give us more information about the type, strength and details of the land where the new railway will be built. To understand the ground conditions and to provide us with the information required for detailed design. We need to collect a variety of test samples from carefully selected areas of soil. In most cases, access will be from existing public rights of way or agreed with local landowners.

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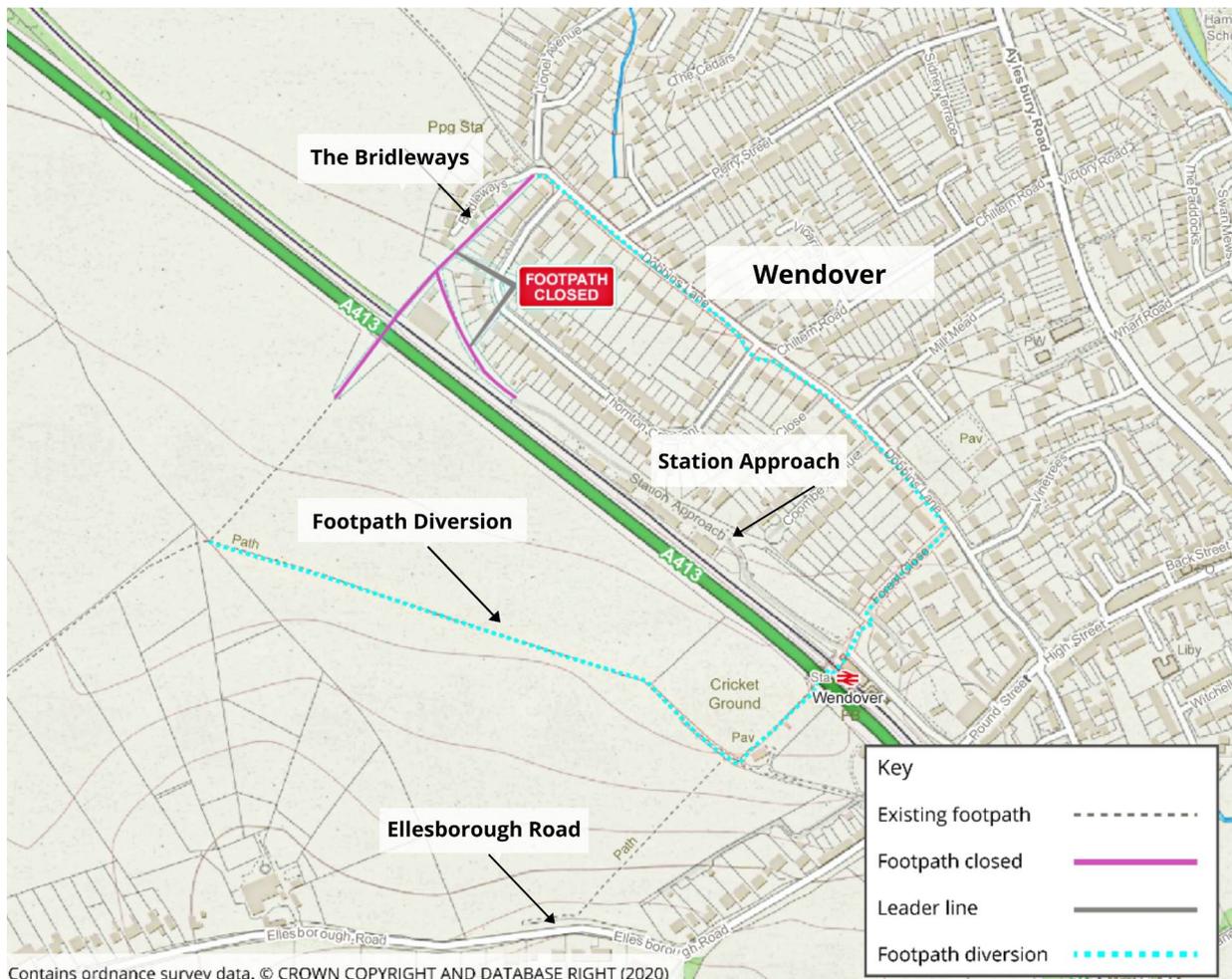
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Footpath closure

Public footpath No. 54 and No. 55 Wendover will be closed from Dobbins Lane and Station Approach. Signage will indicate the section of footpath that is closed (see map) and an alternative route will be available along Dobbins Lane and Forest Close. This is to ensure public safety during the works.



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When will works take place?

Works will commence from October 2020 and are expected to end in January 2021.

The working hours for this will be 08:00 – 18:00 Monday to Friday and Saturday 08:00 – 13:00.

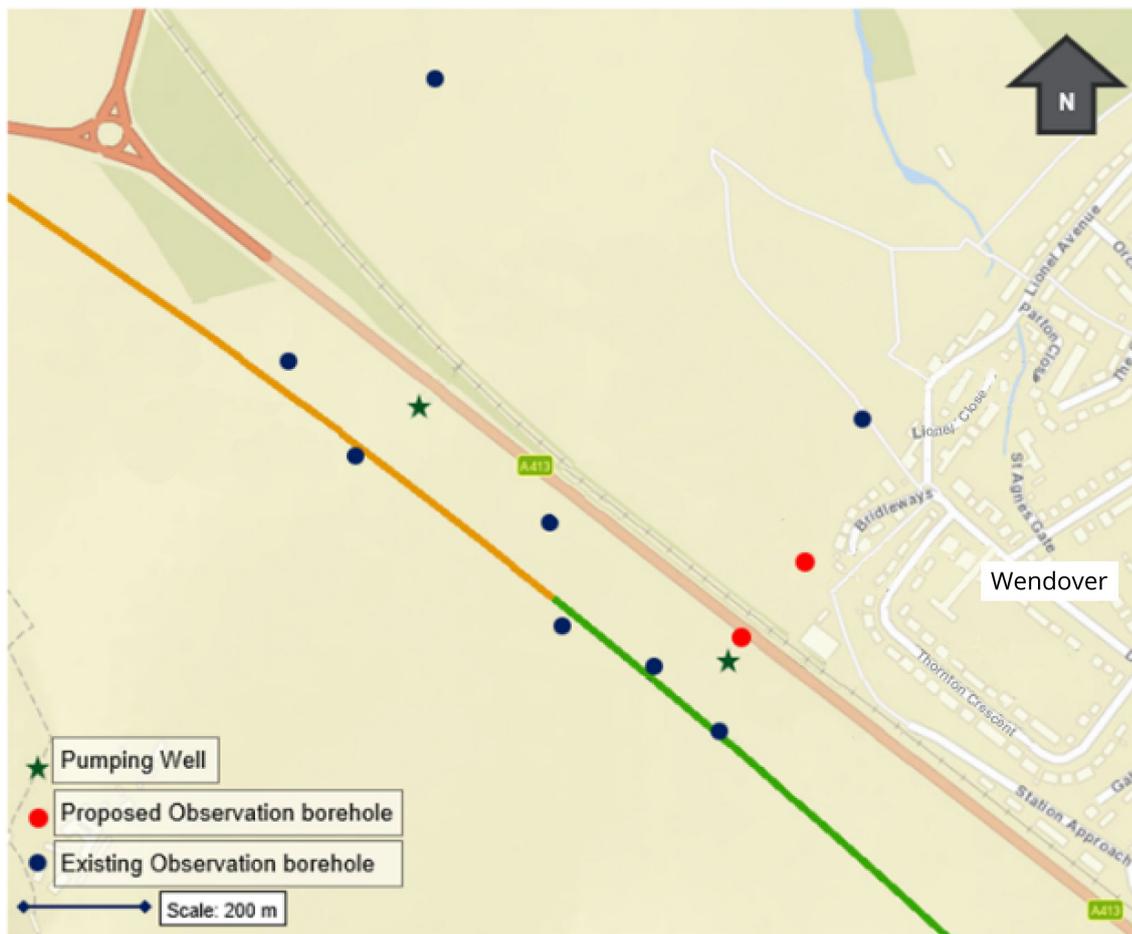
How will this affect me?

The pump test will be carried out using standard ground investigation and pump test techniques. There will be some drilling noise and you will notice general site activity. This will be kept to a minimum as much as possible. There will be a small number of vehicles and trailers moving to and from the site during the works. We will closely monitor the roads around the site and will act to keep them clean. We anticipate little to no disruption to traffic in the area.

Spring flow monitoring will involve approximately one day at each location for installation. During this time there will be some vehicle movement and drilling noise.

Where will the works take place?

A map showing the locations of the boreholes.



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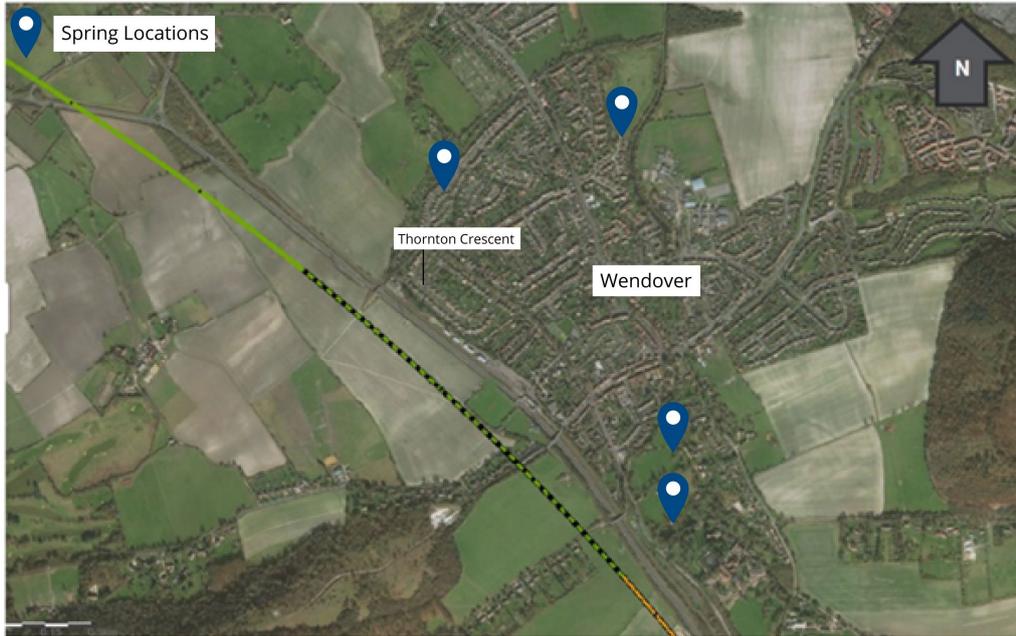
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Spring locations

A map showing the spring locations.



Construction compound

A map showing the compound location.



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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

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

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 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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