

Notice of utility surveys and ground investigations

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. As part of the preparation works for the construction of the Colne Valley Viaduct we will be continuing to carry out some initial works in your area which will help us develop our plans for construction.

Ground investigation

Ground investigation surveys 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 beneath the proposed viaduct we need to drill small holes into the ground to extract samples for testing.

We use drilling rigs which are small enough to be towed by a typical off-road vehicle. Some of these works will be taking place on sites (shown on map) using existing access routes off Moorhall Road, Harvil Road and Dews Lane. Some locations in Korda Lake and in Savay Lake will be conducted from floating pontoons. These lake works will take place in January and February 2020 and we will be working extended hours, Monday to Sunday 7am-7pm.

Vegetation clearance for ground investigations

To provide enough room for our drill rigs to access the areas where we need to take soil samples for the ground investigation surveys, we will have to carry out tree removal, clearance of shrubs and other low-lying vegetation in the vicinity of the works. To make sure that we do not impact on protected species such as bats our ecologists have visited the sites and inspected the trees to be removed.

Utility surveys by Moorhall Road

We also need to conduct a survey of the utility services that run through this area to find their exact locations and condition to determine whether they need to be protected or moved for the construction of the viaduct. This will be done by hand-excavators to protect the services. We will be working next to Moorhall Road with protection barriers for the safety of our staff. There will be no road or lane closures. These surveys will take place between in mid to late January.

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

January 2020 to July 2020

Working Hours

Monday to Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 8am-1pm

Extended hours for lake works: Monday to Sunday 7am-7pm

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's start up and one hour's shut down, outside of these times

What to expect

Extended working hours for some works

Barriers in place and staff working next to Moorhall Road in January

What we will do

Manage any impacts such as noise with the aim of reducing them where we can

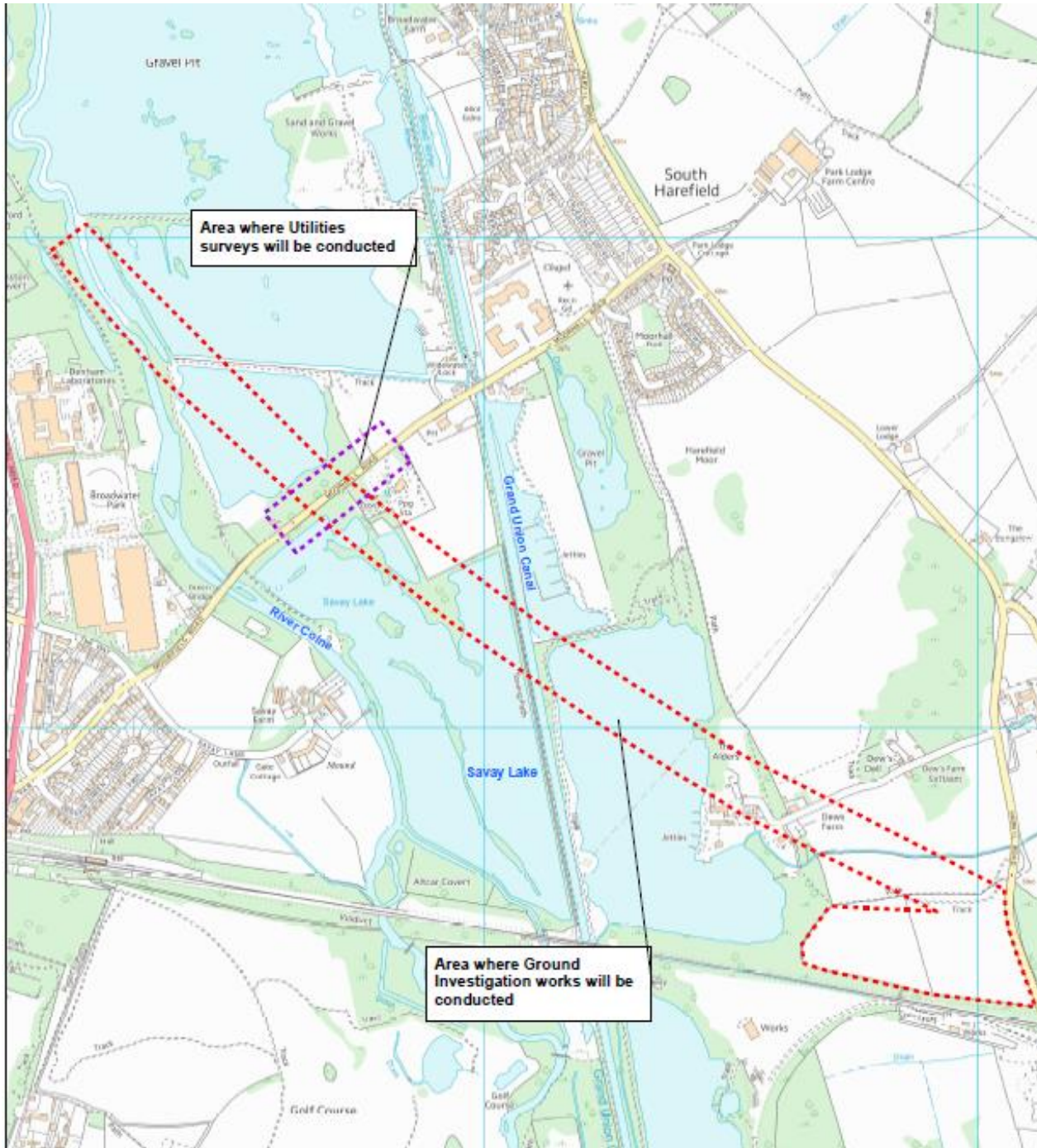
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Map showing the location of the utility survey works and ground investigation surveys



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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Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

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