

Update: Load Test Piling works at Harvil Road

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Align is the main works contractor building the Colne Valley Viaduct and the Chiltern Tunnel, and we need to carry out further works in your area to help us develop our construction plans.

We wrote to residents last year giving advance notice of increased activity at our construction site in the months up to March 2020. We are now writing to you with an update to let you know that works will be continuing site until summer 2020.

What we are doing

To construct the viaduct, we need to create strong pier foundations (piles) which require us to drill down to as much as 60 metres below the surface. When drilling to such depths we need to ensure we do not affect the local water supply. We are legally obliged to reduce any risks of this happening. Working closely with Affinity Water and the Environment Agency, we have developed an approach to constructing the piles which will mitigate any risk.

We employ best practice in this regard which includes constant water quality monitoring. Our programme of load test piling at Denham Water Ski Club has helped us to develop the construction approach. We now need to repeat these tests at our site off Harvil Road.

Load Test Pile work

Drilling and test pile works will be continuing at the site adjacent to Harvil Road. This will result in some noise and vibrations for sustained periods, which are likely to be heard or felt in the properties adjacent to the construction site. These works will continue until summer 2020.

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

April – Summer 2020

Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm

Saturday, 8am – 1pm

In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to work extended hours. When this happens, we will write to residents in advance to let them know.

What to expect

There will be a small increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using Harvil Road.

Public footpath U34 south of Dews Lane will remain closed.

What we will do

Manage any impacts such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing our impact where we can.

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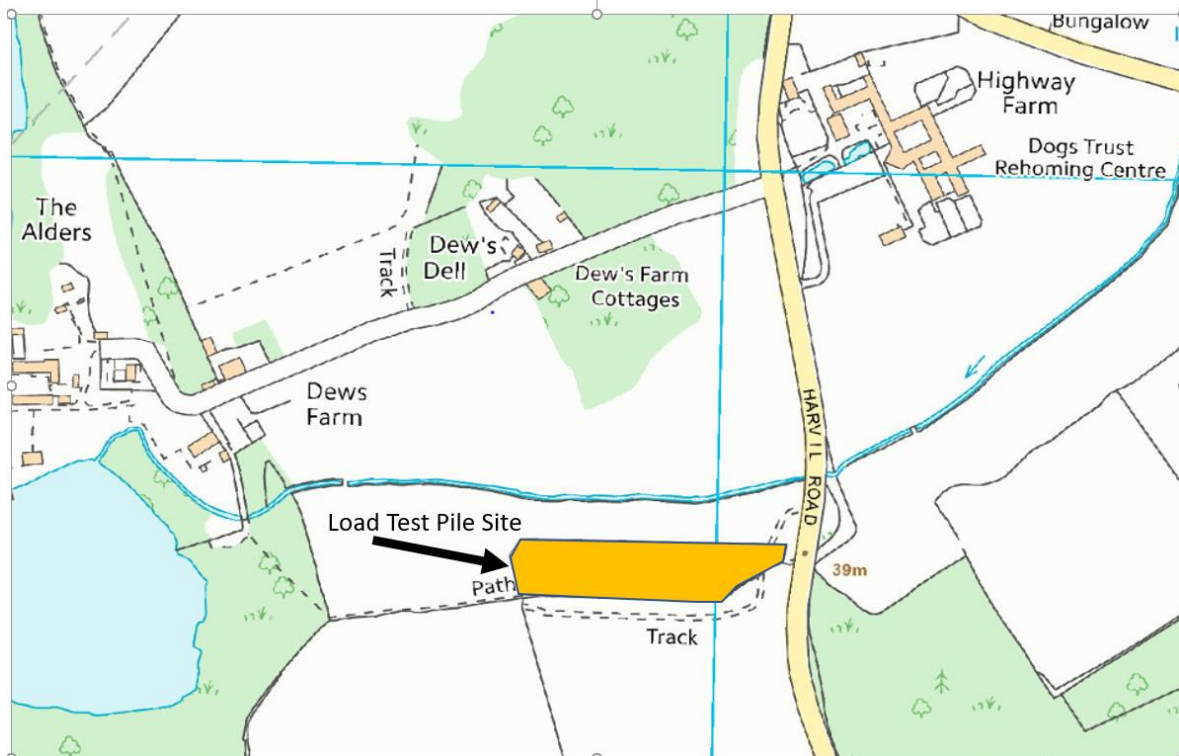
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Map of works in your area

The map below shows the location of the load test piling work site.



How may this affect you

The above works will be taking place on the site (shown on the map above) using an existing access off Harvil Road.

We will be working hard to ensure that any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and all of our future works. There will be an increase in works traffic on Harvil Road and surrounding roads during the testing period.

If you have any further questions, you can contact our Freephone Community Helpdesk on 0808 434 434, they are available all day, every day.

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

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**

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