

HS2

Notice of works - Denham to West Hyde

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. The Government's current strategy sets out that construction activity should continue as long as work can comply with Government and Public Health England guidance. We understand that some of the local community have concerns about the continuation of construction activity in the Colne Valley and along the route of the Chiltern Tunnel during the COVID-19 outbreak. 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 of the community and our workforce.

You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk

To prepare for the construction of the Colne Valley Viaduct we will be continuing our works in the area.

What works have been taking place?

We wrote to you recently about the various works which are required to construct the viaduct through the Colne Valley. We have been continuing with our programme of ground investigation surveys in this area and we anticipate these will continue over the coming months and into the summer. These surveys have provided us with important information about the conditions of the land where the viaduct will be built.

We have also been undertaking load test pile works near Denham Water-ski club. This involves drilling into the ground and installing concrete and steel reinforcement. These are important tests, as they help us understand how the ground will support the future viaduct as well as verifying that the aquifer will be protected.

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

May to December 2020

Working hours Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm and Saturday 8am - 1pm

We may also be on site for one hour's start up and shutdown outside of these times

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads

Noise from machinery used for the works

Off-peak temporary traffic signals

Site compounds with 24 hour site security and temporary lighting

Temporary public right of way (footpath) closure

What we will do

Manage the works to minimise disturbance

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What other work will be taking place?

Over the coming months the following works need to take place ahead of main construction work:

- Setting up small site compounds with welfare facilities and storage for our future works
- Building temporary haul roads including the use of track matting. These matting panels are placed on the existing ground surface to help our vehicles move around the area
- Diverting water and electric utilities ahead of building the viaduct and the haul road. These works will be completed in a way so they do not affect local utility supplies to residents and businesses
- Continuing archaeological investigations
- Undertaking ecology works

Vegetation clearance and fencing works

Before these works start will need to prepare the sites, this will include vegetation clearance and putting up fencing. The vegetation clearance will include tree felling to create a perimeter strip, where the fencing will be installed. This will help us keep the public safe from our future construction works. Further vegetation clearance will then take place within the site to create a temporary access road. Following our update to you in March an additional area of works to the south of Moorhall Road has been added. This is shown on page 4. The work to the south and north of Moorhall Road is similar in scope.

Impact on roads and public right of way

During this phase of the works we will need a temporary off-peak lane closure on the A412, near the Denham Water ski club entrance. This may be in place for up to four weeks and will be off peak between the hours of 09:30am and 3:30pm. This is to allow us to work on both sides of the highway, initially to form the new entrance and then switching this to the opposite carriageway to undertake works alongside the A412. The lane closure will be managed by traffic lights. Please see map overleaf. Advance signage will be put out on the road ahead of the traffic management to warn road users. To ensure our work in the area of Harefield Moor Lake and Moorhall Road is carried out safely the public access path from Moorhall Road will be closed, and signs installed to show alternative access from Boyers Pit, off Moorhall Road. All of these works are subject to the relevant consents and approvals being in place.

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Why are the works taking place now?

Our ecological works need to take place ahead of our main works starting later this year.

The High-Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 includes Environmental Minimum Requirements and a Code of Construction Practice which sets out how we undertake our construction activities. This includes analysis of existing ecology and explains how we will mitigate this during our construction.

Substantial ecological survey works have taken place in this area since 2012 as part of the Environmental Statement. These surveys have provided a detailed understanding of the ecology in the area and allowed us to develop mitigation plans for translocation of the ecology and removing vegetation.

How will you ensure that you do not affect nesting birds and other protected and non-protected ecology?

Prior to any vegetation removal, an ecologist will survey the area to be cleared for ecology and record any findings.

The findings from these surveys, along with data from surveys are used to identify those areas that can be cleared and those which cannot yet, due to the presence of protected ecology.

Any vegetation that cannot be removed due to the presence of protected ecology will be left until further surveys confirm that the ecology is no longer present.

Do we have licences for this work?

Yes, we will only undertake work with the necessary licences, where they are required. Other works will progress in locations where species constraints are absent, and where licences are not required.

Will you impact on ancient woodland?

The works will be carried out close to ancient woodland. Before any vegetation clearance the boundary of the ancient woodland will be identified, and mitigations will be put in place to protect these areas.

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Map detailing all work locations (south of Moorhall Road works added)



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Location of traffic lights to establish new site access (subject to consents)



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

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Contact Us

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

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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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