

Notice of Ground and Lake Investigation works - Harefield

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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.

Ground Investigations (GI)

Ground investigation surveys 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 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 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. During these lake works we will be working extended hours, Monday to Sunday 7am-7pm.

In some circumstances, where access is not possible through any other means, we may need to remove some surrounding vegetation for these works, so we can gain access to the site. Our ecologists will inspect these areas prior to works taking place.

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

Mid Sept 2020- Jan 2021

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

Extended hours for lake work: 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

Managed Public rights of Way

What we will do

Manage any environmental impacts such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing them wherever possible.

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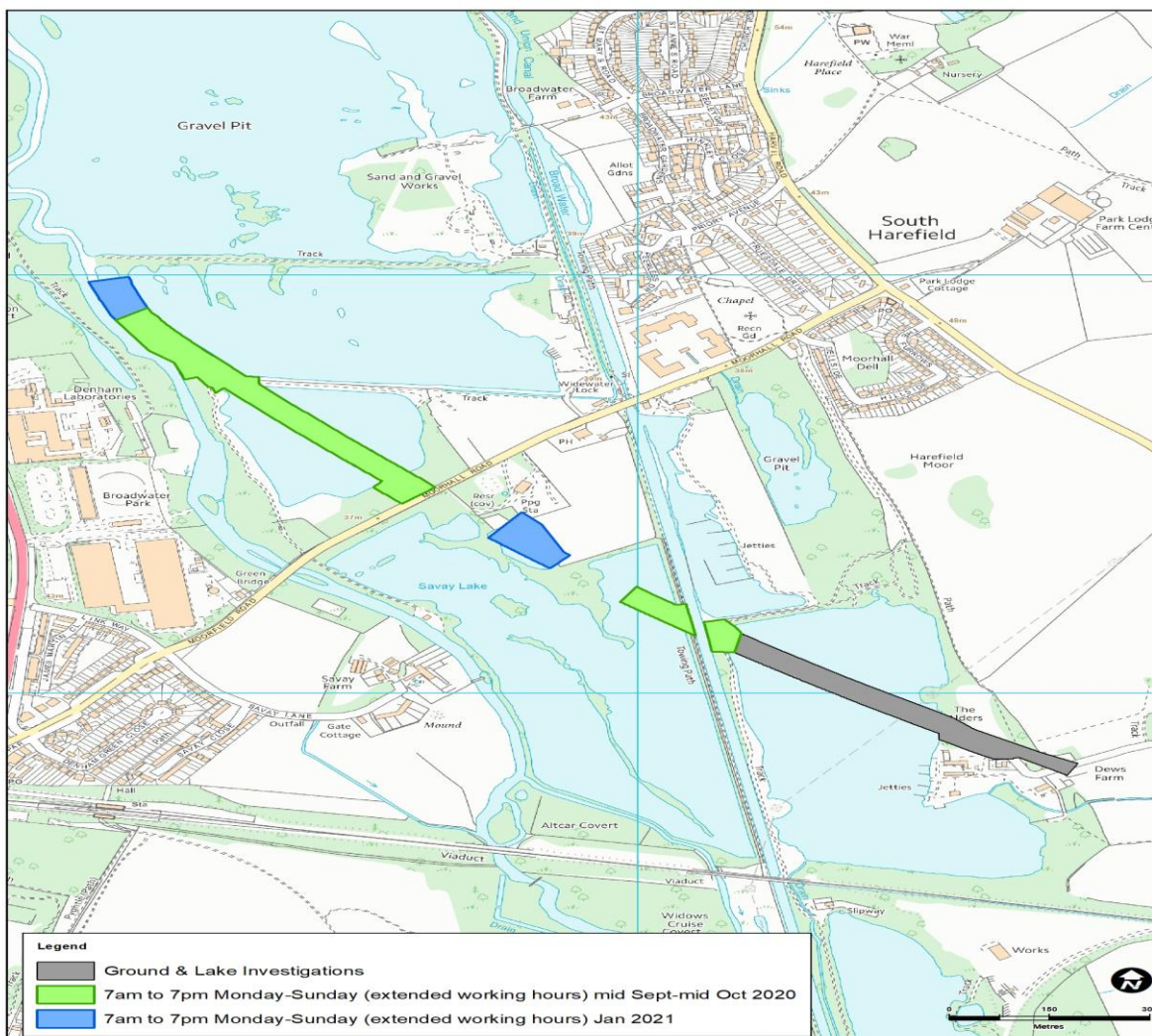
How will this affect me?

If you live near to one of the GI sites, you may become aware of a small team of operators working the machinery, and you may hear some drilling noise and general site activity during working hours whilst the investigations are taking place. However, this will be kept to a minimum as much as possible.

Any Public Rights of Way will be maintained wherever possible, however whilst works are taking place access will be managed by on site staff with signage and traffic marshalling for pedestrians.

We will also be carrying out some Geophysics surveys in land east of Harvil Road location of the Colne Valley Viaduct south embankment on Sunday 20 September 8 – 6pm. These works are not intrusive and are subject to the necessary approvals.

Map of GI work locations



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

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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