

Notification



Notice of Chipping Warden Tunnel early works

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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. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2innorthants.co.uk.

This notice provides details of the Chipping Warden Tunnel early works.

Who is EKFB?

Eiffage Kier Ferroviaire BAM (EKFB) is one of the contractors carrying out civil engineering works for the new HS2 line. EKFB will undertake all earthworks and landscaping in this area as well as creating bridges, viaducts and green tunnels.

What are we doing?

We are starting the early construction works for the green tunnel which is 2.5km long for the new railway that passes Chipping Warden and Aston Le Walls.

What does the work involve?

The work will involve:

1. Setting up a works compound
2. Localised clearance of vegetation
3. Checking airfield is clear before we remove the topsoil
4. Removal of topsoil and storing it in earth bunds
5. Drainage and creation of settlement ponds and access roads
6. Excavation, movement and storage of earthworks

The works compound that we will use is part of the existing construction compound being used by Fusion for the roadworks around Chipping Warden.

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

Works will start in July 2020

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday
8.00am – 6.00pm

Saturdays
8.00am – 1.00pm

Our contractors may be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown either side of these times.

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads and noise from equipment used for the works.

What we will do

Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise.

Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

Take care to respect the community.

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What does the work involve?

One of the first activities that we will carry out is to clear vegetation in the areas that we need to do the construction works. A small team will use machinery and hand-held equipment to clear the hedgerow. The extent of these works is within the work area indicated on the map included with this notification.

Detailed surveys of local wildlife and habitats have been undertaken, and this information will ensure that wild birds, nests bats and roosts are not disturbed during the works. Ecologists will be in attendance whilst early works are taking place. Exclusion zones will be put in place around areas where nests or protected species are found until they can be moved.

The works area used to be an airfield and therefore the grounds will be scanned and checked for any remains from the use as an airfield. Topsoil will then be removed and stored as earth bunds up to four metres high. These bunds will be located on the perimeter of the works area and used to provide a visual barrier.

Drainage activity will involve laying drains and forming ponds so that any rainwater run-off is captured and the water diverted to settlement ponds before it discharges to the local watercourse.

The earthworks activity will involve excavators digging down approximately eight metres below the existing ground to the bottom of the tunnel. This material will be loaded onto 'dump trucks' and moved to form nearby storage mounds. The earthworks will be used as part of the construction of the new railway and will not be moved along the local road network.

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Layout map showing proposed works



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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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