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# Kenilworth Greenway update

Berkswell to Burton Green | Summer and autumn 2020

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are now underway in the area between Berkswell and Burton Green, carried out by LM - a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons. This update provides information on LM's work for the Kenilworth Greenway.

## Creating a temporary diversion of the Kenilworth Greenway

The new railway will go under Burton Green in a 1.8 km long tunnel that broadly follows the alignment of the Kenilworth Greenway. LM is building a temporary Greenway to act as a diversion during construction for HS2 between Berkswell and Burton Green, which is expected to last around five years.

Work is underway to build the path and fences for the temporary Greenway in fields between Waste Lane, Balsall Common, and Hob Lane, Burton Green. We now need to build crossing points for the temporary Greenway over three roads: Waste Lane, Hob Lane and Red Lane. We'll need to close these roads, with temporary diversions in place, to build the crossings in a safe way.

We've been working with local authorities, community and equestrian representatives over the past three years to make sure the crossings are a safe community asset that residents, visitors, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders can use throughout HS2 construction. We've collaborated with local representatives to gather feedback on the crossings and incorporated various requests in the design.

It will take around 4-5 months to build the crossings and finish the temporary Greenway. We're looking forward to opening it to the public as soon as possible.



### Duration of work

Mid-August to December 2020.

### Our working hours

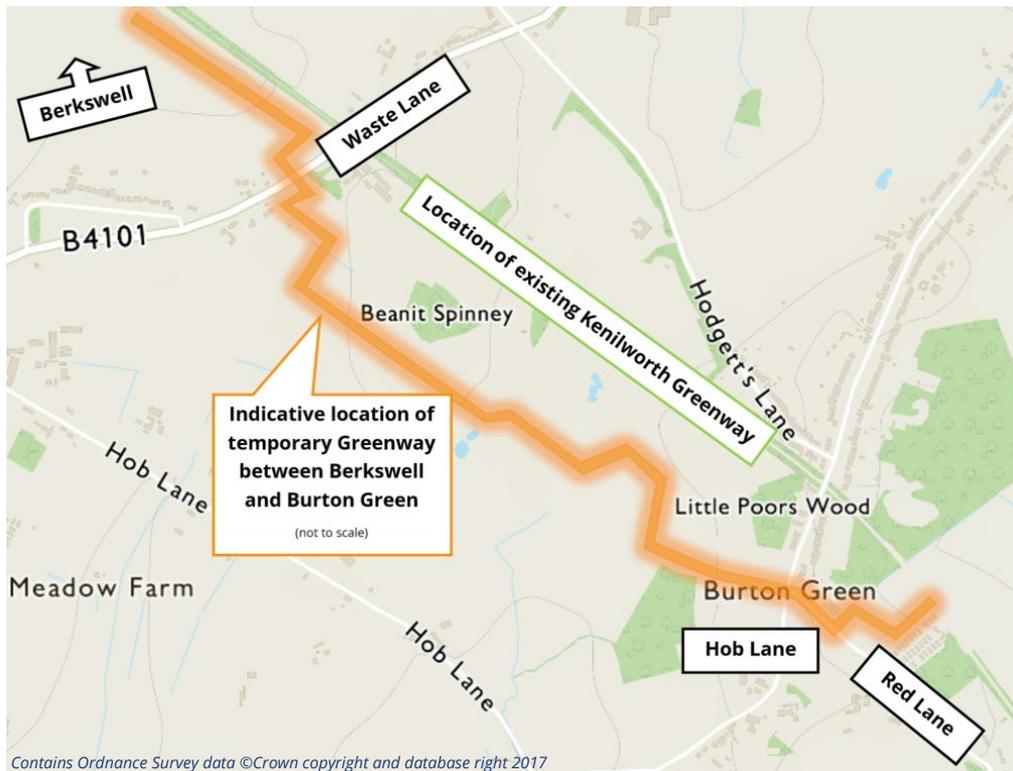
Generally 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday, and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. Some weekend work may be required.

We may be on site up to an hour before or after these times to set up or pack up.

### What to expect

- Temporary road closures and diversions
- Temporary traffic lights
- Potential traffic delays at peak times
- Some noise from machinery

## Route of the temporary Greenway



## Road closures and traffic lights to build temporary Greenway crossings

To ensure the safety of everyone in the area while we build the temporary Greenway crossings, we will need to temporarily close and divert roads 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- **Waste Lane** – diverted for one week, due to start **Monday 17 August**, followed by temporary traffic lights for around 4–5 months. We may need to close Waste Lane again for another few weeks towards the end of 2020.
- **Hob Lane, Cromwell Lane and Red Lane** – diverted for around 4–5 months, after the initial Waste Lane closure – due to start **Monday 24 August**. Cars will be able to follow the signed diversion. Walkers and cyclists will be able to navigate around the closure points using Burrow Hill Park and nearby footpaths.

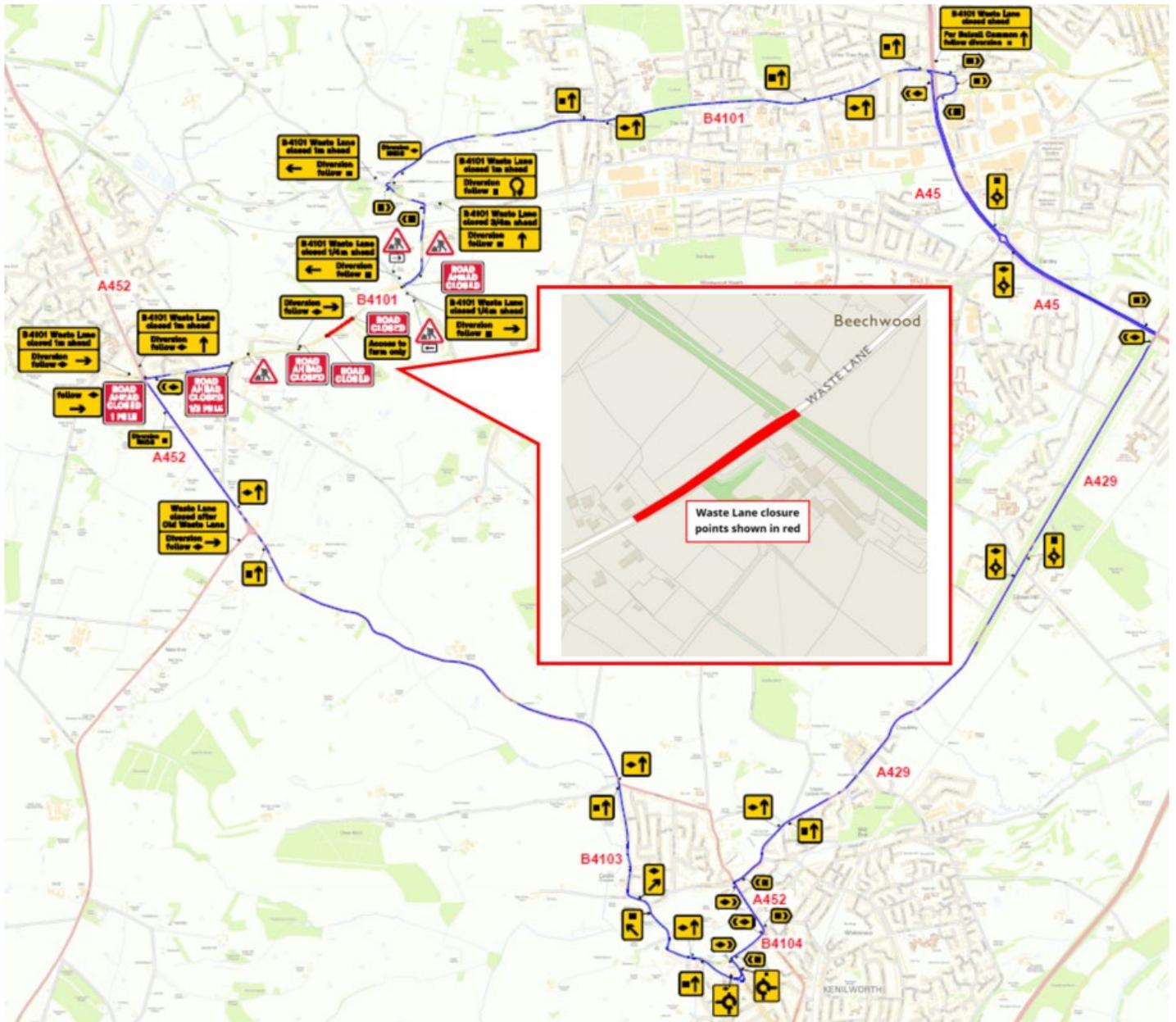
Waste Lane and the Hob/Cromwell/Red Lane junction will not be closed at the same time.

Please note that all timeframes are subject to change, and may be subject to consents, approvals, site conditions and weather conditions.

## Access to your property

If your property frontage is within the closure points, we will work closely with you to manage access into and out of your property. Residents may sometimes experience a short delay while we move machinery or create a safe path in or out of a closed area during our working hours.

## Diversion route: Waste Lane closure



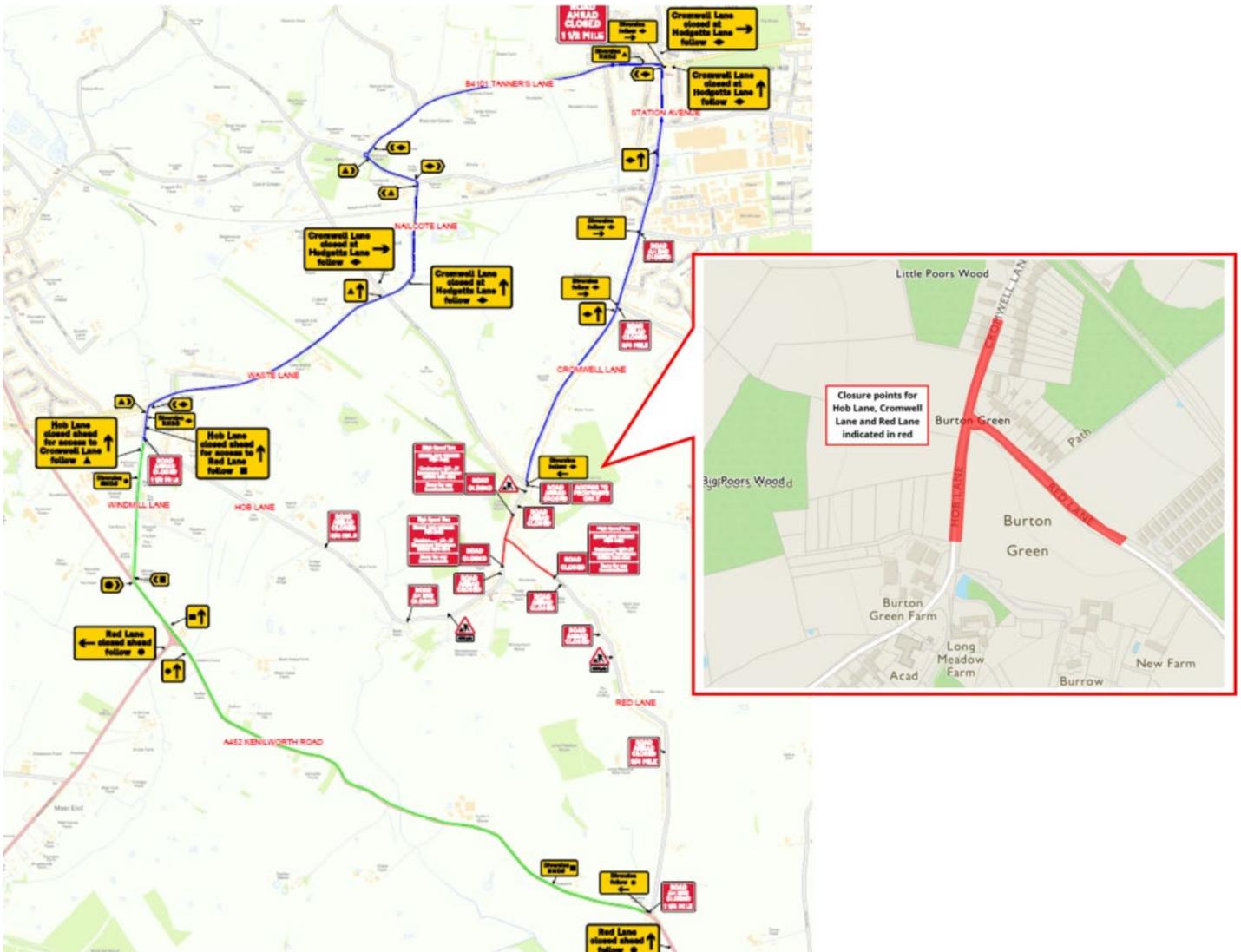
### Waste Lane approved diversion route

Use the following roads from 17–23 August:

- B4101 to A452 and A45; A45 to A429; A429 to A452; A452 to B4104; B4104 to B4103; B4103 to A452; A452 to B4101.

Check the latest details at the [one.network](https://www.one.network) website.

## Diversion route: Hob/Cromwell/Red Lane closure



### Hob/Cromwell/Red Lane approved diversion route

Use the following roads from 24 August until late 2020:

- Cromwell Lane to Station Avenue; Station Avenue to B4101; B4101 to Windmill Lane; Windmill Lane to A452; A452 to Red Lane
- Red Lane to A452
- Hob Lane to Windmill Lane/Waste Lane

Check the latest details at the **one.network** website.

## What to expect from the temporary Greenway

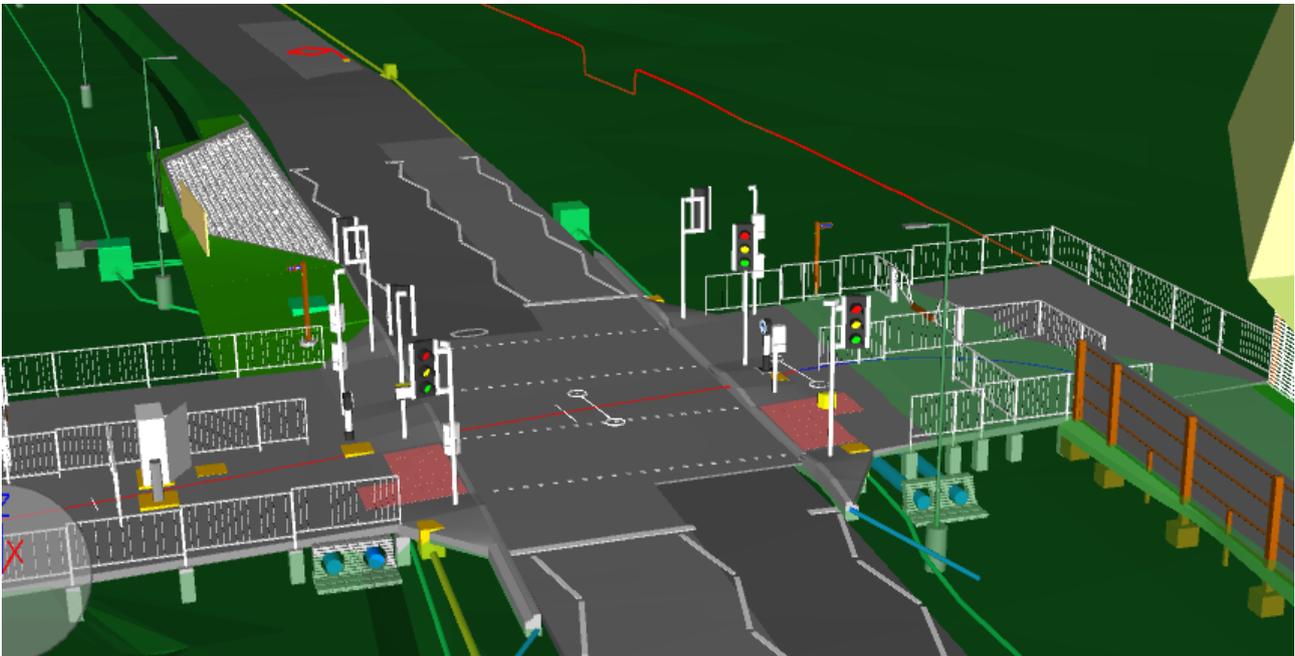
The temporary Greenway will be suitable for all users and abilities, with facilities for horse riders and new traffic signals for road users. Post-and-wire fencing will line the majority of the path, and it will have a user-friendly stone surface.

The route will start behind the new village hall off Red Lane in Burton Green; cross over Red Lane; run along Burrow Hill Park on Red Lane, curving around it to Hob Lane; cross over Hob Lane and follow existing field boundaries to minimise impacts on farms; cross over Waste Lane; and initially stop between Waste Lane and Berkswell Station. In future, BBV will connect the temporary Greenway to Berkswell Station area.

The crossings at Waste Lane, Hob Lane and Red Lane will involve new road features and markings, stop lights for vehicles and Greenway users, street lighting at night, and maintenance bays.

The junction of Hob, Cromwell and Red Lanes in Burton Green will be redeveloped with new traffic lights to ensure a smooth and safe flow of traffic and Greenway users through Burton Green.

Every effort has been made to reduce the amount of vegetation removal to the absolute minimum needed to deliver the temporary Greenway. Although it is temporary infrastructure, it has been designed to permanent standards to ensure it meets all relevant road and safety requirements.



*An indicative model of how the Waste Lane crossing for the temporary Greenway is likely to look once built*

## Work on the existing Kenilworth Greenway

The creation of the Burton Green tunnel will be a complex construction task. Main works – undertaken by BBV, a joint venture between Balfour Beatty and VINCI – need to start as soon as possible as part of the overall delivery programme for HS2.

This summer, LM will start preparing to close the existing Greenway between Berkswell and Burton Green so we have enough time to get ready for BBV's main works. We'll start by connecting up existing local footpaths, and setting up diversions of public rights of way, so we can keep people moving safely through the area while we work on the existing Greenway. We'll set up some small temporary compounds to support staff working on and near the Greenway.

From late summer/early autumn, once we've finished setting up, we're due to close the existing Greenway and prepare the area for future construction work.

We'll also be at work next to the Greenway in a small section of Black Waste Wood in Burton Green, at the location of a portal for the tunnel. We've already been working in this location over the past year to plant new trees.

HS2 and LM have created several new woodlands and wildlife habitats between Solihull and Burton Green, which will be part of a 'green corridor' along the railway, including 7 million new trees between London and Birmingham.

Once we have finished our preparation work on the Greenway, BBV will start to complete ground investigations within the area. These ground investigation surveys help BBV to understand more about the ground conditions where the railway is being built. The surveys involve trial holes, bore holes and window sampling. The ground investigations are short-term activities and will take a varying amount of time to complete.

### Future Greenway work



To learn more about what will happen in Berkswell and Burton Green during the main works phase, visit [hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk](https://www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk) and click on the 'Burton Green tunnel' page.

You can also use this website to subscribe for news alerts about upcoming work in your area.

## HS2 and the COVID-19 outbreak

We are continually reviewing work on our construction sites in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with COVID-19. The Government's current COVID-19 strategy makes clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance.

The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we affect is our key priority. Please be assured that those sites that are currently still working are doing so because they can operate within PHE and construction industry guidelines.

## Keep up-to-date on public rights of way

HS2 and LM have published updates on early works impacts near public rights of way in your area. Head to [hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk](https://www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk) or [hs2insolihull.co.uk](https://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk) to learn more about footpaths, cycleways and bridleways at the bottom of the 'Works in your area' page.

## Nearby archaeology

LM is coordinating archaeological digs at nearby locations, including between Burton Green and Berkswell. Our archaeologists are often supported by temporary compounds featuring site cabins and welfare facilities. More information about this work is available at [hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk](https://www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk) under the 'Works in your area' page – look for the 'Burton Green, Kenilworth and Stoneleigh' section.

## Community funding opportunities

HS2's **Community and Environment Fund** and **Business and Local Economy Fund** give local communities and businesses the opportunity to receive funding for projects to improve their local area and support their local economy.

The funds are managed by an independent charity called Groundwork UK.



If you're involved in an organisation or project that would benefit from funding, we encourage you to visit the Groundwork website at [www.hs2funds.org.uk](https://www.hs2funds.org.uk) to check eligibility and learn more about the application process. The HS2 Helpdesk is available to help you understand the funds and provide further details.

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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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto:residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk)

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## Property and compensation

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[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2)

## Holding us to account

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