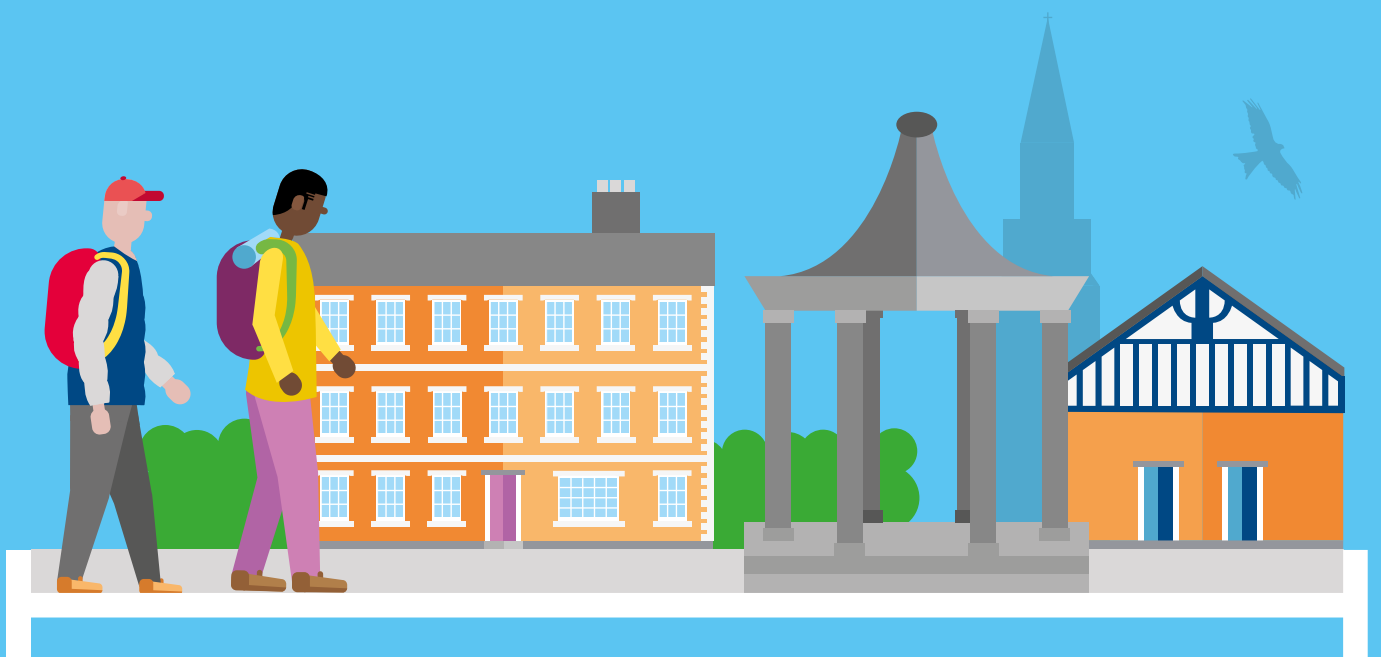


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Local Area Engagement Plan **Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire**

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About this plan

Our Community Engagement Strategy outlines all the ways that we'll engage with people and communities that are affected along the route. We've written this Local Area Engagement Plan to explain how we'll deliver our Strategy in your area. It sets out how we'll engage with communities in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire to ensure that we meet our commitments and continue to be a good neighbour. This is particularly important in 2019 as we begin our main construction work.

This plan:

- introduces you to your local Community Engagement team and partners working on our behalf;
- provides maps showing where our key works are in your area;
- informs you about the different ways you can contact us; and
- explains how we'll measure how well we're doing against our 10 Community Commitments.

How we will engage

We're committed to being a good neighbour and we'll ensure that you can find out about our planned works and activities in your area easily. Equally, we want you to have the opportunity to give us your comments and tell us your concerns.

We will engage with you by:

Informing. We'll keep you informed through clear, timely and tailored communication about issues that affect you. This includes:

- engagement events in your area;
- regular newsletters;
- sending you information sheets about our planned works before they start; and
- making sure we keep up-to-date information on our local community websites, called Commonplace.

Involving. We'll create opportunities for you to get involved throughout the design and delivery of the Project. This includes:

- workshops and discussions on the design of key design elements along the route (such as stations, vent shafts, viaducts and hoardings);
- interactive archaeology and ecology programmes;
- meetings and events; and
- local community investment programmes.

Responding. We'll provide free and accessible ways for you to contact us to answer your questions about the Project and help with any problems that may arise from our works. This includes:

- our Helpdesk team, who are available all day, every day via Freephone 08081 434 434, Minicom 08081 456 472 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk;
- making sure that your local Engagement Manager is available in your area at least once a week; and
- replying promptly to information requests.



Who we are

It's important for everyone working on HS2 to understand the impact that their decisions and actions have. This includes all the companies and people working on our behalf. Your local Community Engagement team is here to speak on your behalf and to act as your voice within HS2 Ltd and our supply chain. Your local team is made up of staff from HS2 Ltd and our partners, all working together to listen and respond to local communities. You can see their details below:

Your HS2 Ltd contacts



Emma Gaydon

Community Engagement Manager

Emma will be your first point of contact and is responsible for engagement from Denham to Great Missenden.



Vernon Loo

Community Engagement Manager

Vernon will be your first point of contact and is responsible for engagement from Great Missenden to Aylesbury.



Cheryl Snudden

Community Engagement Manager

Cheryl will be your first point of contact and is responsible for engagement from Waddesdon to Turweston.



Luke Nipen

Senior Engagement Manager

Luke oversees engagement in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

Who else is working with us?

We work closely with all our contractors to ensure that details of the Project are shared with you. Several companies, known as our partners, will help us to build the railway. These include our enabling works and main works contractors, who will help us deliver the new railway and stations. Our partners also include other companies such as utility companies who will help us undertake the work needed to deliver HS2.

Enabling works contractor

fusion

Fusion is the enabling works contractor for this area of the route. Their job is to prepare the land ready for the construction of the railway. The Community Engagement team from Fusion for this area of the route are Anne-Marie Brannigan, Lorraine Kelly and Simon Griffiths.

Main works contractors

EIFFAGE KIER

Eiffage Kier (EK) are one of our partners. They're responsible for the design development and construction of the new high speed railway line for this area of the route. The Community Engagement team from EK for this part of the route are Chris James and Nicola Jotzhein.

ALIGN

Align are another of our partners and are responsible for the design development and construction of the route from South Harefield to Great Missenden. The Community Engagement team from Align are David Eve, Bobbette Watson, Duncan Fallon and David Orr Ewing.

Our year ahead

Late 2019 and beyond, we'll enter the main works delivery phase of the Project and so the impact and frequency of our works is likely to increase. We're committed to minimising these impacts and measuring the effectiveness of our engagement to ensure that we're doing the best we possibly can.

We measure and report on how we're being a good neighbour through our regular progress reports. These are published every six months and show how we're performing against our 10 Community Commitments.

You can read our 10 Community Commitments on page 21 of our Community Engagement Strategy. You can read our latest progress report and our Community Engagement Strategy online at hs2.org.uk/in-your-area. For hard copies contact our Helpdesk team or attend one of our larger engagement events, where we have hard copies to hand.

Our key works and activities planned for your area over the next year are outlined in the following section. There's a map of the area to show you where they're happening. We can't include all of the works that we'll be carrying out during this time as some of them are unconfirmed and may change.

You can find details of the works not mentioned in this Plan in our Construction Forward Look published every three months for your area. You can find a copy of this on your local community website hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk or by contacting our Helpdesk team for a copy. Further details can be found on page 10.

This year, we'll continue our enabling works, to get us ready for construction. This work includes utility works to make sure that supplies to local areas are not affected when we start to build the railway.

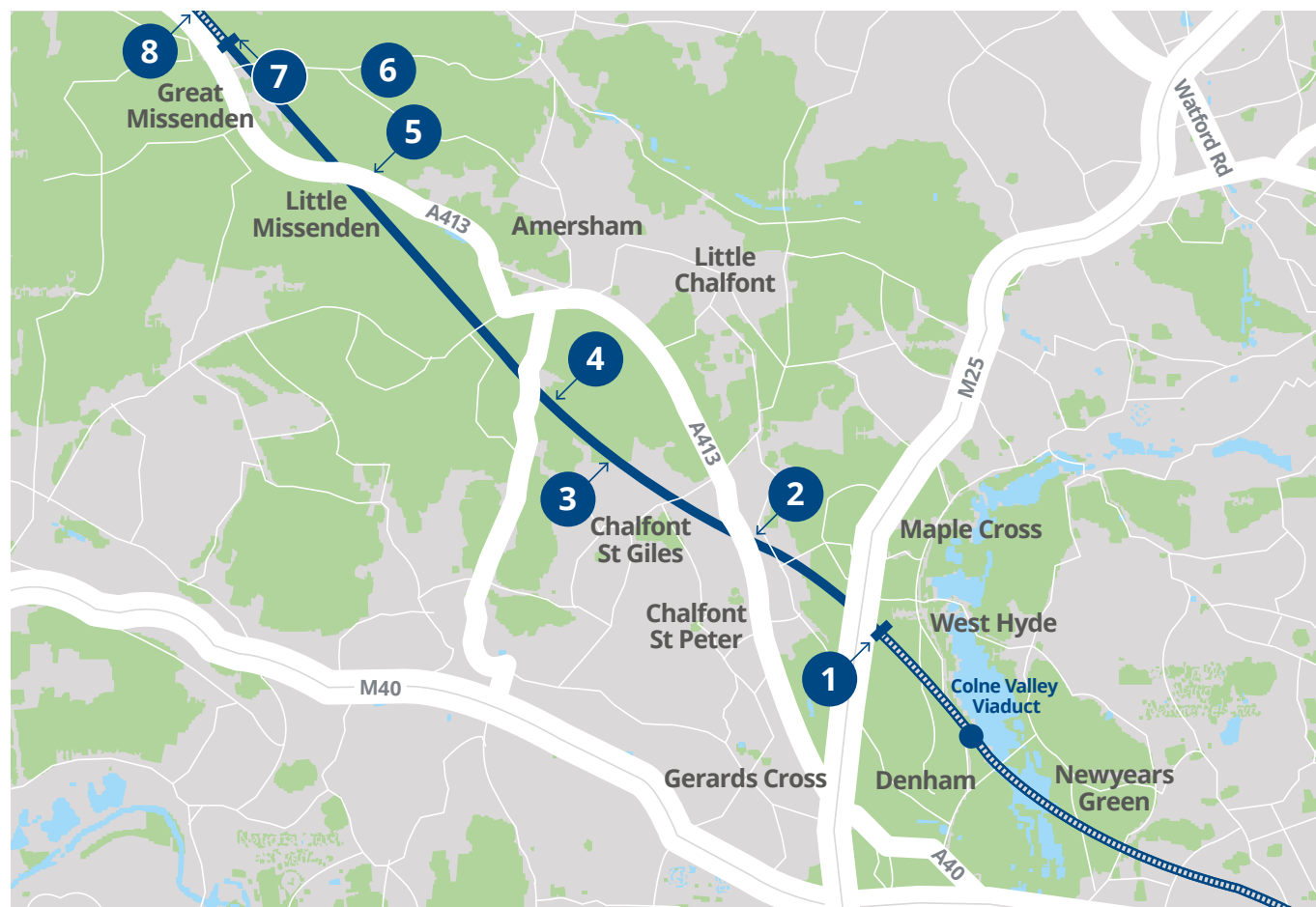
We'll also continue with ground investigation surveys. This type of survey helps us to understand more about the ground where we want to build the railway. It's vital that we know about the soil before construction begins so we can build effectively.

Before we build bridges, tunnels, tracks and stations, the largest archaeology programme ever undertaken in the UK will take place along the line of route. We'll continue with our archaeology work in this area too, making sure that we share any interesting finds with local communities.







Works in your area

Denham to Great Missenden



Key

-  Parkland
-  HS2 route Phase One underground
-  HS2 route Phase One overground
-  Water/river

We have a number of sites in the area which will help us to construct the railway. Each area is shown below with what is planned in the coming months and further ahead.

Denham to Great Missenden

- 1 Chiltern Tunnel South Portal**

We'll be carrying out significant work at the south portal of the tunnel. This work will include the installation of fencing, archaeology investigations and a platform for our tunnel boring machines power plant. Our tunnel boring machines are currently being prepared and will be built on site in 2020.
- 2 Chalfont St Peter vent shaft site**

We're preparing this site ready to start the construction of the vent shaft. This work includes further ground investigation surveys which will help us to understand more about the condition and composition of the land that we plan to build on.
- 3 Chalfont St Giles vent shaft site**

We'll be carrying out vegetation clearance and archaeology works before we start the construction of a temporary haul road to the vent shaft site. This work will include temporary changes to the A413, such as widening of the lane to allow for safe turning of HGVs onto the haul road. We'll also be preparing the site ready for our main work construction.
- 4 Amersham vent shaft site**

We're working on creating the access to this site, which includes vegetation clearance. Our main works contractor will also be carrying out further ground investigation surveys to find out more about the condition of the land that we plan to build on.
- 5 Little Missenden vent shaft site**

The purpose of a vent shaft is to allow cooling of the tunnels, as well as access for the emergency services and smoke extraction in the event of an accident. There will be some ground investigation in this area over the summer. This is the fourth vent shaft when heading north from the south portal at West Hyde. There are currently no significant works going on at this site.
- 6 Chesham Road vent shaft site**

The purpose of a vent shaft is to allow cooling of the tunnels, as well as access for the emergency services and smoke extraction in the event of an accident. There will be a vent shaft located off the B485 in South Heath.

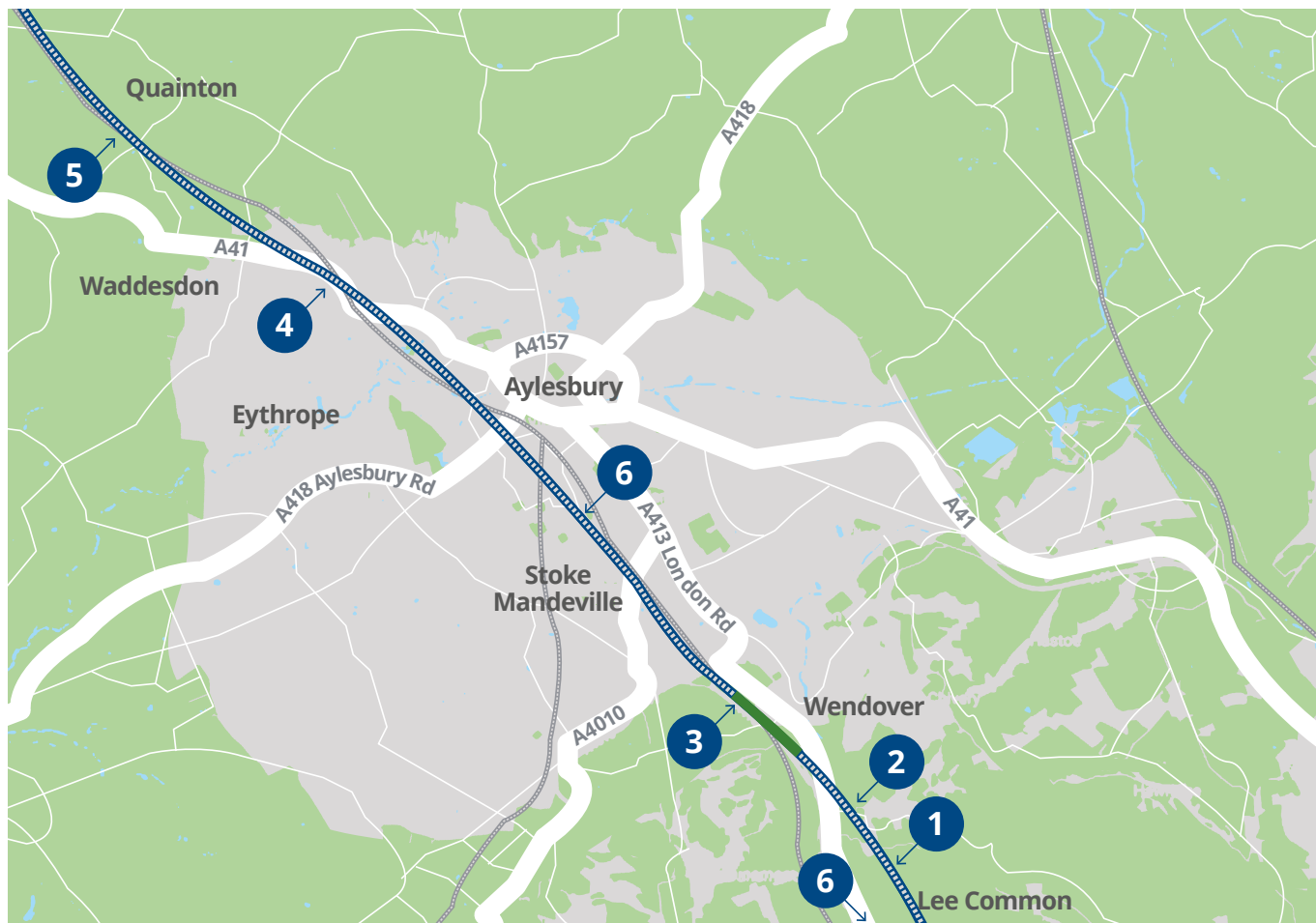
At the junction of Frith Hill and the B485 we are also carrying out road improvement works to start late summer 2019.
- 7 Works at the North Portal**

We'll be carrying out work at the north portal of the tunnel including the construction of a haul road. Road improvement works will start later this year and the haul road will be completed by November 2019.
- 8 South Heath National Grid diversion**

National Grid will be diverting overhead lines from Great Missenden to Aylesbury including work at South Heath and Nash Lee. This work will start in September and will be completed by February 2020.

Works in your area

Wendover to Quainton



Key

Rural	Existing train line	HS2 route Phase One overground
Water/river	HS2 route Phase One underground	HS2 green tunnel

Wendover to Quainton

1 Wendover Dean Viaduct

Wendover Dean Viaduct is a key design element. This means that we will engage with local communities about the design and delivery of this part of the railway. Information about future engagement events for the viaduct will be made available on our local website.

2 Wendover Small Dean Viaduct

Wendover Small Dean Viaduct is a key design element. This means that we will engage with local communities about the design and delivery of this part of the railway. Information about future engagement events for the viaduct will be made available on our local website.

3 Wendover Green Tunnel

Wendover Green Tunnel is a key design element. This means that we will engage with local communities about the design and delivery of this part of the railway. Information about future engagement events for the tunnel will be made available on our local website.

4 Thame Valley Viaduct

Thame Valley Viaduct is a key design element. This means that we will engage with local communities about the design and delivery of this part of the railway. Information about future engagement events for the viaduct will be made available on our local website.

5 Utility diversions and enabling works in Quainton

During 2019 we're carrying out a variety of utility diversions and vegetation clearance in the Quainton area.

SGN will divert a gas pipeline near to Edgcott Road (Ship Lee Road). Work will begin in November 2019. SGN will use the National Grid compound to deliver these works.

There will also be the diversion of a water pipeline on Station Road. This work will divert and replace an existing water pipeline which will allow National Grid to divert their gas pipeline (see details about this work under work 6 of this map).

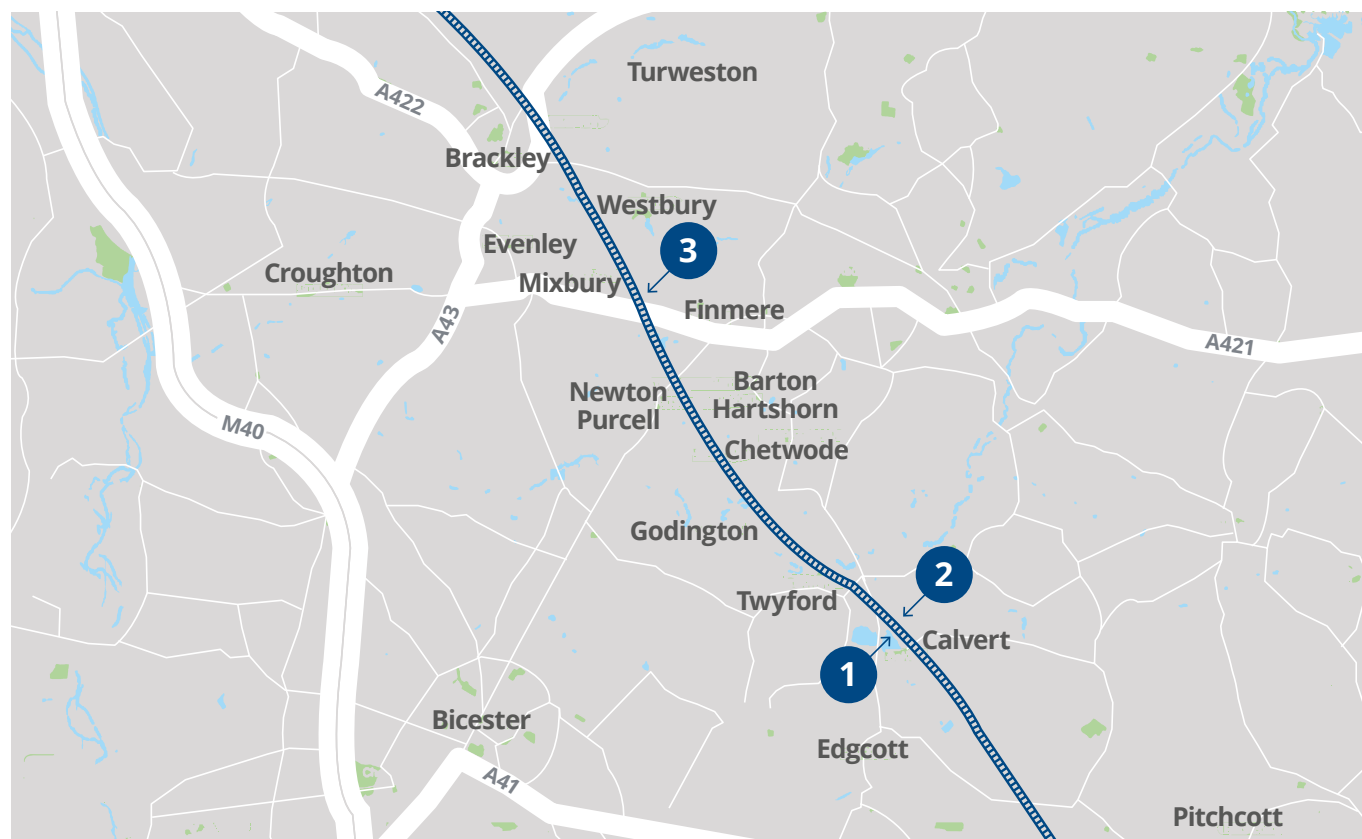
Between January and December 2019, we'll carry out a range of enabling activities which will get us ready to build the railway. These include installation of temporary trackway, boundary fencing, hedge and vegetation clearance, archaeology work and woodland and species translocation.

6 National Grid diversions

National Grid will carry out the diversion of overhead cables on Edgcott Road (Ship Lee Road) which includes the installation of two new pylon towers. This work will take place between January and November 2019. There will also be a diversion of two gas pipelines, 1km south of the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. This work will take place between March and November 2019.

Works in your area

Edgcott to Turweston



Key

-  Parkland
-  Water/river
-  HS2 route Phase One overground

Edgcott to Turweston

1 Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD) works

The IMD is a key design element. This means that we will engage with you about the design and delivery of this structure. Work on this site will continue to take place during 2019. Throughout the year, there will be a variety of works. These include ground investigation surveys and vegetation clearance.

In September, we'll set up site compounds ahead of the main construction work starting. The compounds will be located in Gawcott Road and West Street.

Bat Mitigation Structure

The Sheephouse Wood Bat Mitigation Structure is a key design element. It's a 850 metre long structure alongside Sheephouse Wood, an ancient woodland and designated as a site of Special Scientific Interest.

Sheephouse Wood and the wider Bernwood Forest provides a home for several species of bat including the rare Bechstein's bat. This colony is at the most northern extent of their range in Europe, which makes it particularly important. The Sheephouse Wood Bat Mitigation Structure will provide a physical barrier to prevent bats coming into contact with our high speed trains. The structure is part of a wider strategy designed to reduce effects on bats along an 8km stretch of route through Calvert. The strategy will provide links between areas of existing woodland with new woodland planting and provides safe crossing points at existing flight lines with green overbridges.

Calvert Road under track crossing

We'll be carrying out ground investigation work at Brackley Lane. This will take place before we divert the utilities under the network rail track. Investigation work is scheduled to take place during summer 2019. We may also need to carry out further ecological surveys during 2019.

2 Great Moor Sailing Club improvement works

From October 2019 onwards, we'll start our vegetation clearance on Gawcott Road. This will clear the site ready for the construction of the railway.

3 Utility diversions at Mixbury

We currently plan to carry out ground investigation works around the Featherbed Lane area near Mixbury. Ground investigation surveys allow us to understand more about the land where we plan to build the railway. This work will support the diversion of the existing 132kv overhead line that crosses the line of HS2. We expect work to start during the summer 2019.

How to get in touch and find out more

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day of the year

You can contact our Helpdesk team with any questions you may have, to request copies of documents, to register and track complaints, and to coordinate incident responses.

Our Helpdesk team are available via:

Freephone 08081 434 434

Minicom 08081 456 472

Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Keep up to date with the Project and sign up to notifications from your local community website

Commonplace is a local community website where you can find out what is happening in your local area and sign up for updates about our activities. For regular updates on works happening in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire you can sign up for news alerts at hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk. You'll also be able to find out information about roadworks and closures, our noise insulation and property schemes, our community engagement initiatives and how to apply for our community and business funds.

You can meet us at our drop-in sessions

Our Community Engagement teams hold drop-in sessions along the line of route.

To find out more, including the times of your next drop-in, visit our local community website hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk

Or, you can get in touch with our Helpdesk team via:

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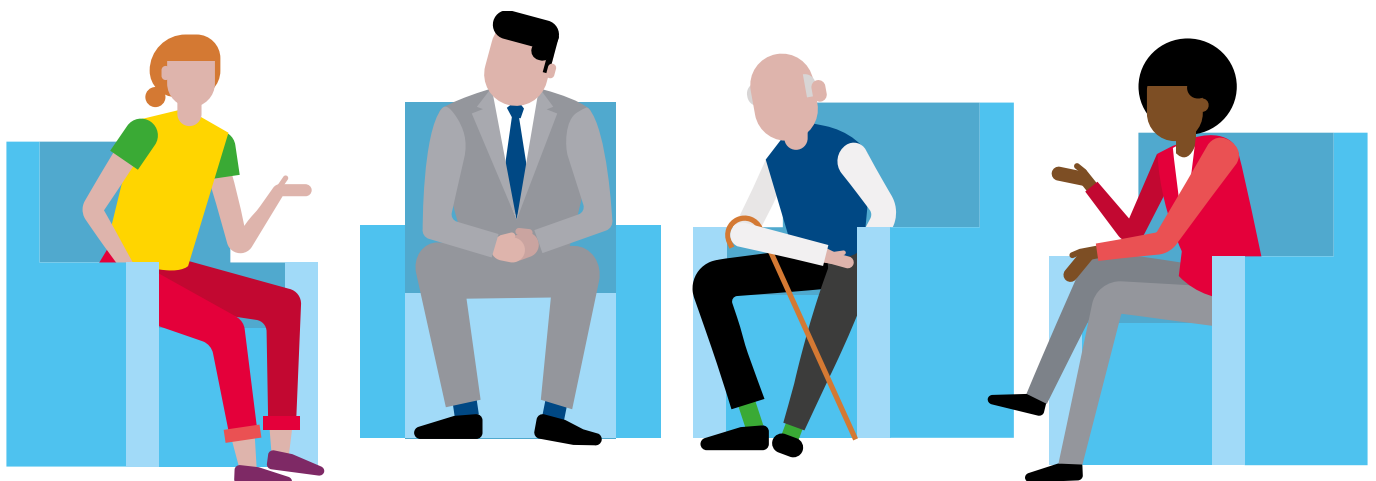
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Our Construction Forward Look is published every three months

This provides you with a more detailed overview of the upcoming works that we plan to undertake in your area over the next three months. The plan is available to download on our local community website hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk

If you'd like a hard copy, you can contact our Helpdesk team or come along to one of our larger engagement events.



Apply for funding for a local project through the community and business funds

We're offering two funds which are available to local communities and businesses – the Community and Environment Fund (CEF), and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF). Both funds give local communities and businesses the opportunity to receive funding of up to £1 million for projects that aim to improve their local area or economy. To find out more and how to apply, visit www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds. You can also contact Groundwork UK by calling 0121 237 5880 or emailing hs2funds@groundwork.org.uk. Groundwork UK is an independent charity that assesses applications and manages the funds on our behalf.

We also have a dedicated HS2 website

You can find our website at www.hs2.org.uk – this website is for the whole Project. You can find out more about where the route is planned, the timeline of construction, and more information about our compensation schemes. To view information specifically on what's happening in your area visit your local community website hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

We have more printed materials at our engagement events

If you would prefer to have more information in a printed format, or you don't have access to the internet, we have takeaway materials at our drop-in sessions and other engagement events. Please come and meet us at our regular drop-ins, or get in touch with our Helpdesk team to request printed copies of information. We are available via:

Freephone 08081 434 434

Minicom 08081 456 472

Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Alternative formats

If you need any of our printed materials in large print, Braille, audio or easy read please contact us. You can also contact us for help and information in a different language.



Keeping your information safe

If we ask for your personal information, we will:

- let you know why we need it;
- only ask for what we need and not collect excessive or irrelevant information;
- make sure nobody has access to it who should not;
- not share it with other organisations unless we have told you in advance or unless we are obliged to do so by law;
- only keep it for as long as we need to; and
- not make it available, or sell it, for commercial use, such as marketing.

We do share information with our contractors to enable robust and informed responses to queries.

In dealing with your personal information, we will:

- value the personal information entrusted to us and make sure we respect that trust;
- abide by the law when it comes to handling personal information;
- consider the privacy risks when we are planning to use or hold personal information in new ways, such as introducing new systems; and
- provide training to staff who handle personal information and respond appropriately if personal information is not used or protected properly.

To help us keep your information accurate and up to date, we ask you to give us accurate information and tell us as soon as possible of any change of circumstances.

You can find out what personal information, if any, we hold about you by making a 'subject access request'.

If we do hold information about you, once we have confirmed your identity, we will give you a description of it, why we are holding it and who it could be disclosed to. We will also provide you with a copy of the information in an intelligible form.

It will help us to locate any data we might hold about you if, in making your request, you could state what dealings we have had with you and why you expect us to hold information about you.

It is not the policy of HS2 Ltd to charge for subject access requests. If you wish to make a subject access request, please contact us via the details below. Our HS2 Helpdesk team is available all day, every day of the year.

They're available via:

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Minicom [08081 456 472](tel:08081456472)

Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to us at:

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www.hs2.org.uk/privacy-notice

Our key documents

We have a range of documents on hand to help you understand our approach to community engagement and keep up to date with our works in your area.

Community Engagement Strategy

Our Community Engagement Strategy explains all the ways that we'll engage with people, businesses and communities along the route. It also includes our 10 Community Commitments.

You can read our Community Engagement Strategy here:

www.hs2.org.uk/documents/community-engagement-strategy

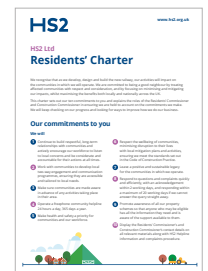


Residents' Charter

Our Residents' Charter sets out our 10 Community Commitments. It explains the roles of the independent Residents' Commissioner and the Construction Commissioner in ensuring that we're held to account on these Commitments.

You can read our Residents' Charter here:

www.hs2.org.uk/documents/hs2-residents-charter



Our progress reports

Our six-monthly progress reports are published twice a year and measure how well we're performing against our 10 Community Commitments. You'll be able to read about practical real-life examples of how we're fulfilling our Commitments in areas surrounding the route.

You can read our latest progress report here:

www.hs2.org.uk/documents/community-engagement-progress-report-july-to-december-2018

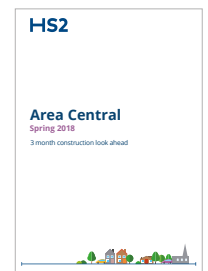


Construction Forward Look

Every three months, we publish a Construction Forward Look. These provide a high-level overview of works coming up in your area.

The most recent Forward Look for your area is published on your local community website:

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Local Area Engagement Plans

We have a collection of Local Area Engagement Plans for Phase One. Each Plan is localised to a specific area and explains how we'll deliver our Strategy at a local level. It sets out how we'll engage with you to make sure that we meet our Commitments and continue to be a good neighbour.

Our most recent Local Area Engagement Plans are published on your local community website:

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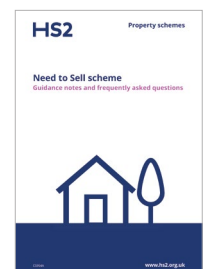


Land and Property guidance

We have several guidance documents about our different property schemes. These documents help you to understand the different types of compensation that's available if your property is affected by the HS2 route. These documents include specific booklets about the Need to Sell scheme, Rural Support Zone and safeguarding and compensation guidance.

You can find these at:

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/assistance-for-property-owners



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 at: 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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