



Notice of early works from Greatworth to Edgcote

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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. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement events and meetings and have put in place a number of channels to communicate with communities, such as letters and phone calls, as well as updates and alerts from each of the local community websites. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inwarwicks.co.uk and www.hs2innorthants.co.uk

What are we doing?

We are undertaking early construction works to prepare the area for the HS2 route. This activity will include:

1. Ground Investigation (GI) works
2. Utility works including trial holes
3. Localised clearance of vegetation and fencing
4. Haul road, access roads and drainage activities

When will these works take place?

We are looking to start these early works in December and continue until summer 2021. We will continue to keep you updated with further information as the works continue.

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 December 2020 until Summer 2021

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

Varied activities with both quiet and busier periods.

Traffic management on some local roads and some additional traffic.

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?

Ground investigations

We will continue to carry out Ground Investigation surveys throughout the latter part of 2020 and into 2021. These activities will 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, we need to collect a variety of test samples from carefully selected areas of soil. Access will be from existing public rights of way or agreed with local landowners.

Utility Trial Holes and Connections

Trial holes to establish the locations and details of utilities will also take place as well as utility connections to the main works compounds. These works may involve setting up traffic lights to work in the highway and in a few locations require short term road closures.

Creation of haul roads and access roads

Throughout the latter part of 2020 and into 2021, we will begin creating a dedicated haul road and access roads along the line of the HS2 route. In order to construct these roads, we will need to carry out localised vegetation clearance, drainage work and fencing. Once built, these roads will help move materials along the line of the route, keeping lorries off the local road network as much as possible.

There will be specific points at which our HGVs are permitted to gain access to the haul road. Lorry routes have been set out in agreement with the local authority and localised traffic management and vegetation clearance may be required in order to carry out this work.

Site Clearance

We will also need to clear vegetation along the route of the railway in the areas where we need to carry out construction works. A small team will use machinery and hand-held equipment to clear existing vegetation.

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 on site while 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.

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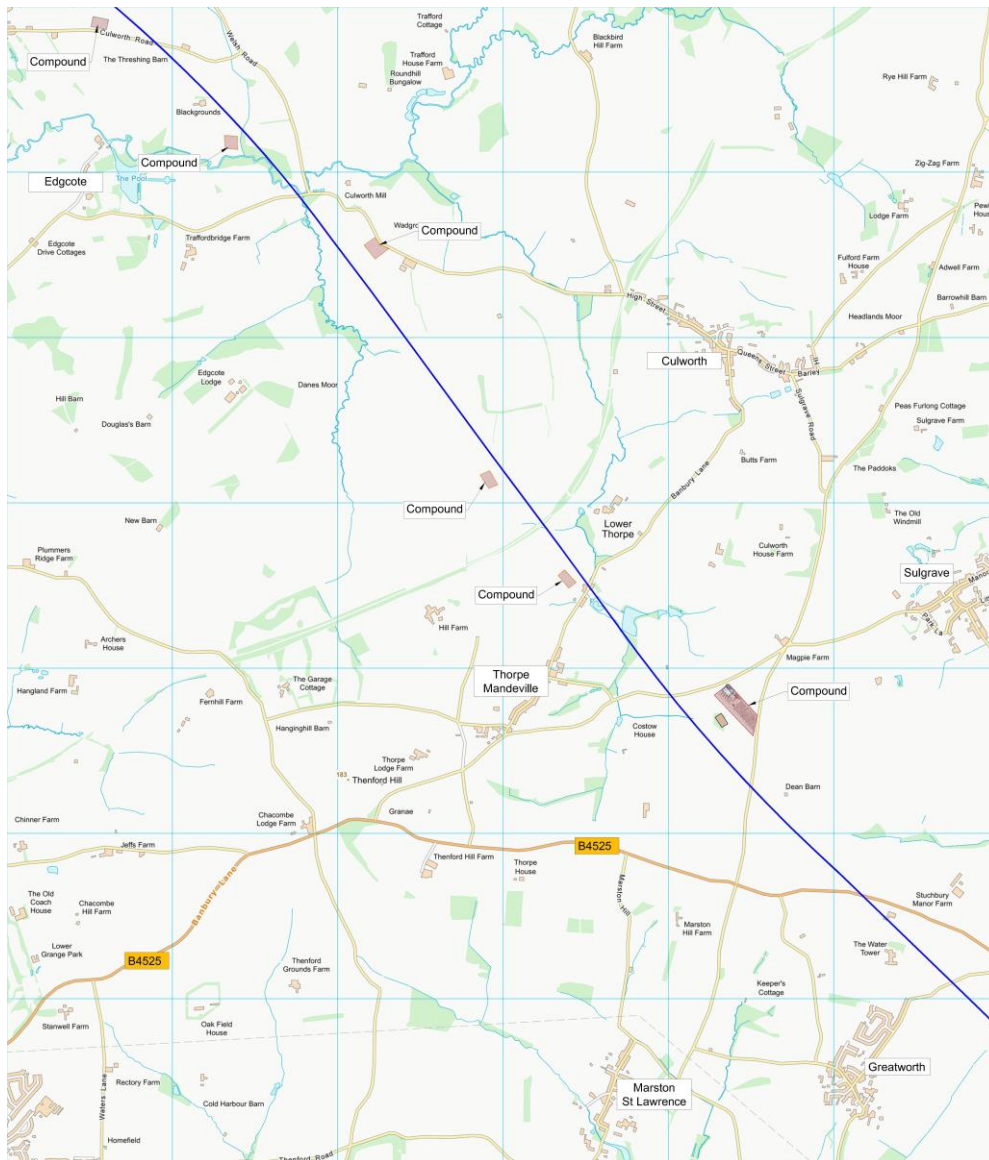
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Where will the works take place?

The map below indicates the areas in which the work will be taking place along the HS2 route between Greatworth and Edgcote.



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

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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