



Notice of early works from Twyford to Newton Purcell

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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.hs2inbucksandbox.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. Setting up of works compounds
4. Localised clearance of vegetation and fencing
5. Haul road, access roads and drainage activities
6. Excavation, movement and storage of earthworks

When will these works take place?

We are looking to start these early works in October 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 October 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 2020 and into summer 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. In most cases, access will be from existing public rights of way or agreed with local landowners.

Compound set up

A construction compound is a local hub for the construction works in the area. It provides:

- Office and welfare facilities
- Storage of materials and equipment to be distributed on sites in the area – this is plant machinery and aggregate
- Car parking for workers

All of the buildings on site will be temporary and the site will have safety fencing and 24hr security during the duration of the works.

We will be setting up a compound off the A4421 Buckingham Road to manage the works for the surrounding area. These works will involve local vegetation clearance, fencing, utility works and forming an access off the A4421 Buckingham Road. There will be traffic management in place for these works to help manage the flow of traffic on the road network. We will be using an existing access for our initial work to construct the compound and there may be an additional access created for HGVs as our works continue.

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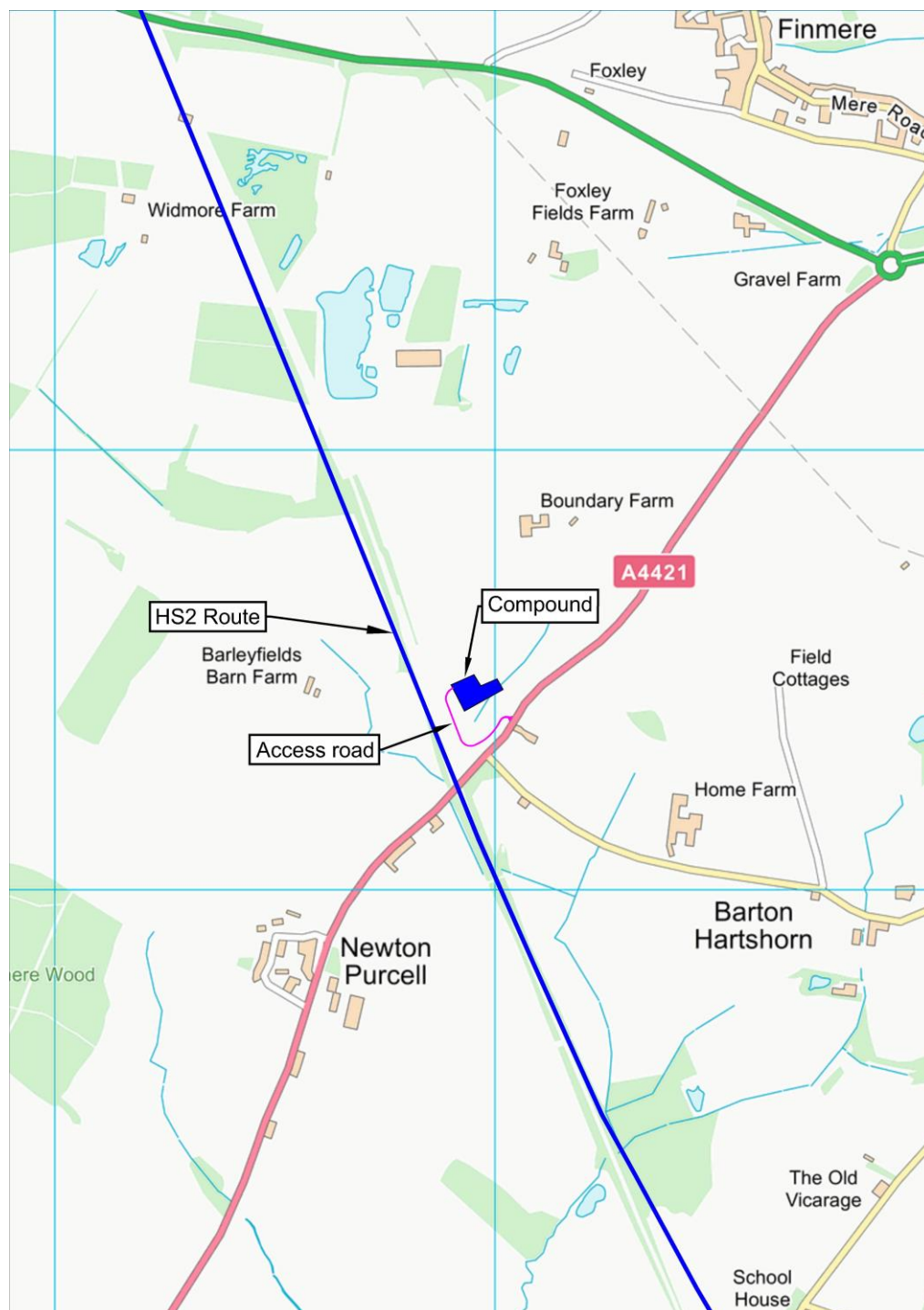
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Where will the works take place?

The map below indicates the areas in which the work will be taking place along the HS2 route shown below and the location of the A4421 Compound and initial access.



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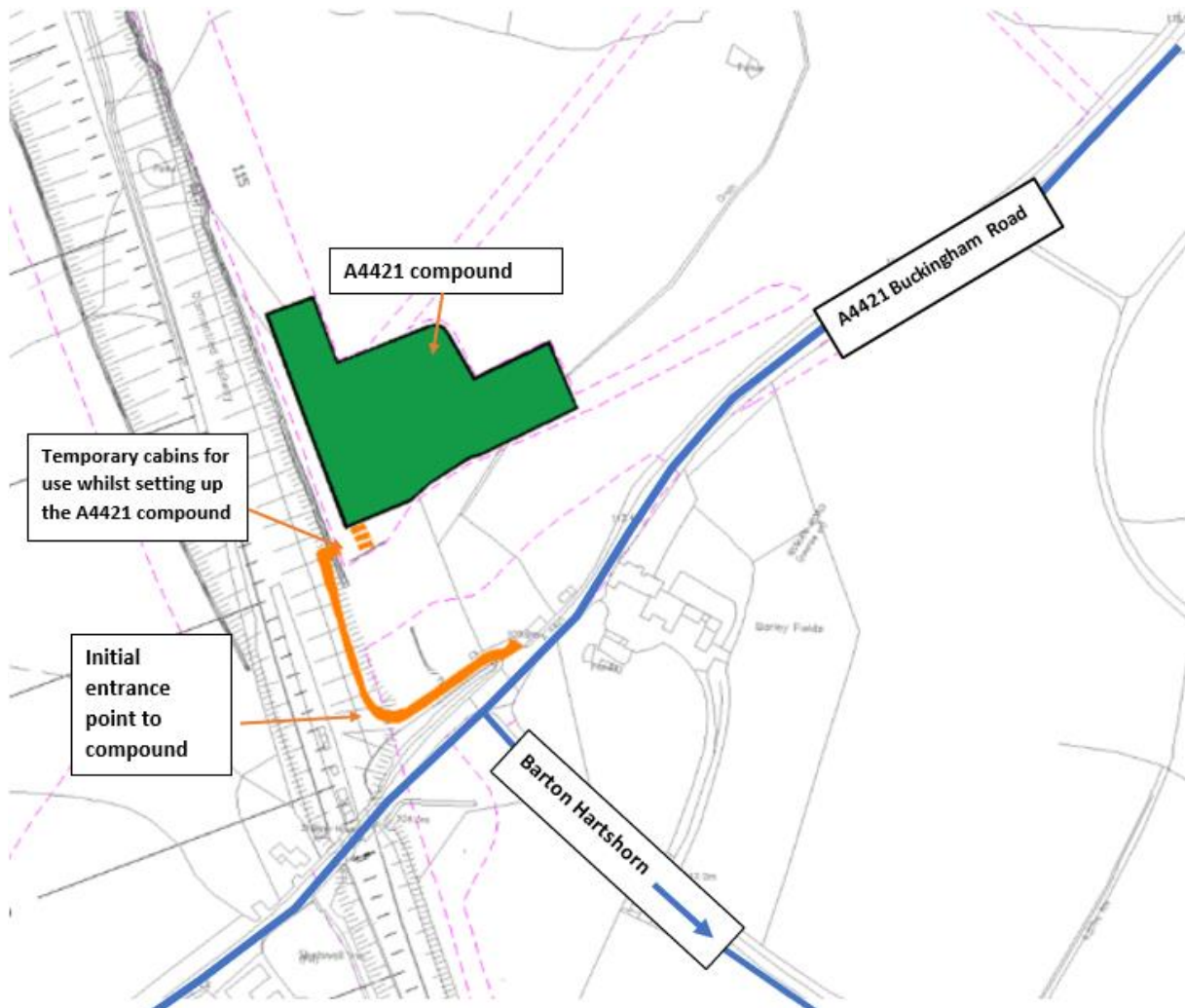
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A4421 compound indicative layout



Creation of haul roads, access roads and earthworks

Throughout the latter part of 2020 and into summer 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 allowed 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.

Early activities will include an access of the A4421 near Finmere Bridge, heading south towards Chetwode in order to start the embankment and cutting.

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Bridge inspections on the A4421

In October 2020, we will be carrying out bridge inspections at Finmere bridge on the A4421. These activities will help to inform our construction activities in the area, which will include the installation of a temporary bridge over the A4421. The surveys will take place both during the day and night, Monday to Friday for a period of 2 weeks. Temporary traffic management including lane closures will be required for the duration of the work as well as some localised vegetation clearance from the structure.

Early works at Chetwode

The line of the HS2 route will pass through the existing road junction south of Chetwode village. In order to construct this section of the route a number of early works activities will begin towards the end of 2020, including demolition works. There will be traffic management in place throughout the construction period as required.

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:



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Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit:

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