

Notice of vegetation clearance 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.

From 8 March, there will be vegetation clearance to prepare for the construction of Old Oak Common Station which is part of our ongoing works. The clearance is also required for the preparation of the installation of a conveyor to transport spoil from the site. This work will be undertaken from 8am to 6pm on Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

The clearances will take place in four locations: the BBVS site compound, along Old Oak Common Lane; the site that runs alongside the Wycombe Single Line, to the south of Wells House Road; the Flat Iron site along Victoria Road tunnel drive; and the site that runs alongside the Great Western Line. A map showing these areas is included on page 3.

Our ecologists have been completing inspections of the site areas in advance of the works starting, and all work will be carried out under a watching brief by an ecologist. Vegetation such as scrub and trees will be removed initially, outside of bird nesting season, as much as possible. In areas where reptiles are likely to be present, vegetation will be removed in stages to allow any reptiles present to move away from the work areas into suitable adjacent habitat. Removal of features suitable for hibernating reptiles will be left until later, when reptiles are no longer hibernating, before being cleared to ground level.

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

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Duration of works

From 8 March to 16 April 2021 on Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 6pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

What to expect

Vegetation removal adjacent to Old Oak Common Lane, and in areas along the Wycombe Single Line, and the Great Western Line, to the south of Wells House Road.

What we will do

Pre-works inspections will be completed by an ecologist, and all works will be completed under the direction of an ecologist

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Old Oak Common Lane retaining wall and utility diversions

From 8 March, vegetation will be removed from the BBVS site compound on Old Oak Common Lane (coloured yellow on the attached map). The removal of vegetation will allow for surveys and ground investigations in the embankment adjacent to Old Oak Common Lane to take place, ahead of utilities and retaining wall works on Old Oak Common Lane.

Works will then move up to clear a section that lies further north on Old Oak Common Lane from 5 April to 16 April 2021 (also coloured yellow on the attached map).

Conveyor construction and UKPN cable redirection

From 8 March, for approximately one month, vegetation will be cleared from the boundary of properties on the South of Wells House Road to 4 metres beyond the Wycombe Single Line, and in an area that was previously cleared as part of HS2 enabling works (coloured blue on the attached map). This clearance is required to prepare for utility works and the installation of a conveyor that will transport spoil off the Old Oak Common Station Site.

In September, this clearance will be extended north, in the Flat Iron site along the railway embankment (coloured red on the attached map). This further clearance will be needed as part of works to redirect a power cable.

Railway Bridges

From 8 March, for approximately one month, vegetation will be removed from an area along the Great Western Line (coloured green on the attached map). The clearance is required to enable surveys and ground investigations to support the construction of new railway bridges in 2023.

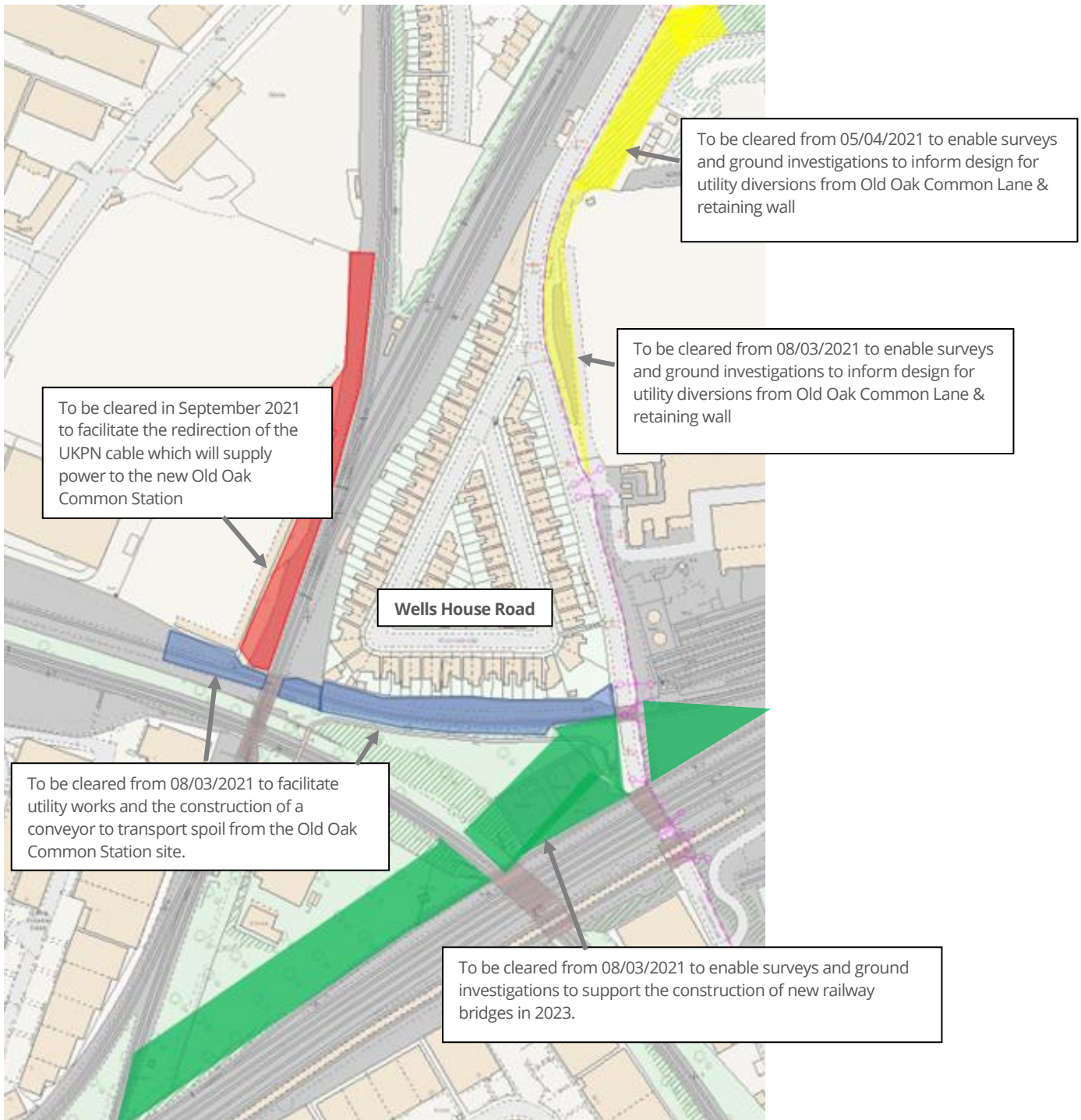
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Map of vegetation clearance areas



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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

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Holding us to account

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www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

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