

Notification



Notice of A423 construction compound, Southam

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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.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk

What are we doing?

We are setting up a construction compound in a location along the route of the new railway south of Southam, off the existing A423 Banbury Road. The maps included in this notification show the location and layout of the compound. The construction compound is made up of temporary offices, welfare facilities, car parking and HGV access. All of the buildings on site will be temporary. Once the railway is built the compound and associated facilities will be removed.

This activity will include:

1. Ground Investigation and utility works
2. Localised clearance of vegetation and fencing
3. Forming the access from the existing road, demolition of vacant properties and set up of works compound
4. Drainage, and creation of settlement ponds
5. Earthworks operations including access and haul roads.

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 May 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

Traffic management on some local roads and 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 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.

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. Localised traffic management and vegetation clearance may be required in order to carry out this work.

Compound set up

One of our first activities will be to create a temporary access to the site, which will assist with the construction of the main access point from the existing A423 Banbury Road.

We will then clear vegetation in the areas that we need to do the construction works. A small team will use machinery and hand-held equipment to clear existing vegetation. The extent of these works is within the work area indicated on the map included with this notification. We will also need to clear some vegetation outside the compound in the areas along the route of the railway.

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.

We will also need to demolish any existing structures to prepare the area for construction activities. We will carry out ground investigations and building condition and ecology surveys ahead of the demolition of any buildings or structures.

The next activity is to form a 'bell mouth' entrance from the existing A423 Banbury Road in order to provide the main access to the compound. To protect our workers, temporary traffic management will also be put in place while we are forming the construction access. Details of traffic management will be shared closer to the time of construction.

Once the access has been established, the construction of access roads, haul road and the main compound will take place. Topsoil will then be removed and stone will be used to form a hardstanding inside the area. We will also backfill the existing pond and create a new pond in another location nearby. Finally we will install the offices, along with car parking and associated drainage.

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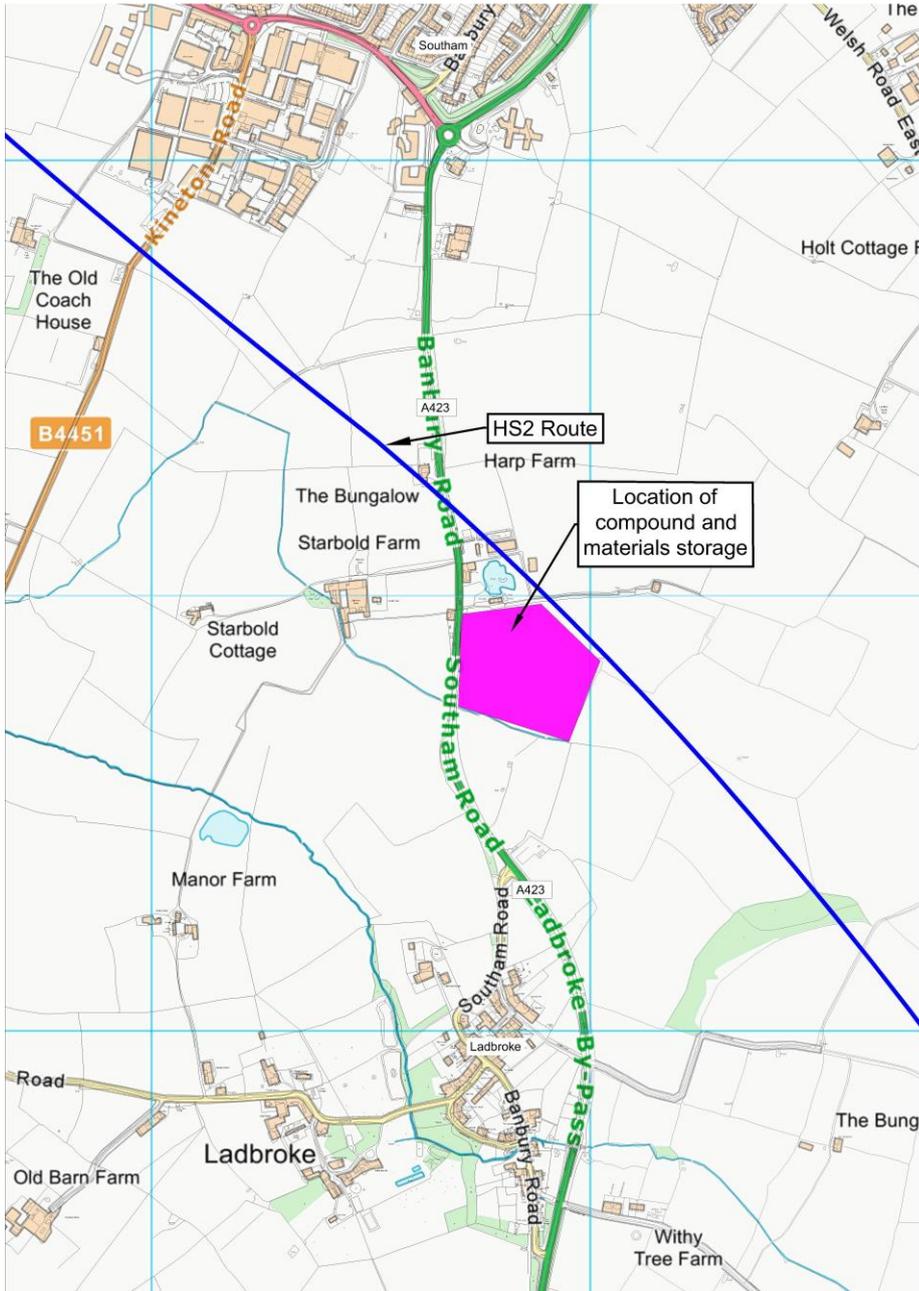
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Location map

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 A423 Banbury Road compound



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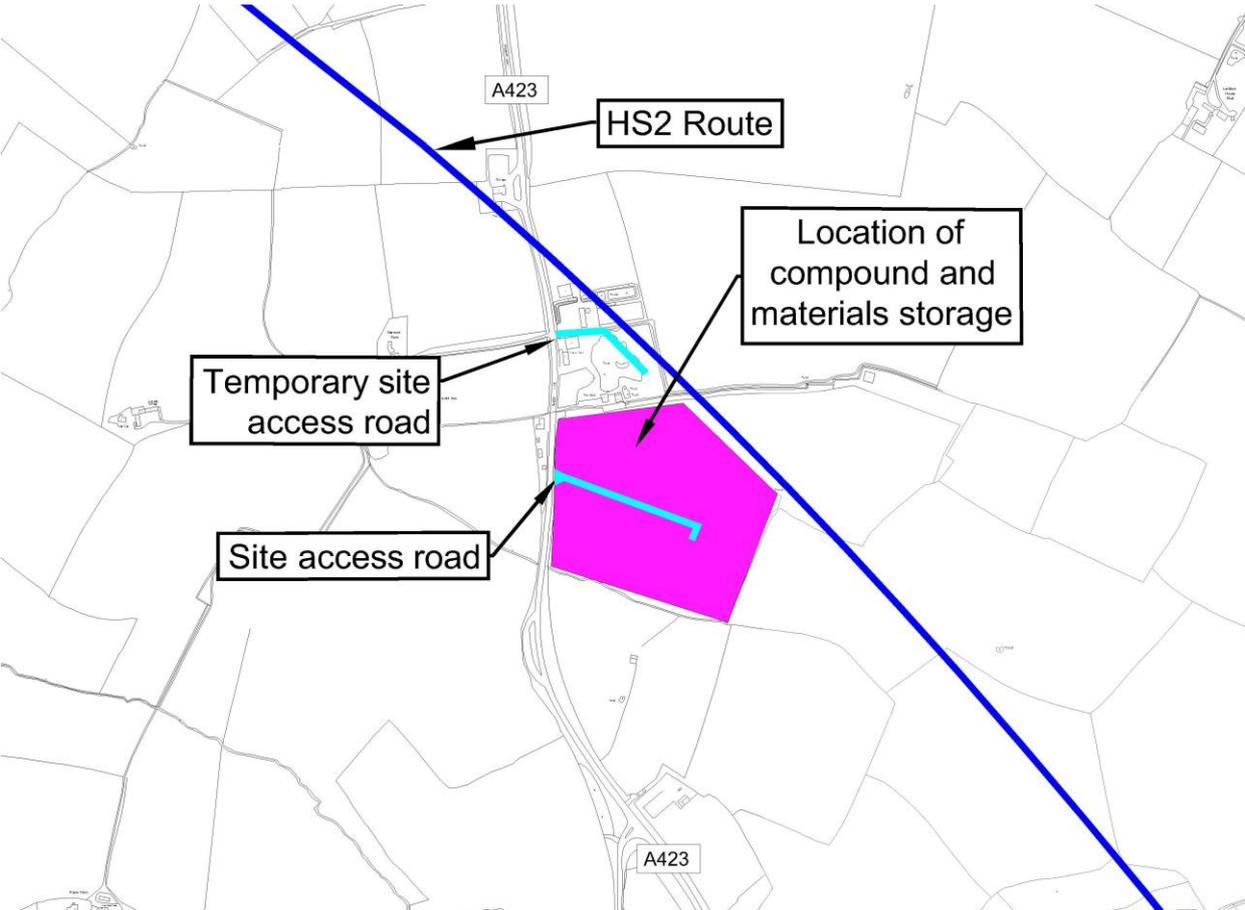
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Layout map showing proposed works

A423 Banbury Road compound indicative layout



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**

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 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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