

Park Hill notice of demolition preparation and bat house update

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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 advice 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. Only sites operating within the guidelines are operational. All sites remain under constant review. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement and have put in place various channels to communicate with communities, such as letters, phone calls, local community websites updates. You can sign up for regular updates at www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

What will we be doing?

We wrote to you in December 2020 to advise you of our continuing works ahead of the construction of the railway in your area in relation to archaeology and the construction of a bat house. The archaeological works are now complete and construction of the bat house is now underway. As part of the bat mitigation licenced work we also need to need to undertake the removal of roof tiles from adjacent Park Hill buildings that are within HS2 land possession, ahead of later demolition.

Trackway matting and site welfare

To undertake the work at Park Hill we have laid temporary trackway matting. This provides direct vehicle access to the A413 at the Link Road, Great Missenden. We have also established a small welfare set up. Please see enclosed map. For the roof tile removal works at Park Hill we will use the same existing welfare arrangements.

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

Works will continue until spring 2021

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm

Saturday 8am – 1pm

Saturday extended works beyond 1pm until 6pm (subject to consent)

Our contractors will be on site for one hour's start-up and shut down either side of these times.

What to expect

Slight additional traffic on local roads.

Noise from the equipment used for the works.

Site storage and welfare vehicle operated with 24hr security and low level lighting.

Traffic management signage near our site entrance.

What we will do

Manage any impacts, such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing or removing them.

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Bat house construction

Our ecology surveys identified that local HS2 owned properties are used by bats as a roost site. As we need to demolish these buildings ahead of the construction of the railway, a new bat house is being built to accommodate these bats.

This new bat house design has been approved by the local authority and considers the subsequent requirements of the bat licence. A further community notice will be issued ahead of the demolition works.

The construction of the bat house comprises of the following:

- Single storey pitched tiled roof building
- Approximately 10m height x 10m length x 10m width
- Brick construction, clad with timber sympathetic to the local architecture
- The building is designed to mitigate for the bat species surveyed in the area containing a variety of roost types for the bats to choose from
- Construction and completion of the building by spring 2021

The bat house is being constructed within a pre identified and segregated area within the Park Hill habitat mitigation site. Access to the work site is via the HS2 internal access road directly from the A413.

Bat mitigation

Part of the work at Park Hill involves removal of the roof tiles from the buildings. The works will be supervised by an ecologist who will be present on site and provide the appropriate approvals for all protected species prior to the works commencement. Works will be undertaken in accordance with the approved licence methodology.

Bat house working hours

To complete the bat house construction we may need to work extended Saturday working hours on the 10, 17 and 24 April beyond 1pm.

The extension until 6pm is subject to consent approval from the local authority. There may be some intermittent ambient noise from the bricklaying and bat house construction activity with a small number of work force on site. No other construction activity will be undertaken during the period and no lighting is required for these works.

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Work site map for Park Hill

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To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk.

About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

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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

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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