



## Notice of vegetation work – Quainton Road

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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.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk](http://www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk)

### What will we be doing?

Ahead of the main construction works in the area around Quainton Road, we need to carry out ecology surveys and vegetation / tree clearance along the highway boundary. As some of these works will need to be carried out on or adjacent to the carriageway we will need to put in place two-way temporary traffic lights between 9.30 and – 3pm, the road will open as normal outside of these times.

The works will take place between 26 – 28 April 2021.

Please refer to the map overleaf that shows the working areas.

To reduce the impact of these works, the works previously advertised on Fiddlers Field Road during April have been postponed and there will only be a full one day closure on the 29 April 2021, 8am to 5pm. These survey works have been co-ordinated with the works on Quainton Road to limit the impact to the local community. Further works are still required on Fiddlers Field Road and we will keep you updated.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

### Duration of works

Quainton Road tree and hedge works between 26 April 2021 and 28 April 2021. Working hours between 9:30 am and 3pm.

Fiddlers Field Road survey works 29 April 8am to 5pm

### What to expect

Some noise from our equipment around our worksite

Two way temporary traffic lights – Quainton Road

Fiddlers Field Road closure 29 April

Possible delays to your journey time

### What we will do

Respond promptly to any complaints, taking appropriate action

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## How will this affect you?

For the safety of road users and personnel involved with the works, we will need to implement a lane closure and use temporary traffic signals to manage traffic on Quinton Road. The lane closure will be managed by two way traffic lights which will be required for up to three days. To minimise the disruption to the community and motorists we will be carrying out this work between the hours of 9:30am and 3pm. Outside of these hours the road will be open as normal.

Roadside advance warning messaging signs will be in place prior and during the works to alert road users.

To allow us to work on vegetation close to the highway, and to protect all road users, from possible falling debris, we will at times need to implement a temporary hold on all road users. This hold will last no longer than 15 minutes and will occur no more than once a day.

The vegetation clearance will generate low levels of noise. We will continue to work hard to ensure that any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these works.

## What consents do we have to undertake this work?

There have been extensive ecological and tree surveys undertaken for the areas identified for clearance. Before any hedgerow or trees are cleared the area will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists. Any protected species found to be present will be recorded and no vegetation will be cleared until the species have left the site, this includes nesting birds.

Hedgerow cutting works are undertaken under the instructions of the ecologist on site. The ecologist decides the appropriate methods based on the vegetation present. This involves a detailed hand search to determine if any ecology is present. If it is found that the area is clear, then the works will be allowed to take place. A small workforce will use machinery and hand-held equipment to clear the hedgerow and trees. Vegetation will be cut down to just above ground level followed by stump removal.

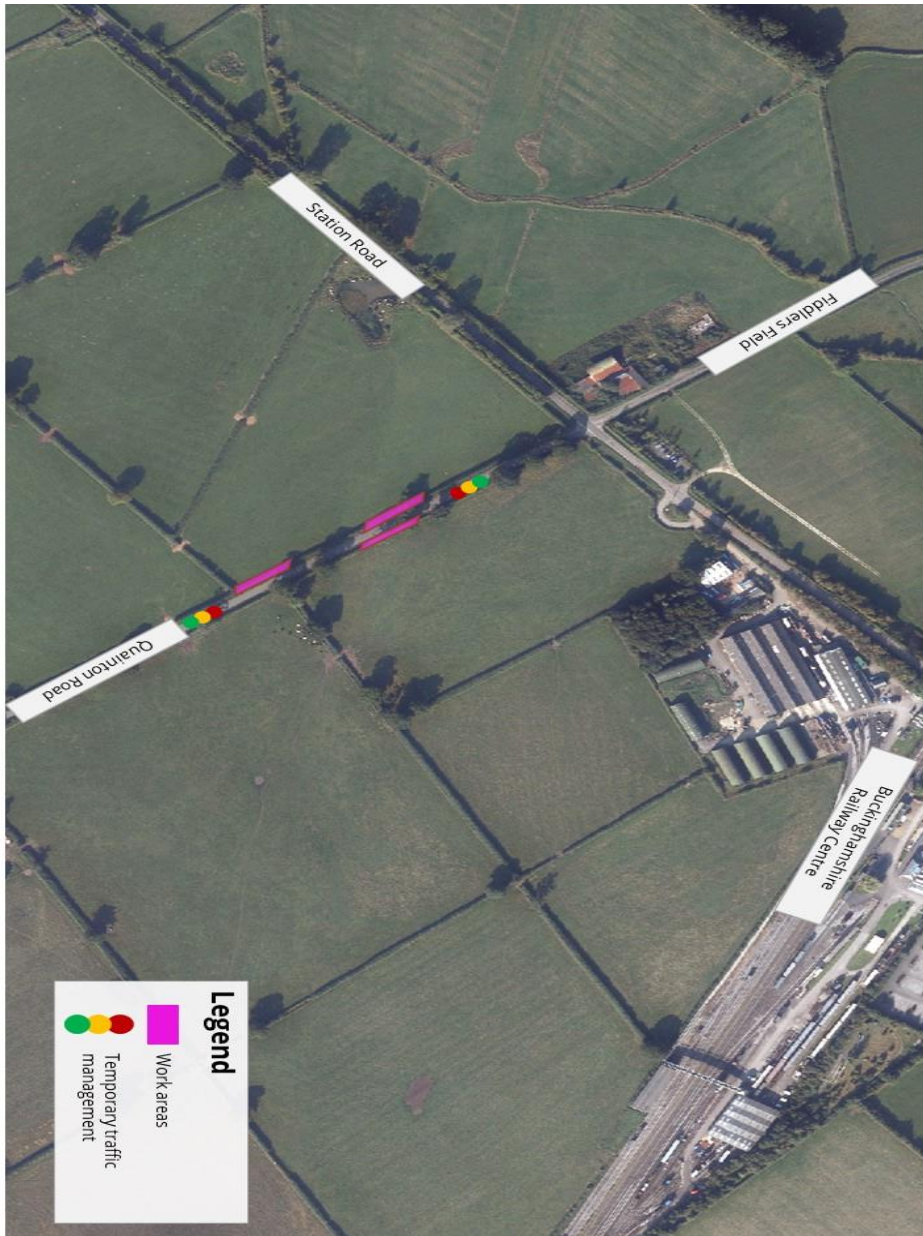
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Map detailing Quainton Road work locations



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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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **[www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk)**

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