

Notice of vegetation work – A418, Aylesbury

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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 will we be doing?

Ahead of the main construction works in the area of the A418, we need to carry out some ecology surveys and vegetation / tree clearance along the A418, Oxford Road in the area of the former Aylesbury golf course. As some of these works will need to be carried out on or adjacent to the carriageways in the area we will at times need to put in place two-way temporary traffic management.

We will also need to remove trees alongside the southern verge of the A418, opposite the former golf course. We will need a temporary footpath closure to carry out these works safely. Please refer to the map overleaf that shows the working areas.

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 begin on 17 May 2021 and last for up to four weeks

Working hours between 9:30 am and 3:30pm. Monday to Friday.

What to expect

Some noise from our equipment around our worksite

Two way temporary traffic management

Possible delays to your journey time

What we will do

Respond promptly to any complaints, taking appropriate action

Work hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum.

Take care to respect your community.

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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 A418 traffic. The lane closure will be managed by two way traffic lights which will be required for up to four weeks. To minimise the disruption to the community and motorists we will be carrying out this work between the hours of 9:30am and 3:30pm. 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 two minutes and will occur no more than once every hour. Access along the A418 footpath will at times also be restricted. Pedestrians will be held for no more than 15 minutes, with access provided once the area has been made safe.

The vegetation maintenance 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.

The works are scheduled to take place Monday to Friday. Although the works are detailed to take up to 4 weeks duration we plan on reducing this period of disruption to the minimum.

Why are the works taking place now?

These works need to take place ahead of the main construction activity starting later this year which includes the set up of a new compound and construction of the internal site access road.

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 vegetation and 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.

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Map detailing all work locations



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

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**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 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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