

# Notice of temporary traffic lights on Banbury Road / B4525 and closure of **Bulls Lane, Thorpe Mandeville**

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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.hs2innorthants.co.uk

## What will be doing?

Ahead of the main construction works in the area we need to carry out ecology surveys and vegetation 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 9.30am and 3.30pm, on Banbury Road and also three way lights on the B4525 at the Greatworth Hall junction, as identified on the enclosed map. Bulls lane will also be closed for the duration of the works between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

The roads will open as normal outside of these times.

The works will take place on 19 July 2021and be completed by mid-August 2021.

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

# **Notification**



#### **Duration of works**

Works will commence 19 July 2021 and be complete by mid August 2021

Off peak working hours:

Monday to Friday 09.30am-3.30pm

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown outside of these times.

### What to expect

Temporary traffic lights and lane and road closure.

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Some noise from the equipment used for the works.

Site storage and welfare vehicle.

#### What we will do

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

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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 Banbury Road and the B4525. The lane closure will be managed by traffic lights which will be required until mid-August 2021.

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.

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.

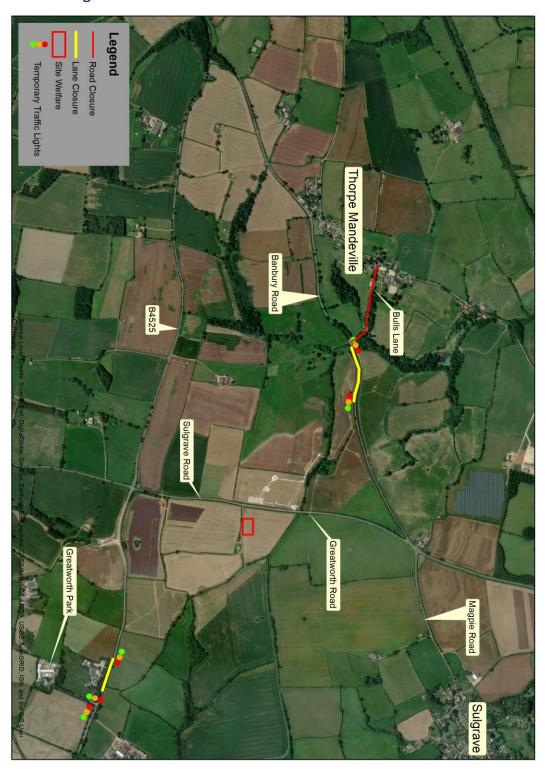
For this stage of works we will not be closing any Public Rights of Way.

For further updates about these works and HS2 in general, please visit www.hs2innorthants.co.uk where you can sign up to news alerts.

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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/hs2residents-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-ltdresidents-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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(a) Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to:

**FREEPOST** 

**HS2 Community Engagement** 

Website www.hs2.org.uk

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