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HS2 Update

Chipping Warden to Lower Boddington | July 2021

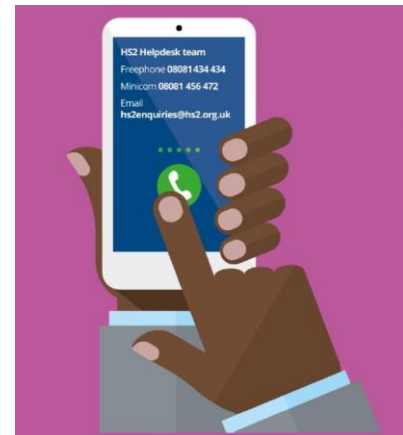
High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. In response to COVID -19 we have worked hard to ensure that our working practices are fully aligned with the Site Operating Procedures produced by the Construction Leadership Council. These procedures have been endorsed by Public Health England. We will be keeping our local website www.hs2innorthants.co.uk up to date with information on our works in the local area.

Update on our works

Our activity in the Chipping Warden area is well underway. The storage areas, office and welfare accommodation at Chipping Warden compound are nearly finished. We have also cleared vegetation and started earthworks on the Chipping Warden airfield.

Over the summer our activity will increase in the Edgcote, Chipping Warden and Lower Boddington areas and you can expect to see the following works in the local area:

- Utility works including trial holes;
- Land surveys to measure land levels;
- Ground Investigations (GI);
- Continued construction of the office accommodation and welfare facilities at Chipping Warden compound;
- The installation of a concrete batching plant;
- Further localised clearance of vegetation and fencing along the line of the route;
- Construction of access and haul roads to move people and materials along the line of the new railway, rather than on local roads;
- Site preparation at Highfurlong Brook, including the construction of a temporary access bridge;
- Excavation, movement, and storage of earthworks in the Highfurlong, Aston Le Walls, Lower Boddington and Boddington areas;
- Short-duration traffic management and temporary footpath diversions to carry out some of the above activities.



Join us online...

Virtual one-to-one meetings - July 2021

We would like to invite you to book an appointment for a virtual one-to-one meeting with our engagement team.

They will be available to answer your questions about the HS2 programme and works in your area.

Sign up for our next date on the HS2 events page.

www.hs2.org.uk/events

Update on works

Chipping Warden compound

We are clearing the airfield and continue to build our main compound. We expect the office, first aid, welfare facilities, storage areas and car parking to be completed by the autumn. When fully operational, the compound will accommodate a workforce of around 400 people. In order to safely build the entrance to our compound, some roadworks and traffic management may be required later this summer.

Concrete batching plant

We are constructing a concrete batching plant at the Chipping Warden Compound. A concrete batching plant is used to create, store, and distribute concrete locally to the project, which will help to take additional HGVs off the road. All batching plant activity is very well controlled and monitored. The modern equipment that we use has a 'sealed system.' Cement is pumped into silos and the mixing process prevents dust escaping into the atmosphere.

Highfurlong Brook

In this area we are clearing the site and preparing for the construction of the viaduct. This summer and autumn, we will construct a temporary bridge at Highfurlong Brook. It will be made of concrete and steel, taking two to three months to build. The temporary bridge will provide access across the brook for our construction teams, allowing us to build the viaduct.

Site clearance and fencing

We have nearly completed fencing along our work boundary. We will continue clearance works, including vegetation removal, throughout the summer. Some short-term, temporary road closures or traffic signals may be required where we need to access hedgerows.



Earthworks

Many of our sites are now fenced and clear of vegetation. This means our earthworks activities will increase through the summer. This will involve the excavation and stockpiling of material to build the Chipping Warden Green Tunnel. Associated works will involve drainage and forming settlement ponds. Earthworks activities will continue in the Aston Le Walls, Highfurlong and Lower Boddington areas. Topsoil will be removed and stored in low earth bunds near the boundary of our construction areas. These earth mounds help to provide a visual screen from our construction activity and allow the topsoil to be stored in a healthy condition. The soil will be returned to the land when our construction nears completion.

Road construction

Temporary roads will be constructed to provide access for people and materials along the line of the new railway, helping to keep construction vehicles off local roads. Designated plant crossing areas will be constructed, where our access road meets the local road network. These crossings provide safety to both local road users and our construction staff by installing traffic signals and in some locations, barriers, to manage the flow of construction traffic crossing the highway. Some short-term road works and traffic management will be required while these crossing areas are installed.

Roads and Public Rights of Way closures and diversions

We are working hard to minimise the impact of our works on the road and public rights of way network during our construction works. However, we will need to carry out some short-term road closures as well as closing or diverting some of the public rights of way that cross, or are close to the HS2 line. Please allow further time for your journeys. In late June 2021 we will close sections of footpaths near Wormleighton where they cross the line of route. We have published details of these closures on our local website, www.HS2innorthants.co.uk

Visit our community webpages to view or download a copy of our traffic information guide for Northamptonshire, www.HS2innorthants.co.uk



Above is the example layout of the traffic guide. We recommend printing in A3 for best quality.

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

Keep up to date with our works

We're moving your local website within the HS2 website

This summer we will be moving the contents of [HS2innorthants.co.uk](https://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk) over to the 'In your area' section of the main HS2 website [HS2.org.uk/in-your-area](https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area). We are also changing the way that we issue email updates about the project and giving you more choice about how you would like to receive information from us.

We have published local community landing pages for each section of the route between London, the West Midlands and Crewe. These provide information about HS2 within each area. Over the coming weeks we will be adding further pages and information to each area. We are aiming to complete this exercise in July this year.

You can continue visiting [HS2innorthants.co.uk](https://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk) for all information about our works in your area.

We're asking you to sign up for notifications to continue to receive updates from HS2

As part of the move, we will stop issuing email updates via Commonplace. We will continue to produce regular email updates about the project, including notifications of our upcoming works, how it's being constructed and what we're doing to make it less disruptive. If you are signed up to receive updates from us or would like to, we are asking that you sign up to receive information from HS2 directly.

If you would like to continue to receive updates from HS2 you can sign up for email notifications at [engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list](https://www.engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list).

Frequently Asked Questions

Some of our most commonly asked questions in your area

Q: How are you protecting birds during nesting season?

A: Before any work close to trees or vegetation is undertaken, an ecologist attends the site and carries out a detailed survey to ensure no bats, birds or nests are present. If any wildlife or nests are discovered, the tree is left alone until the bird leaves the nest, and a boundary is put in place to ensure they are not disturbed.

Q: Are you tracking your HGVs to ensure they follow approved routes?

A: We have a vehicle management system in place to ensure we can track all regular vehicles and hauliers delivering to our sites. We can monitor the routes taken, reroute vehicles where necessary, and reject any vehicles who do not comply with our strict criteria.

Q: How are you managing dust at your work sites?

A: We are using dust suppression systems at our sites. We spray down work areas, haul routes and plant using water bowsers to prevent dust from becoming airborne. We also use dust monitoring techniques to ensure we can monitor air quality levels close to our work sites.

Community Investment

We have been active in getting to know the local communities. We have participated in local charity walks, Dementia Friends training, donated items for local foodbanks and have even held fundraising days to raise money.

We have launched a volunteering Time Bank scheme where you can apply for the use of dedicated time from within their experienced team to provide practical support to communities. From litter picking and planting trees to help with social media or website support, there are many ways we can help!

We are keen to support with volunteering and fundraising work for local charities. If you would like to know more then please contact the HS2 Helpdesk.



HS2 funds for the community

There are two funds which are available to local communities to help with disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase one of HS2 – **The Community and Environmental Fund (CEF)** and the **Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF)**.

Community and business groups along the HS2 route have been awarded over £9.6 million for projects since the funds began running in March 2017. Recently in the area of Byfield HS2 has provided funding to Byfield Parish Council to upgrade Brightwell Pavilion in Northamptonshire. Already a base for sports clubs, this upgrade will allow the Brightwell Pavilion to expand, creating an opportunity to invite new members and for new sports clubs to be formed. Additionally, it will also become a space for children’s parties, coffee mornings and charity events, creating a place for people to meet and socialise for different occasions.



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

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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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