



Notification of Heath Park Construction Works

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high speed railway in your area.

The design areas that are being changed

As part of our works in the Interchange Station Area BBV will be constructing the Pool Wood Embankment to carry the HS2 trainline and an underbridge for the Coleshill Heath Road. The following design updates have been made to these works and this will have an impact on Heath Park.

- The Pool Wood Embankment will now be higher to create more clearance, meaning there will be no need to lower Coleshill Heath Road.
- There will be a retaining wall used on the western side of the Pool Wood Embankment between Coleshill Heath Road Underbridge and the M6 Motorway South Viaduct. This will replace an earth embankment slope.

Why these changes are being made

- The increase to the height of the Pool Wood Embankment will simplify the construction process and reduce the impact on local traffic during construction.
- The use of a retaining wall instead of an embankment will save space and mean less land is taken from Heath Park permanently.

The construction work impacts

Originally it had been envisaged that our construction compound would cover a larger area of Heath Park, which would have resulted in the temporary loss of both football pitches. However, working in collaboration with Solihull Council this was reviewed, and an agreement has been reached to reduce the area occupied, minimising impact on the park and enabling one of the two football pitches to remain for community use. The compound will be in use for approximately three and a half years. Once construction is complete the area will be returned to public use. Unfortunately, the permanent loss of part of the park for the Pool Wood Embankment means that it will not be possible to reinstate the second football pitch. However, BBV is keen to leave a positive legacy for the community and is looking into different options to contribute to a project to develop facilities at Heath Park. Solihull Council are working with the local community to identify some of these options for us to consider.

Duration of works

- August 2021 – 2024

What to expect

- Increase of work force in the area
- Increase of plant, machinery, and work vehicles in the area
- Site hoarding installation
- Site delivery lorries
- Welfare unit installation

What we will do

- Keep all work areas safe and secure
- Provide updates on hs2inSolihull.co.uk

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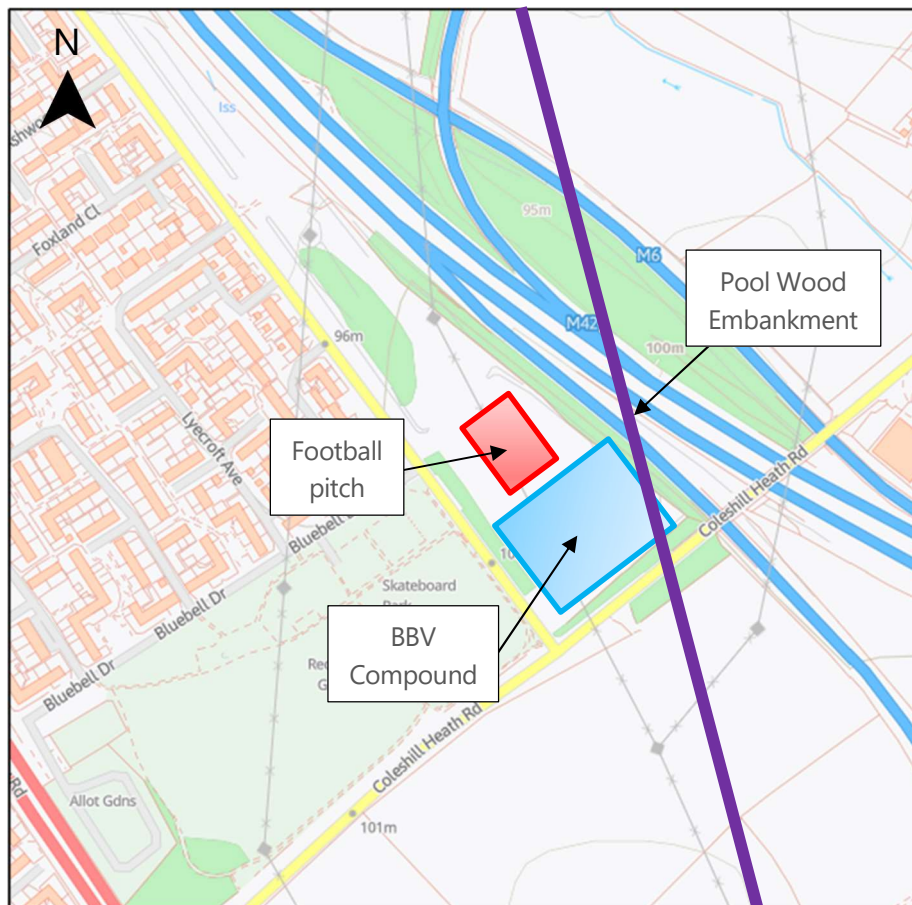
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Proposed Heath Park Compound Area and Pool Wood Embankment

The below image shows an indicative plan of the temporary arrangement of Heath Park during the construction period, showing football pitch in red and construction compound in blue. The Pool Wood Embankment is also shown in purple.



HS2 during the COVID-19 pandemic

We are continually reviewing the works on our construction sites in line with the Government and Public Heath England (PHE) advice on dealing with coronavirus. The Government's current coronavirus strategy makes clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we affect is our key priority. Please be assured that those sites that are currently still working are doing so because they can operate within PHE and construction industry guidelines.

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

What else is happening in your area?

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Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team

Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint, or feedback to help us be a good neighbour. You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

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Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Keep up-to-date with your local community website

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.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



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

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