

# Notice of Works, Earthworks Update, North Portal

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We 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. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk](http://www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk).

## What are we doing?

Over the next few months, we will be undertaking the main earthworks in the location between the Chiltern Tunnel North Portal and Rocky Lane. The earthworks consist of deep excavation, removal and movement of large quantities of soil between these areas in preparation to receive Align's tunnel boring machine in 2024. Additionally, we will be excavating the cutting for our internal haul road and the train line itself, removing and storing topsoil for the construction of our site access road.

To suppress dust generation from our articulated dump trucks, EKFB will deploy full time tractors and bowsers to keep the area damp from South Heath to Rocky Lane. All stockpiles will also be sprayed and compacted to avoid any topsoil becoming loose. Once completed, the stockpiles will be seeded, irrigated and maintained to form a vegetation layer that helps to suppress noise.

Environmental advisors, construction supervisors and managers will undertake regular inspections to ensure that these measures are consistently in place. Works will also be closely monitored via the installation of noise monitoring equipment.

## When will these works take place?

Earthworks commenced on Monday 2 August and will stop at the end of October before commencing again in March 2022. Works will take place between 8am and 6pm – Monday to Friday. Some additional weekend work may be required to take place on occasion.

**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)**

## Notification



### Duration of works

Works commenced Monday 2 August 2021

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 6.00pm

Saturdays

8.00am – 1.00pm

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

### What to expect

Varied activities with both quiet and busier periods.

Noise from plant and equipment used for the works.

### What we will do

Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise.

Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

Take care to respect the community.

# 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**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 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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