

HS2

Northamptonshire

Autumn 2021

3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Northamptonshire.

The document includes:

- A forward look of construction activities planned in the next three months

The dates and information included in the forward look are subject to change as programme develops. These will be updated in the next edition of the forward look.

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Map 1 - Upper Boddington to Chipping Warden



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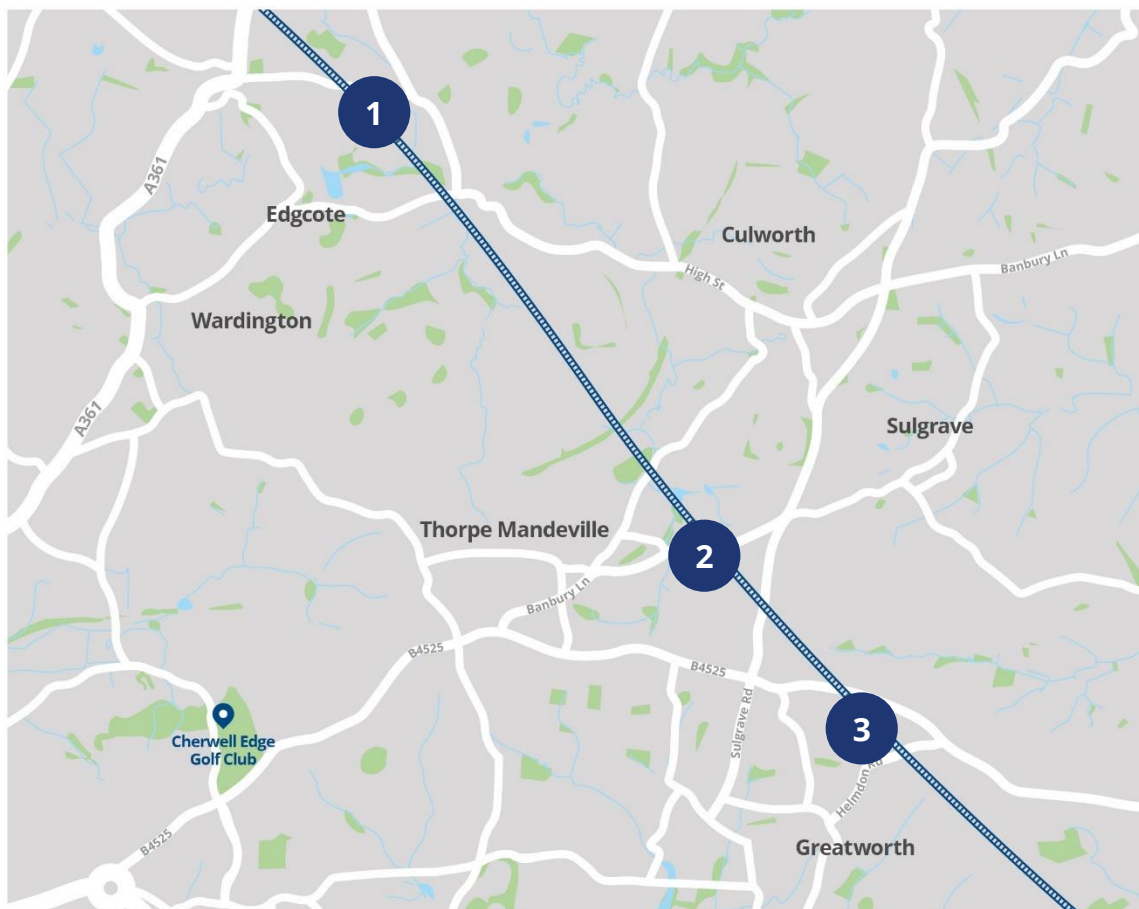
-  Parkland
-  Water/river
-  HS2 route Phase One overground

Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Warwickshire border	March to October 2021	Ecology works including vegetation clearance and newt translocation.
	July to October 2021	Archaeological mitigation south of Banbury Road, including topsoil excavations and hand digging which will uncover areas containing significant archaeology.
	September to October 2021	Highway reinforcement work will take place on Wormleighton Road, in preparation for a plant crossing area and the site access road.
Location 2 Lower Boddington	March to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation work including environmental surveys, ground investigation works and vegetation clearance; • Newt translocation will take place with new ponds being formed; and • Archaeological trial trenching works.
	September to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthworks and removal of topsoil; • Preparation for internal construction haul and access roads near Lower Boddington; • Closure and diversions of local footpaths where they cross the construction areas; • Start construction of the construction haul road at Highfurlong Brook; • Creation of water management ponds; and • Preparation for the construction of a temporary access bridge, prior to main viaduct construction in 2022.

Location 3 Aston Le Walls	March to October 2021	Archaeology mitigation works south of the A361, including topsoil excavations and hand digging which will uncover areas containing significant archaeology.
	August to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavation, removal and storage of earth in preparation for the Chipping Warden Green Tunnel; and • Internal construction roads will be built from Aston Le Walls towards Highfurlong Brook.
Location 4 Chipping Warden	November 2020 to October 2021	Continued archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging which will uncover areas containing significant archaeology.
	August to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of office and welfare facilities at Chipping Warden Compound; and • Completion of the concrete batching plant and a 'bell-mouth' junction at the compound site entrance.

Map 2 – Edgcote to Greatworth



Key

■ Parkland
 ■ Water/river
 HS2 route Phase One overground

Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Backgrounds	February to December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging is continuing. Excavation and translocation of a marsh land will also be undertaken.

Location 2 Thorpe Mandeville	August to November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of office, welfare and parking facilities at Greatworth Green Tunnel Compound; • Completion of a concrete batching plant and the compound site; and • Construction of a plant crossing area on Banbury Lane near Thorpe Mandeville and forming the site access road.
	August to December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newt mitigation works; • Localised vegetation clearance to allow construction of the railway; • Mitigation of bats in trees and buildings; and • Building of new bat houses.
Location 3 Greatworth Park	January to October 2021	Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging.
	September to November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site preparations for the construction of a temporary road between Sulgrave Road and the B4525 Welsh Road, known as the 'Greatworth T'; • Increased earthwork activity, including topsoil removal for internal construction roads; • Closures and diversions of some local footpaths; and • Further excavation, removal and storage of earth in preparation for the Greatworth Green Tunnel.

Map 3 – Greatworth to Brackley



Key

■ Parkland
 ■ Water/river
 HS2 route Phase One overground

Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Halse Copse	August to November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient woodland soil transfer; • Ecology works including bat surveys and grass cutting; • Localised vegetation clearance; and • Planting.

Location 2 Radstone	July to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology works including bat surveys, landscape and grass maintenance; and • Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging.
Location 3 A43	July to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground investigation works; • Ecology works including bat surveys, bat mitigation and survey works; • Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging; • A43 Compound set up including topsoil stripping and creation of the temporary access; • Creation of the new Radstone Road junction from the A43, including a two month road closure; and • Demolition of property (Iletts farm).
Location 4 A422	July to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A main works compound is being set up adjacent to the A422 Brackley Road; • Changes to the highway to create a safe access; • Temporary offices; and • Earthworks including temporary settlement ponds, site access roads and earth bunds.

Our Community Commitments

Our aspiration is to be a good neighbour every single day, by respecting the people and communities we impact and being sensitive to their needs, earning our social licence to operate.

In order to build the railway, we must earn the trust and credibility to do so. We need to demonstrate that we understand local concerns, and that we have taken all reasonable steps to address issues that have been raised, whilst continually looking to lessen the impacts of the project.

Through our Community Engagement Strategy and Residents' Charter we have identified ten Community Commitments which we will use as the basis for measuring our success, and that of our suppliers, in how we deliver the new railway.

We will:

1. Continue to build respectful, long-term relationships with communities and actively encourage our workforce to listen to local concerns and be considerate and accountable for their actions at all times.
2. Work with communities to develop local two-way engagement and communication programmes, ensuring they are accessible and tailored to local needs.
3. Make sure communities are made aware in advance of any activities taking place in their area.
4. Operate a Freephone Community Helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
5. Make health and safety a priority for communities and our workforce.
6. Respect the wellbeing of communities, minimising disruption to their lives with local mitigation plans and activities, ensuring we meet the standards set out in the Code of Construction Practice.
7. Leave a positive and sustainable legacy for the communities in which we operate.
8. Respond to questions and complaints quickly and efficiently, with an acknowledgement within two working days, and responding within a maximum of 20 working days if we cannot answer the query straight away.
9. Promote awareness of all our property schemes so that anyone who may be eligible has all the information they need and is aware of the support available to them.
10. Display the Residents' Commissioner and Construction Commissioner's contact details on all relevant materials, along with the HS2 Helpline information and complaints procedure.

The Code of Construction Practice forms part of the Secretary of State's Environmental Minimum Requirements for the construction of the railway from London to the West Midlands. It sets out the standards and responsibilities to protect communities and the environment during construction. A copy of the Code can be found online here:

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593592/Code_of_Construction_Practice.pdf

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:

<https://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:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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