

Notice of works, Windmill Hill, Ladbroke

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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. Further to the Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed we are now beginning to plan for future face-to-face engagement events and meetings. Whilst we continue to move forward, we will still continue to communicate with communities via letters, online meetings and phone calls. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area

What are we doing?

To enable future earthworks for the construction of the HS2 railway we need to carry out further works ahead of construction activities in preparation for the line of route for HS2 and the internal access road. These works will include:

- Ecology mitigation (Great crested newts)
- Ecology mitigation (bats)
- Tree and vegetation clearance

What does this work involve?

Vegetation clearance within the great crested newt trapping area needs to take place ahead of the main works. All clearance works are undertaken under the instructions of the ecologist on site, who decides the appropriate methods of clearance based on the trees, hedgerow and 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 clearance will be allowed to take place this includes identified trees and hedgerows.

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

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Duration of works

Works will begin at the end of September 2021 and will be completed by the end of October 2021

These works will include ecology mitigation (Great crested newts), vegetation clearance and ecology mitigation (bats)

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads

Some noise from our equipment and lighting around our worksite

Presence of operatives for the works

Possible delays to your journey time

What we will do

Work hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum

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What does this work involve, continued

We are continuing our established programme of bat surveys and we will be undertaking works to remove the required trees along the line of route in the coming months. Based upon the survey data, these works will continue during October 2021.

There will be further ecological and tree surveys undertaken prior to removal.

Work will be conducted in compliance with all applicable HS2 and Natural England licenses for protected species. Before any trees and vegetation is cleared it will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists. Any protected species found to be present will be recorded, appropriate buffers established and no vegetation will be cleared until the species have left the site, including any nesting birds. The clearance will be undertaken in accordance with:

- Licencing applications to Natural England for bats

Further details are available online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-one-environmental-statement-volume-5-ecology>

The work on HS2 is guided by High-Speed Rail (LondonWestMidlands) Act 2017.

Site compound

As previously advised, a site welfare and lay down area will be established to facilitate these works. This area will be used for welfare vehicles, staff car parking and the site storage of machinery and materials. The site will be secured with 24/7 security and have track matting and temporary lighting.

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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 vegetation and 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 within the buffer areas until the species have left the site, this includes nesting birds.

No public rights of way be closed during these works.

Why are the works taking place now?

The ecology, trees and hedgrow vegetation need to be cleared now due to different ecology seasons and needs to take place ahead of the main construction activity starting later this year, which includes the construction of the internal access road.

The High-Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 includes Environmental Minimum Requirements and a Code of Construction Practice which sets out how we undertake our construction activities. This includes analysis of existing ecology and explains how we will mitigate this during our construction.

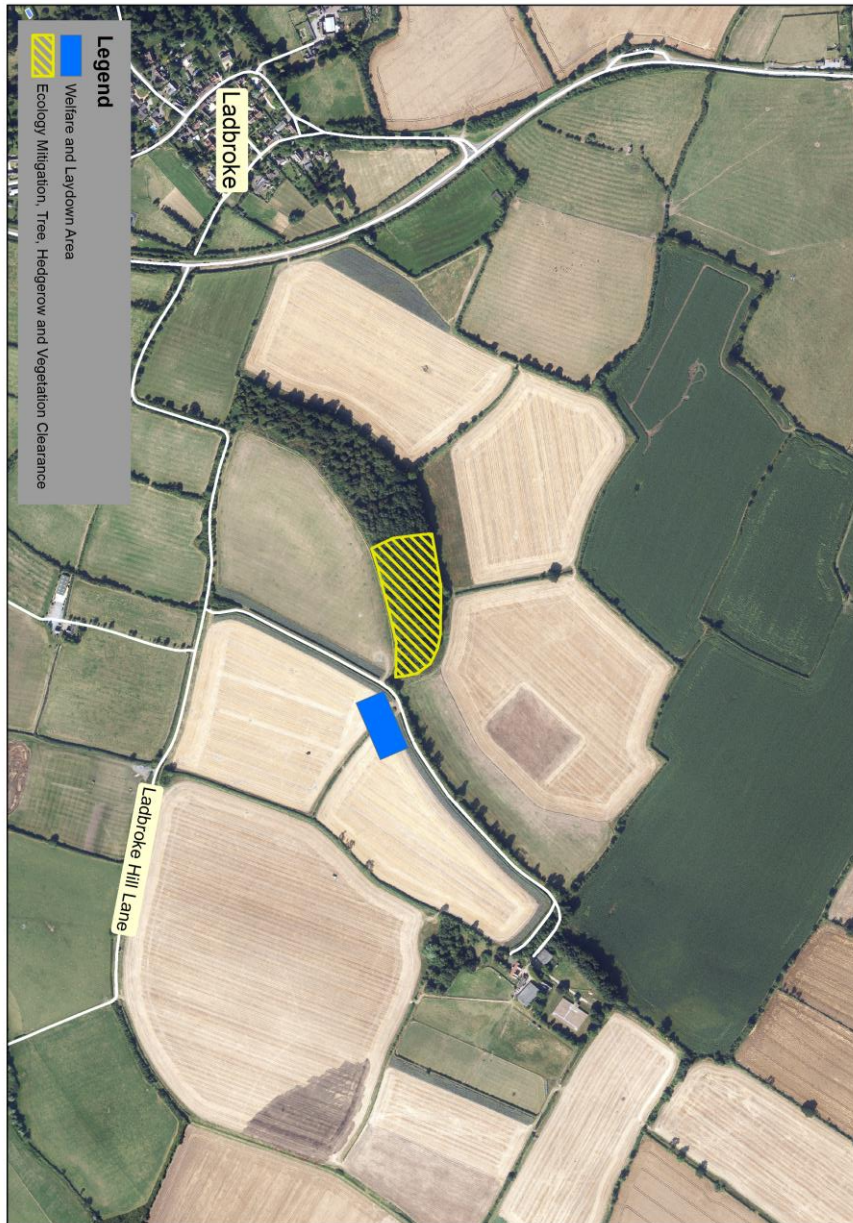
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Location of works and welfare laydown area



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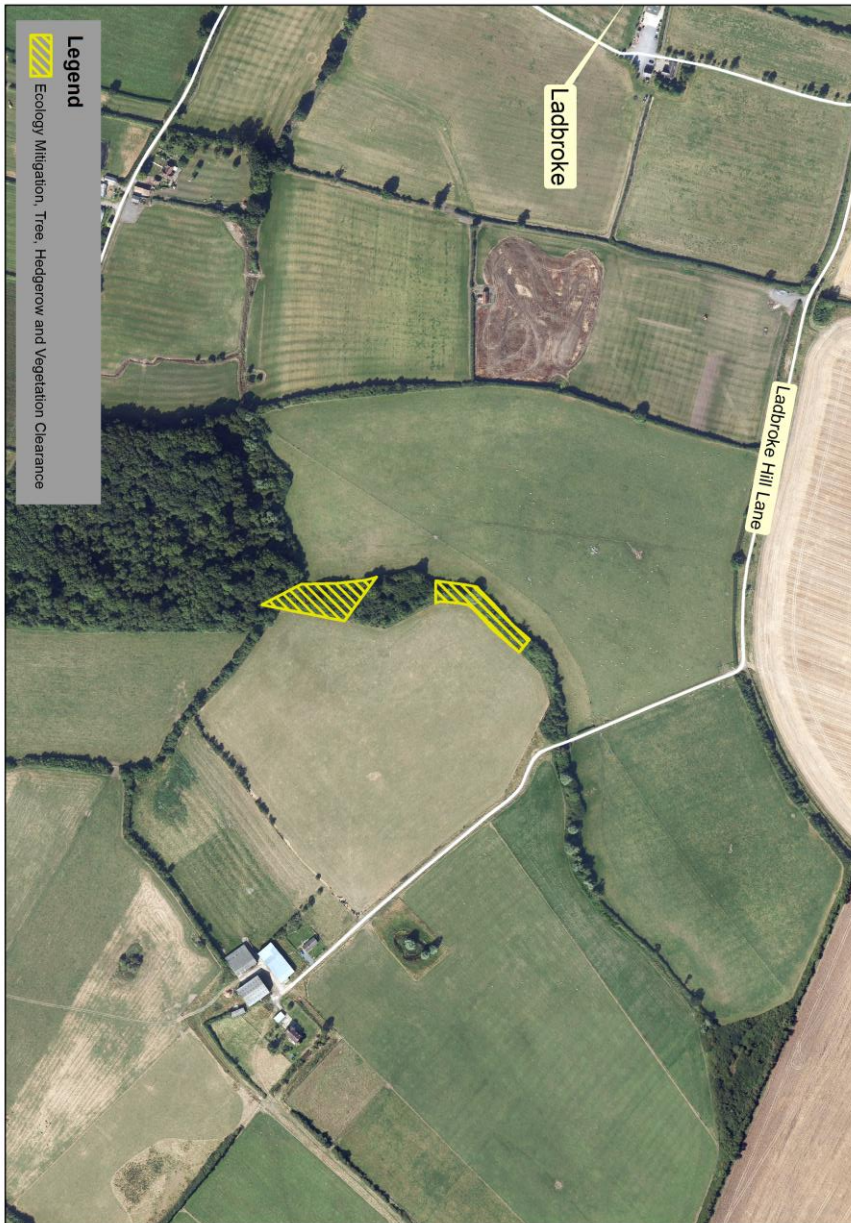
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Keeping you informed

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/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

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**

Write to:

FREEPOST

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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