

Notice of boundary wall vegetation clearance

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Notification



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are following Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on working safely during the pandemic. As we increase face to face engagement, in addition to virtual engagement, we will ensure all events and meetings adhere to the guidelines. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we work within is our priority. If you have any questions about this, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more.

Works Update

We previously notified you of work to clear vegetation along the Wells House Road boundary wall, and we are writing to provide an update on the work.

From 10 January 2022, for about one week, we will be removing the remaining vegetation along the boundary wall to the rear of properties on Well's House Road which borders Old Oak Common Lane (please see map on page 2). The vegetation in this location is normally maintained by the local council. However, due to the Kentledge blocks which are in place to temporarily stabilise the wall, the Council have been unable to undertake vegetation clearance along this wall. Some residents have expressed concerns that the continued growth of this vegetation is damaging their fences, therefore we have agreed to clear the vegetation.

The vegetation removal will also relieve pressure on the boundary wall and prepare the structure for the repair works that are currently taking place. We are also monitoring the boundary wall for any movement, and the continued growth of vegetation along this wall would prevent accurate monitoring.

Vegetation on the top and side of the wall will be cleared using handheld brush cutters, in the area shown below. Trained operatives will access the vegetation using a mobile elevated work platform (MEWP), and therefore may be visible over garden fences. It is anticipated that there may be limited noise from the brush cutters, although this will be kept to a minimum where possible.

Works will take place during standard working hours, from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

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

Duration of works

From 10 to 17 January 2022 during standard working hours, between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

What to expect

Vegetation will be removed from the top and side of the wall which borders Old Oak Common Lane.

Vegetation on the garden side of the wall will be left in place and no access to gardens will be required to carry out the works.

What we will do

Vegetation will be cleared using brush cutters. The vegetation will be accessed by a trained site operative using a mobile elevated work platform (MEWP).

We will use best practicable means to minimise any impact on our site neighbours.

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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:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

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

Contact Us

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HS2 Community Engagement

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