



Notice of archaeology works on land off Blithbury Road, Blithbury

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty and its appointed subcontractors are working on behalf of HS2 Ltd to carry out Early Environmental works between Lichfield and Crewe.

What we are doing

At Stoneyford House Farm to the south of Blithbury Road, to the west of Blithbury, we will be creating ecological mitigation ponds surrounded by grassland and woodland habitat creation. We will use the ecological mitigation ponds to relocate any protected species such as great crested newts before we need to remove any other habitats.

Before we start to construct the ponds, we need to excavate some archaeological trial trenches. These are to help us understand if there are any archaeological features or natural geological deposits, that we need to be aware of before we start any other work.

We will use a mechanical excavator to dig the trenches. No further excavation takes place at this stage.

When the work take place?

We will start the excavation work on 4 April. We will begin the work to create the ponds themselves once we have carried out the archaeological work. This will be ongoing throughout the year.

Covid-19

We are working in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on working safely during the pandemic. For all events and engagement, we will carry out a risk assessment and put in place control measures to manage the risk of Covid-19 to the public and our staff. If you have any questions about this, please contact our Helpdesk at find out more. The health and safety of our workforce and communities we affect is our key priority.

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

Monday 4 April to mid-May (excluding weekends)

Daytime working

Please note that the time and date in this notification **may** be subject to change.

What we will do

Carry out the work in compliance with the Code of Construction Practice

Inform you in advance of any changes to the dates and working times shown

What to expect

Some low-level noise

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www.hs2.org.uk

What to expect

The equipment we use may generate some low-level noise, but we will be working during the day to minimise disruption to local residents. We will use the current farm access to bring the machinery on the land, you may notice some queuing on the local road while we do this. The map below shows where we will be working.



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

What else is happening in your area?

www.hs2.org.uk

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

Two funds are now open for applications from local communities and businesses affected by the construction of HS2. They are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF). £5 million has been allocated to the funds for phase 2a of the railway.

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 you.

The Residents' Commissioner

The independent Residents' Commissioner oversees and monitors our commitments to you.

The commissioner's reports and our responses can be found at www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

The Residents' Commissioner makes sure we fulfil the commitments in the HS2 Community Engagement Strategy (<https://bit.ly/3oOA25j>).

The Residents' Commissioner can be contacted on: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The independent Construction Commissioner regularly meets our Chief Executive Officer to raise any concerns or emerging trends across HS2.

The Construction Commissioner's role has been developed to monitor the way we manage and respond to construction complaints.

The commissioner mediates on disputes about construction, involving individuals and organisations, that we can't resolve. The commissioner advises members of the public about how to make a complaint about construction.

The Construction Commissioner can be contacted on: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out about HS2 and properties along the route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you can claim 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 the HS2 Helpdesk. For more details on our complaints process, please visit: www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/

Contact us

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 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

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