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Northamptonshire

Spring 2021

3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Northamptonshire.

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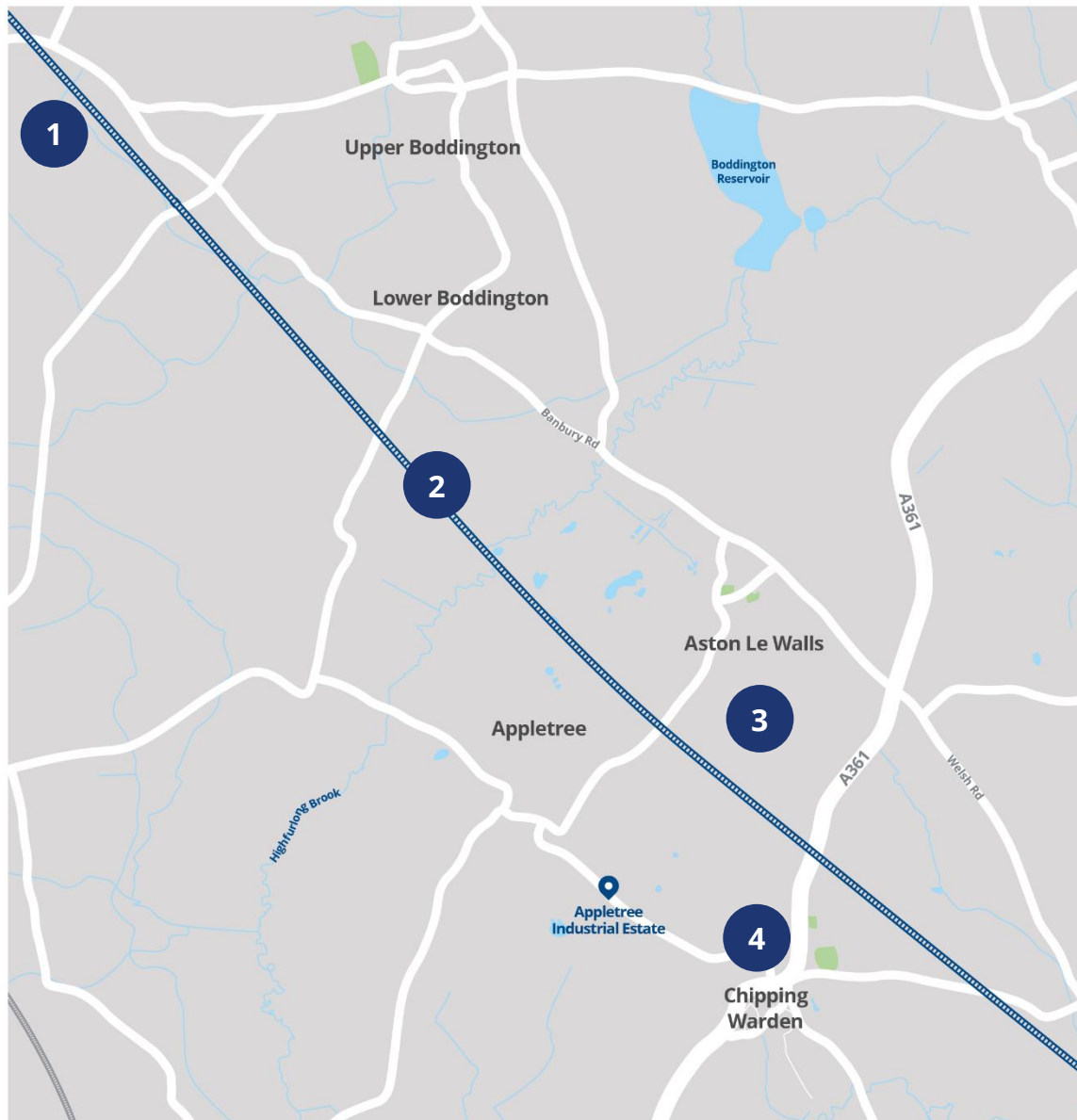
- A forward look of construction activities planned in the next three months
- Works to be aware of that will take place in the next 12 months, but may not yet have been confirmed

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.

If you have any queries about the information in this forward look, the HS2 Helpdesk is available all day, every day on **08081 434 434** or by emailing **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

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Map 1 – Upper Boddington to Chipping Warden



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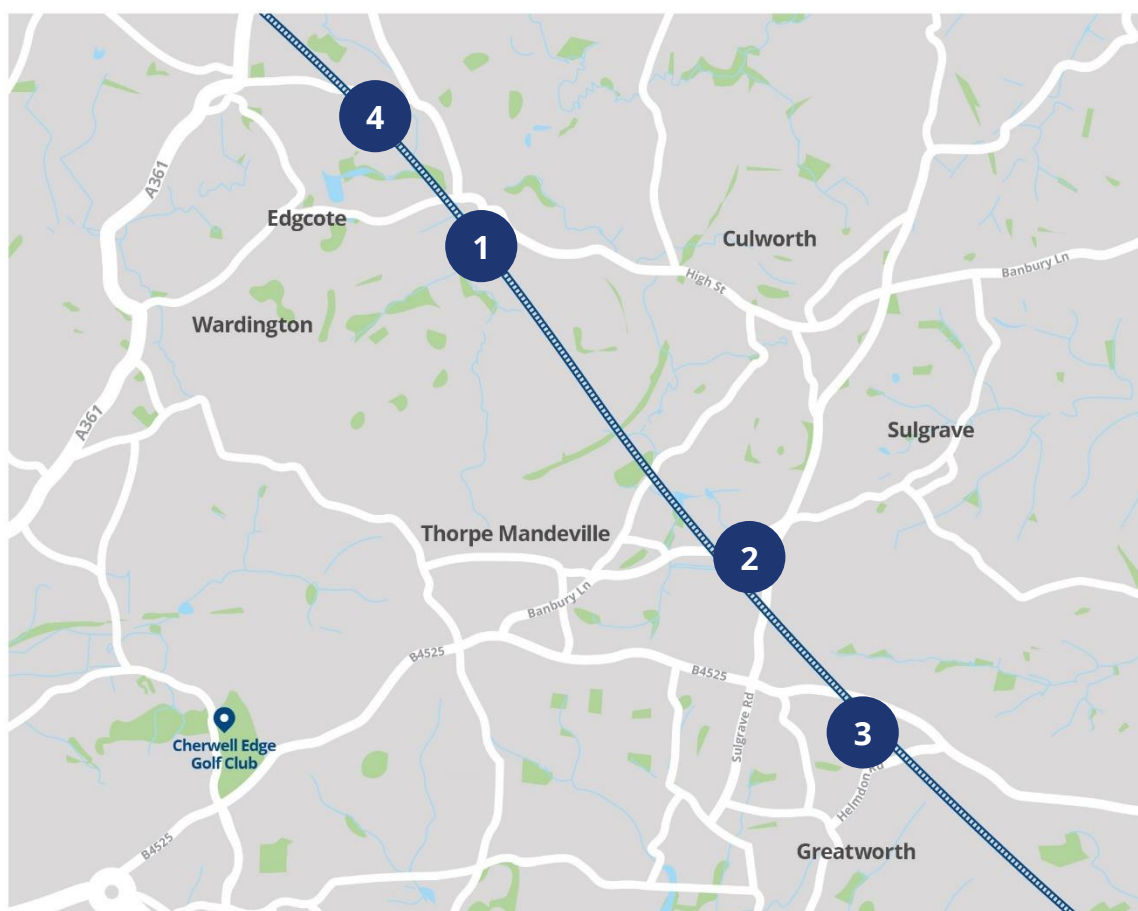
 Parkland  Water/river  HS2 route Phase One overground

Construction look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Wormleighton area	January to October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of an earth embankment at the Heave Site; • Preparation works to allow earthworks activities to start in the summer. This will include vegetation clearance and construction of site access roads and crossings.
Location 2 Lower Boddington area	February to June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation work including environmental surveys, ground investigation, vegetation clearance and fencing. • Surveys of the existing underground services will be carried out with trial holes being excavated to identify the location of the services. These works usually take place along highways or verges.
	March to September 2021	Construction of an access road along the route.
Location 3 Aston le Walls area	February to June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work to set up the main works compound on the old airfield between Chipping Warden and Aston Le Walls, including temporary office accommodation; • Construction of a concrete batching plant; • Continuing earthworks for the green tunnel; • Construction of temporary settlement ponds, site access roads and earth bunds. These activities will move north to Highfurlong brook and south to cross the A361; • Construction of a temporary bridge at Highfurlong brook; • Archaeological mitigation, including topsoil excavations and hand digging to verify information collected from our ground penetrating radar surveys.

	March to May 2021	Ecology work, including vegetation clearance and newt translocation.
Location 4 Chipping Warden	November 2020 to March 2021	Chipping Warden relief road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final stages of road construction, surfacing and white lining; • Planting and landscaping along the relief road.
	November 2020 to April 2021	Continued archaeological mitigation, including topsoil excavations and hand digging to verify information collected from our ground penetrating radar surveys.

Map 2 – Edgcote to Greatworth



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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Edgcote area	February to June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation work, including environmental surveys, ground investigation works, vegetation clearance and fencing; • Surveys of the existing underground services with trial holes being excavated to identify the location of the services. These works usually take place along highways or verges; and • Forming an access road along the route.

Location 2 Sulgrave area	February to Summer 2021	A main works compound is being set up near to magpie junction. This will include temporary office accommodation.
	Early 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a concrete batching plant; • Construction of earthworks for the green tunnel; and • Construction of temporary settlement ponds, site access roads and earth bunds.
Location 3 Sulgrave Road Junction / Greatworth	January to April 2021	Archaeological mitigation, including topsoil excavations and hand digging to verify information collected from our ground penetrating radar surveys.
	February to March 2021	Landscape planting at the completed highway junction.
	March to April 2021	Utilities surveys and trial holes.
Location 4 Blackgrounds	February to Summer 2021	Archaeological mitigation, including topsoil excavations and hand digging to verify information collected from our ground penetrating radar surveys.

Map 3 – Greatworth to Brackley



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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Radstone area	February to Spring 2021	Boundary fencing at Halse Copse.
	February to May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation work, including environmental surveys, ground investigation works, vegetation clearance and fencing;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys of the existing underground services, with trial holes to identify the location of the services. These works usually take place along highways or verges; • Works starting on the access road along the route; • Landscape planting of tree, shrub and meadow species; and • Boundary fencing.
	February to Summer 2021	Archaeological mitigation, including topsoil excavations and hand digging to verify information collected from our ground penetrating radar surveys.
	March to May 2021	Ecology works, including vegetation clearance and newt translocation.
Location 2 A43	April to Summer 2021	Work at the A43 in preparation for a compound to be set up north of the A43. These early works will involve ground investigations, surveys and trial holes. Local traffic management will be needed for these works.
Location 3 Brackley and Turweston	February to Summer 2021	<p>A main works compound is being set up adjacent to the A422 Brackley Road. Work will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up of cabins in the north site; • Making changes to the highway to create a safe access; and • Set-up of temporary offices.
	March to September 2021	Restart of Western Power Distribution work on the overhead power line work that started in Autumn 2020. The lines will be diverted off the existing towers onto the underground cable section.
	Early 2021	Earthworks will start in this area and will involve forming 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

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HS2 Community Engagement

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