

# HS2

## Northamptonshire

Summer 2021

3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Northamptonshire.

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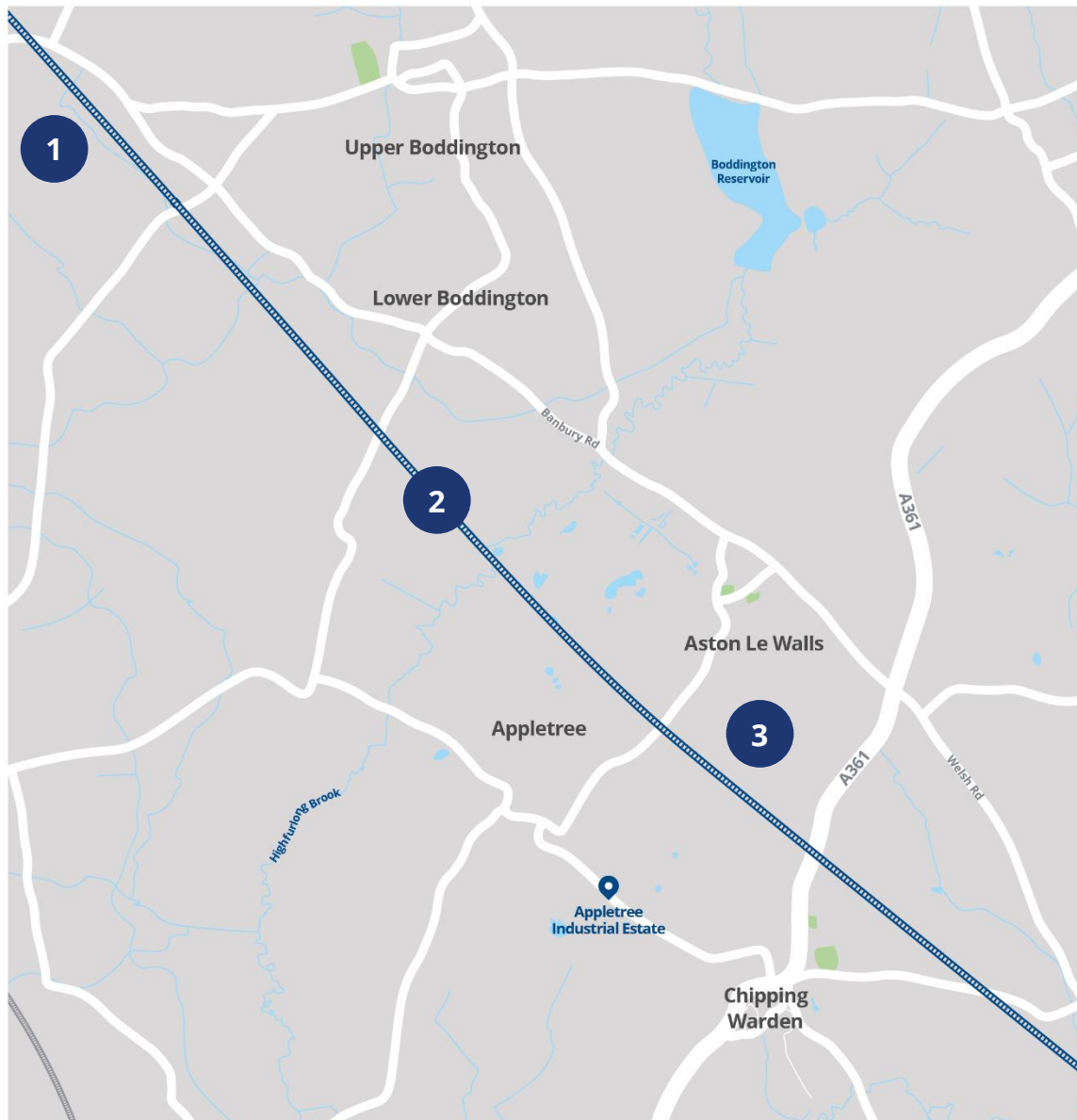
- A forward look of construction activities planned in the next three months
- Works to be aware of that will take place in the next 12 months, but may not yet have been confirmed

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## Map 1 – Upper Boddington to Chipping Warden



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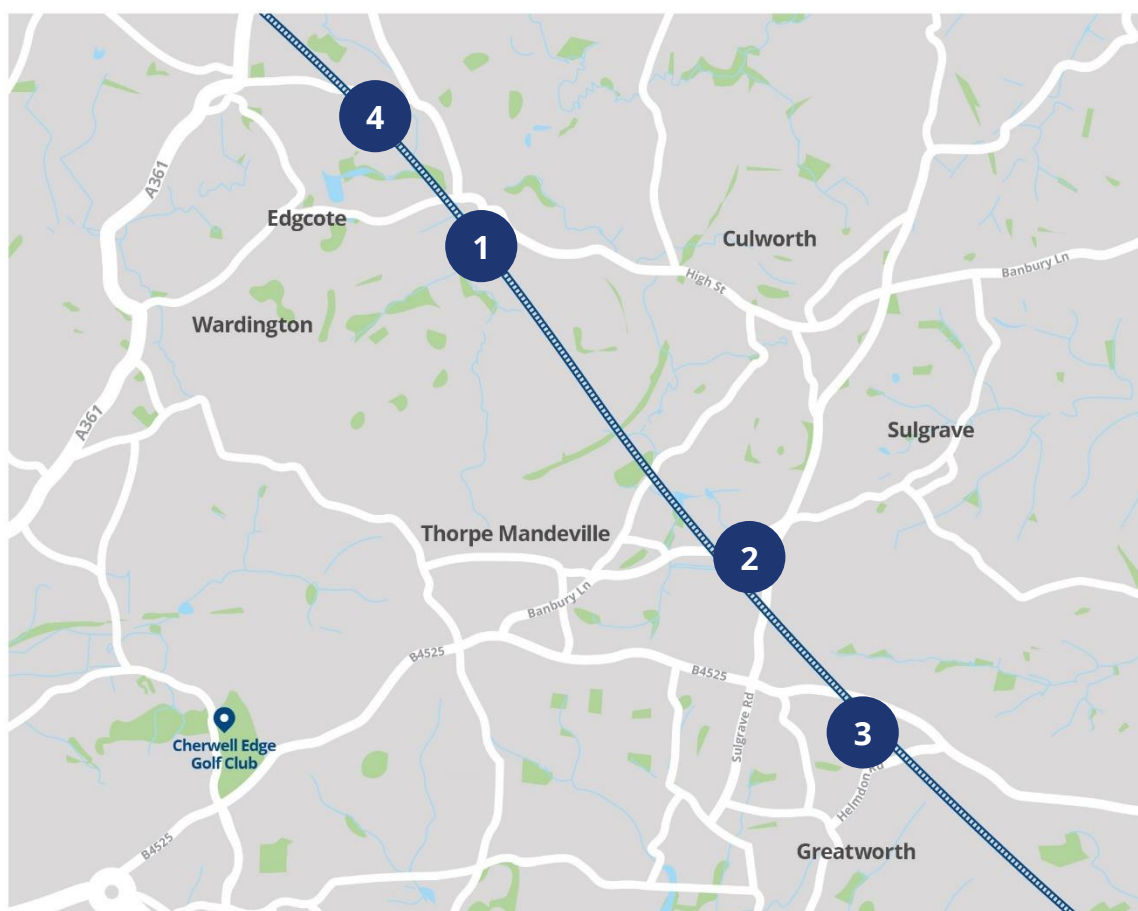
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## Construction look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1 Boddington area</b>	Ongoing	Work to the 'Heave Site' will continue through the summer where an earth embankment is being monitored.
	January to Summer 2021	South of Banbury Road will involve continued archaeological trial trench evaluation including the digging of a series of trial trenches to locate areas of significant archaeology.
	March to Summer 2021	Ecology works such as vegetation clearance and newt translocation will be taking place in this area.
	May to September 2021	Site access roads and road crossings will be formed, and earthworks expected to start in late summer.
<b>Location 2 Lower Boddington area</b>	May to December 2021	Earthworks activities will take place in this area. Soil excavated from the Chipping Warden Green tunnel will be transported north to this area.
	June to August 2021	Site access roads will be formed, and a temporary crossing formed across Highfurlong brook.
<b>Location 3 Aston Le Walls and Chipping Warden area</b>	February to June 2021	Archaeological mitigation, including topsoil excavations and hand digging to verify information collected from our ground penetrating radar surveys.
	March to June 2021	Ecology work, including vegetation clearance and newt translocation.
	June to September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthworks for the green tunnel continuing between Aston Le Walls and Chipping Warden;</li> <li>• Set up of concrete batching plant;</li> <li>• Creation of temporary settlement ponds; and</li> <li>• Works starting on site access roads and earth bunds. These activities will move north to Highfurlong brook where a temporary bridge</li> </ul>

		will be formed, and move south to cross the A361.
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## Map 2 – Edgcote to Greatworth



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## Construction look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b> <b>Culworth area</b>	May to September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation work, including environmental surveys, ground investigation works, vegetation clearance and fencing;</li> <li>• Surveys of the existing underground services with trial holes being excavated to identify the location of the services; and</li> <li>• Forming an access road along the route.</li> </ul>

<b>Location 2 Thorpe Mandeville and Sulgrave area (Magpie junction)</b>	June to September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of a concrete batching plant near to the offices already in place;</li> <li>• Earthworks to the green tunnel;</li> <li>• Forming temporary settlement ponds, site access roads and earth bunds; and</li> <li>• Construction of a new temporary section of the B4525.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3 Sulgrave Road Junction / Greatworth</b>	January to July 2021	Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging which will uncover areas containing significant archaeology.
<b>Location 4 Blackgrounds</b>	February to Summer 2021	Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging which will uncover areas containing significant archaeology.

## Map 3 – Greatworth to Brackley



### Key

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## Construction look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b> <b>Greatworth and Radstone area</b>	February to Summer 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscape planting - 7.5km<sup>2</sup> of planting of native tree, shrub and meadow species;</li> <li>Boundary fencing; and</li> <li>Archaeological mitigation including topsoil excavations and hand digging which will</li> </ul>



		uncover areas containing significant archaeology.
	March to July 2021	Ecology works such as vegetation clearance, surveys and newt translocation will be taking place in this area.
	June to September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental surveys, ground investigation works, vegetation clearance and fencing works to be carried out.</li> <li>• Surveys of the existing underground services will also be carried out with trial holes being excavated to identify the location of the services.</li> <li>• Works to start to build an access road along the line of route.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 1 Halse Copse area</b>	February to Summer 2021	Boundary fencing.
<b>Location 2 Brackley and A43</b>	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.
	April to August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localised vegetation removal and creation of the site access road. Diversions or closures of public rights of way as required;</li> <li>• A main works compound is being set up to the north of the A43. Work will involve localised vegetation removal, utility and earthworks trials and set up of cabins;</li> <li>• Work will begin to form an access off Radstone Road; and</li> <li>• Work on the A43 carriageway, including surveys and improvement works to enable safe access to and from the compound. Local diversions or closures will be put in place to manage this work safely.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	February to June 2021	Work on the A422 north and south compounds, including localised vegetation clearance, utility trial

<b>Westbury and Whitfield area</b>		holes, construction of cabins and the creation of access and crossing points.
	May to August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localised vegetation removal and creation of the site access road;</li> <li>• Diversions or closures of public rights of way as required;</li> <li>• Initial earthworks activities including topsoil stripping and excavation of the cutting at the A422; and</li> <li>• Work on the temporary diversion of the A422 to the south.</li> </ul>

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

## Contact Us

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**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

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