

Notice of low level vegetation clearance

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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.

Low level vegetation clearance along the North London Line

Please see the update to these works below:

From midnight on Friday 4 March to 6am on Saturday 5 March we will be clearing low level vegetation along the North London Line (please see map on page 2). The vegetation is being cleared to facilitate clear access to monitoring equipment installed along the North London Line, to monitor ground movement during works at the Old Oak Common Station site.

All work will be carried out under the watching brief of an ecologist. The low-level ground vegetation will be removed with handheld strimmers, chainsaws, hedge cutters and other hand tools, and will be removed in stages to allow any reptiles that may be present to move away from the work areas into suitable adjacent habitat. Suitable reptile hibernation habitats will not be impacted during these works. Final ecological surveys will be completed prior to the start of the works, and any significant changes to the planned works will be updated via the HS2 website.

The proposed vegetation is near the tracks and therefore can only be cleared at night, between midnight and 6am, when there is minimal train activity. Localised lighting will be utilised and positioned away from residential properties to minimise disturbance. All clearance works are expected to be completed by Saturday 5 March.

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

Notification



Duration of works

Vegetation clearance overnight on Friday 4 March to Saturday 5. Due to these works being close to the railway track, the vegetation will need to be cleared at night, between midnight and 6am.

What to expect

Low level vegetation clearance along the North London Line using strimmers, chainsaws and other hand tools. Additional lighting will be required due to night-time works.

What we will do

Pre-works inspections will be completed by an ecologist, and all works will be completed under the direction of an ecologist.

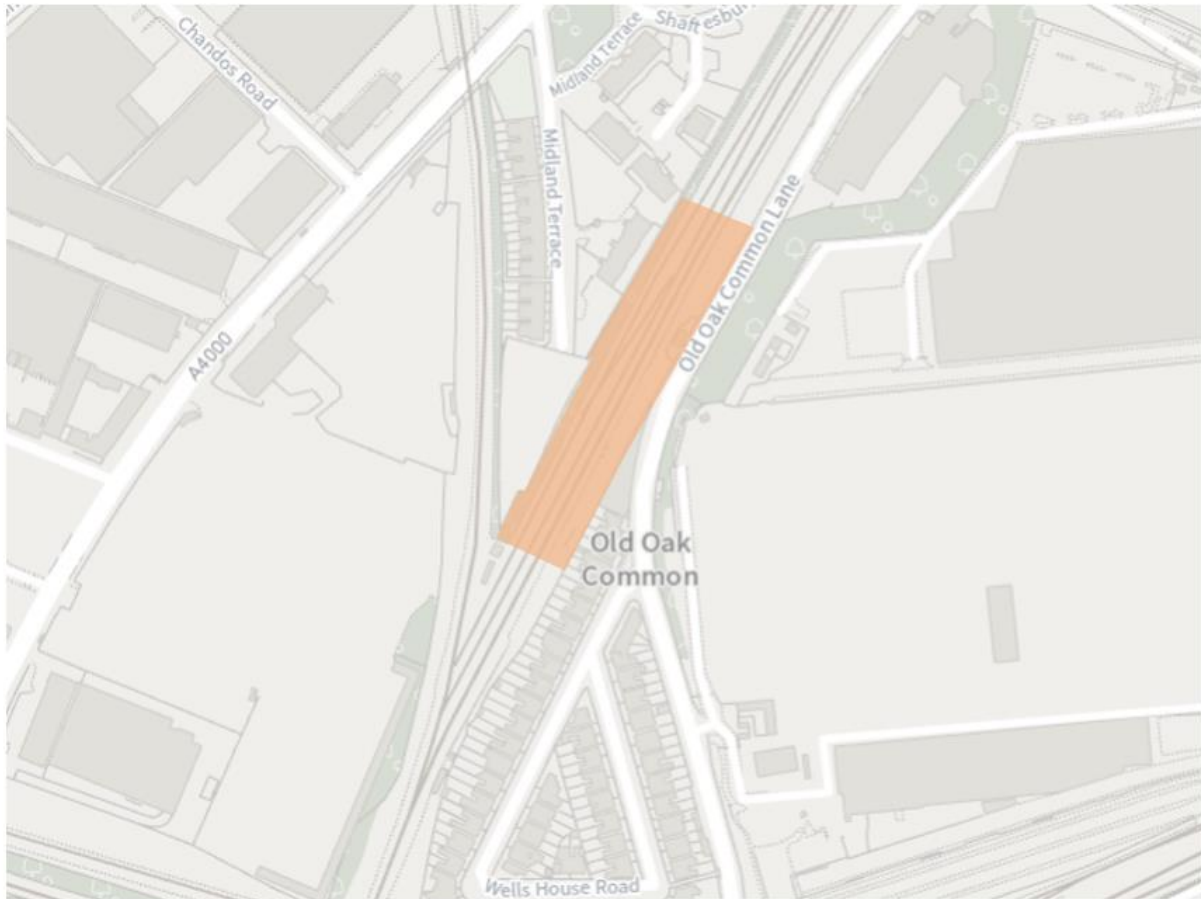
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Map of clearance area



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

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 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:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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