

Notice of environmental ecology surveys, A515 and Wood End Lane, Lichfield

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Working on behalf of HS2 Ltd, Balfour Beatty is carrying out surveys and investigating ground conditions along the Phase 2a route.

What we are doing

HS2 Ltd is proposing to make changes to the junction of the A515 and Wood End Lane, with further widening to Wood End Lane, to improve the traffic flows during the construction of HS2. We have been carrying out surveys during late-2021 and early-2022 and we now need to carry out additional environmental and ecological surveys in the fields around Wood End Lane and the A515 junction.

These will involve non-intrusive surveys, which will identify local ecology in the area for example badger setts or bats roosts, we will also review the condition of trees. Bat surveys will consist of gathering further information in your area, this includes their foraging, commuting and roosting activities. Our surveys will consist of structures and tree inspections during the daytime and bat activity surveys which will be completed between dusk and dawn.

Bat surveys - mid-April to late-May 2022 Tree surveys - mid-April to mid-June 2022 Badger surveys - during early summer 2022.

We have produced an environmental survey guide, which gives more detail on the individual surveys that are taking place, the methodology and the reason why they are required. If you would like a copy of this guide, then please get in touch with the HS2 helpdesk quoting the reference number on the back of this notice and one will be emailed to you.

We will also undertake agricultural soil surveys to verify the current standard of soils, this will be completed by hand digging.

We expect little to no disruption as a result of these surveys in the fields surrounding Wood End Lane and the A515 junction.

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

The works are due to start mid-April 2022 and will continue until early summer 2022

Our working hours when we will be on site will be from 8am to 5pm (Mon -Fri)

Bat activity surveys take place between dusk and dawn. During these surveys, we may need to use torches.

What to expect

Depending on the survey type, you may see our surveyors in the fields on Wood End Lane

It is not expected there will be any disruption to residents or businesses as there is no requirement for noisy working or working within the highway.

We will take care to respect your community



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/hs2residents-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-ltdresidents-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

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www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

🌃 Freephone **08081 434 434**



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HS2 Community Engagement

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