

# Notice of a temporary closure of the Oxford Canal and towpath update, Wormleighton

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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. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we work within is our priority. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk)

## What are we doing?

We are building a temporary bridge across the Oxford Canal, near Wormleighton, to assist in our construction activities in the local area.

The bridge will allow our construction traffic to travel along our site access and haul roads, from Southam to Wormleighton, reducing our traffic on the local highways. The Canal and River Trust have notified canal users and information about this can be found at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices>.

The towpath along the canal is a Public Right of Way (PRoW) known as SM200 and runs through the construction area where we are forming the temporary bridge. The bridge installation will involve the use of heavy lifting equipment and so for the safety of users, the towpath will be temporarily closed while we construct the bridge, for a period of approximately two weeks in November.

The delivery of the bridge sections will also involve some 'abnormal loads' delivered using heavy goods vehicles which may require an escort. We do not anticipate these deliveries will create any significant traffic impacts and we are planning for the delivery to be received at our Southam Compound. To keep the canal closure period to a minimum, some work beyond our core hours and weekend work may be required during the period of installation.

## When will these works take place?

The Oxford Canal along with adjacent towpath, near Wormleighton, will be temporarily closed 24 hours a day from Monday 14 November until Monday 28 November 2022.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

## Duration of works

The Oxford Canal along with the adjacent towpath (SM200) will be temporarily closed from Monday 14 November until Monday 28 November 2022.

## What to expect

Restrictions on canal access and the closure of the towpath SM200 for a period of approximately 2 weeks.

Noise from plant and equipment used the bridge installation.

Some additional work beyond core hours including weekends.

## What we will do

Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise.

Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

Take care to respect the community.

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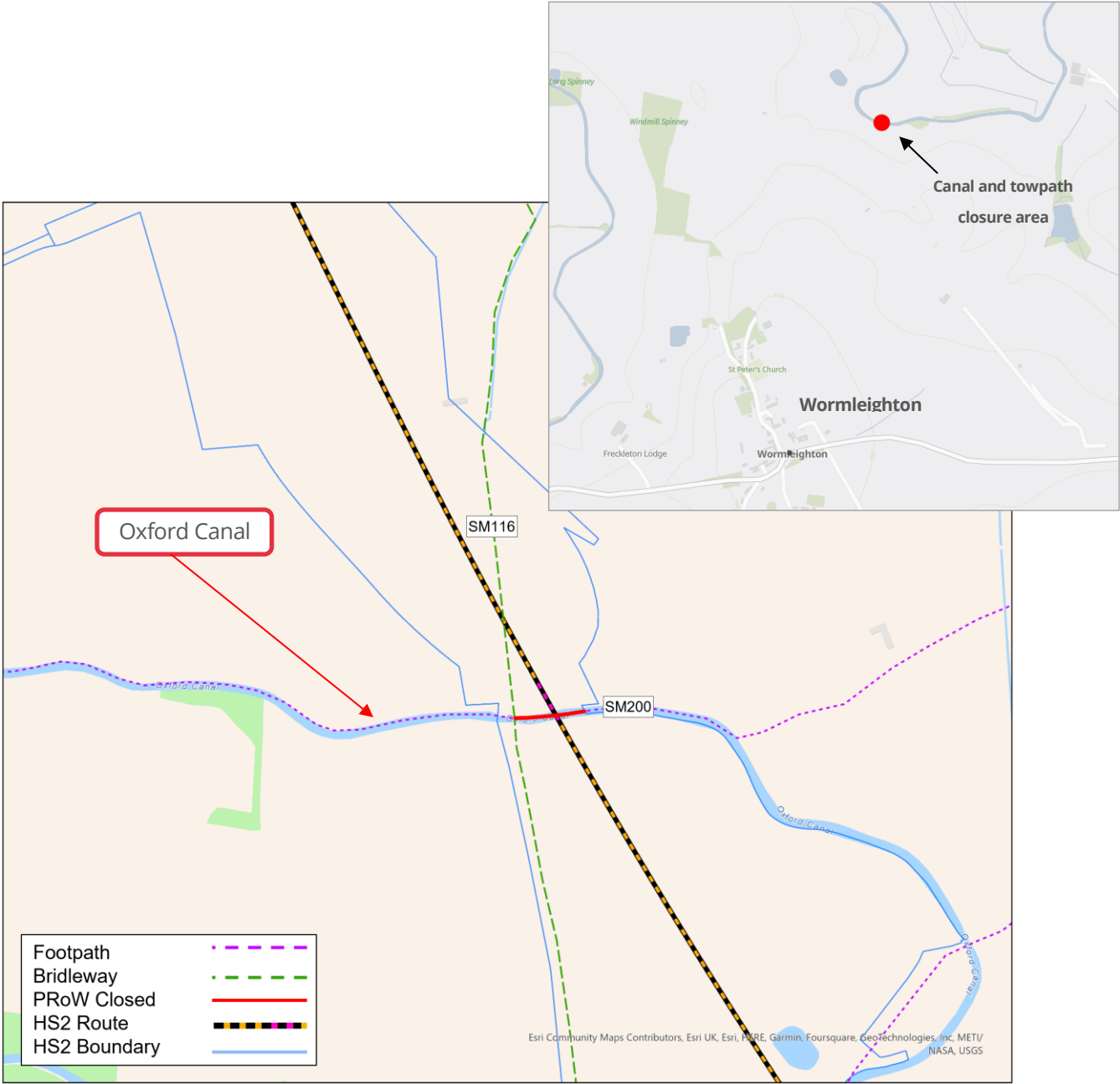
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## Where will the works take place?

The map below, shows the section of the canal and towpath that will be temporarily closed for the installation of an access bridge. Signage will be installed to indicate the section of footpath that is closed. Waterway signage will also be installed.



# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://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**

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Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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:  
[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner](http://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)

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Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

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

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