### **Updated notice - Sheet piling Washwood Heath Brook Diversion**

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new railway in your area.

### Wash Brook diversion

We previously notified you that we will need to install sheet piles to divert a section of the Washwood Heath Brook that runs through the site in underground pipes known as a culvert into the River Thame. We have been preparing to start these works throughout September and are now able to begin positioning the piles into the ground. We plan to start this work on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We anticipate works to be completed by the end November 2022.

### How we will divert the brook

We will be installing sheet piles into the ground to a maximum depth of 16 meters. To install the sheet piles we will need to locate the piling plant platform on the east side of the Brook near to Drews Lane. To minimise the impact, we have moved this further away from the houses and will reduce the use of plant machinery to reduce deliveries to the working area.

### How we will reduce disruption

We have already completed a large section of the sheets piles and will be working further away from residential properties. To reduce the vibration and noise from our work we will be using a technique known as pre-augering. This is a method where we pre pierce and loosen the ground to make it easier to install the sheet piles. This helps to prevent much of the resistance on the sheet pile as they are vibrated into place. If the ground remains resistant, we may however have to use a piling hammer which will create a high level of noise. We will only ever use this method as a last resort.

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

### **Duration of works**

Sheet piling starts week commencing 4 November 2022 until the end of November 2022.

Working hours weekdays 8am – 6pm

Saturdays 8am - 1pm

Our workforce can be on site up to 1 hour before work begins to set up the site and again afterwards to take down our work equipment.

### What to expect

Piling plant platform located on site.

Some noise and vibration as we install sheet piles. This will be monitored continuously to ensure that we are working to the required limits and reducing our impact on our neighbours.

### What we will do

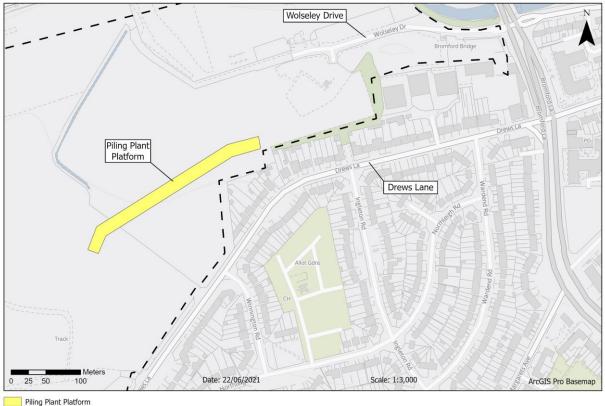
Ensure that our work areas are safe and secure. Keep you up to date through www.hs2inbirmingham. co.uk

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### Map showing location of piling plant platform at HS2's Washwood Heath site



# What else is happening in your area?

### 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** Minicom: **08081 456 472** 

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk



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.

### **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: 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

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**HS2 Community Engagement** 

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