

Update - Notice of traffic lights on the A53 and the A51 near Blackbrook

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Kier is carrying out surveys and investigating ground conditions along the Phase 2a route.

What we are doing

We previously carried out ground penetrating radar and topographical surveys which are above ground. Our next step is to do further surveys to help us inform future construction design. This work involves pavement coring, bore holes, trial pits on and off the highway. We will excavate below ground to provide us with samples and allow us to view the structure and record the layout of land.

To carry out this work safely we will need to install temporary traffic lights on the A53 and A51 near to **The Swan with Two Necks pub** and a temporary road closure on **Wharmadine Lane**.

When the work will take place

These works will now take place from **Monday 30 January to Friday 10 March 2023 between 8pm and 5am**, and we will no longer be installing traffic lights during the day. We will work during the night on temporary traffic lights on the A51 & A53. Please note that all our planned roadworks may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

To safely set up our survey equipment, we need to close a small section of Wharmadine Lane, and a further closure to remove the equipment once works are complete. This should take no longer than two days for set up and demobilisation. We will reopen the road between these days.

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

Monday 30 January to Friday 24 February 2023 from 8pm to 5am

(excluding weekends)

Please note that the time and date in this notification may be subject to change.

What to expect

Temporary traffic lights on the A53

Temporary traffic lights on the A51

Temporary road closure on Wharmadine Lane

What we will do

Maintain access to businesses and properties where possible within our traffic management.

Notify you in advance of any changes

We will put verge signage in place throughout the duration of our works.

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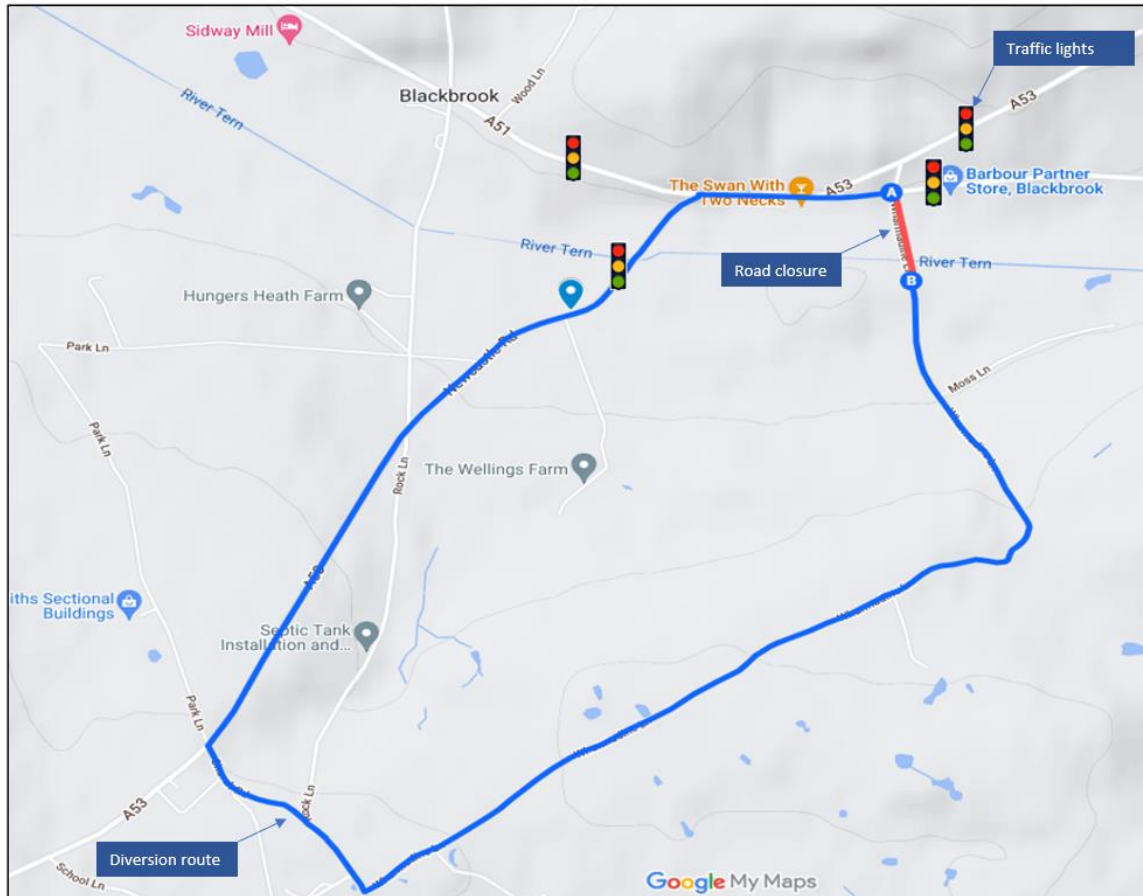
How will this affect you

Due to the nature of these works, the traffic lights will move along the carriageways, and occasionally change location. We recognise this may be frustrating, and by working off peak hours this should limit disruption while we complete our survey work. A signed diversion route will be in place when we close Wharmadine Lane. Please allow for additional time when planning your journeys.

As part of the work, we will use machinery and equipment that may generate some noise throughout our time on site, we will work to reduce the impact on properties.

How we will minimise disruption

Access will be maintained for properties and business within the traffic management area. Please be patient while we secure the work area to guide road users in and out safely. We will reduce noise by turning off our engines when not in use. We will also obtain permission from Staffordshire County Council to avoid clashes with other roadworks in the area to prevent delays, and will restore work areas to their original condition, completing the work safely and as quickly as possible.



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

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

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

Two funds are now open for applications from local communities and businesses affected by the construction of HS2. They are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF). £5 million has been allocated to the funds for phase 2a of the railway.

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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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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