



Notice of footpath closures on the Princes Risborough to Aylesbury Line

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. If you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk.

What are we doing?

As we have communicated previously, ahead of the 10 week closure known as a blockade on the Princes Risborough to Aylesbury line, we will be installing noise hoarding to help mitigate the noise during our works.

Whilst we are installing the hoarding and for the duration of the blockade we will need to close a footpath to ensure that we can implement a safe working zone.

There may be some vegetation clearance as we ensure that the position for the hoarding gives the maximum coverage towards the properties. There will also be some vegetation clearance to ensure we have enough working room during the blockade.

The Blockade is a program planned with Network Rail for a 10- week closure of the Princes Risborough to Aylesbury line. To find out more about the full blockade programme, please see the detailed advanced works notice on the HS2 website.



When will these works take place?

- Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August vegetation clearance to commence.
- 5 August to November 2023 – Noise hoarding installation and footpath closure.
- Monday 7 August to Friday 18 August – closure of the Princes Risborough to Aylesbury Line and the Wendover Line for Network Rail works
- Friday 18 August after 8pm Marsh Lane crossing closed including pedestrian access for Network Rail works until Spring 2024
- Saturday 19 August and Monday 30 October 2023 – HS2 Blockade works begin.

These dates may change due to conditions outside of our control. Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates.

Wherever possible, we will minimise the impact on highway users by coordinating deliveries to avoid peak times.

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

Saturday 5 August 2023 to November 2023 footpath closure.

Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August vegetation clearance to commence.

Our contractors will be working 24hrs during the blockade.

What to expect

Some overnight working and associated noise during our 10 week programme

A closure of the railway for 12 weeks, which includes 2 weeks of Network Rail works.

What we will do

Minimise disruption as much as possible for the community by implementing noise mitigation.

Provide updates for communities and maintain regular contact points for the duration of the work.

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Why will the footpath be closed?

We will be installing noise hoarding alongside the Princes Risborough to Aylesbury Line at the back of Hawkslade estate. This will help to reduce the operational noise to properties close to the railway line during the works. To conduct these works we may need to complete some de-vegetation and tree removal to properly install the hoarding.

The hoarding highlighted in red below will be placed on the footpath. During the installation and the blockade the footpath will need to be closed due to safety and the proximity of the blockade works. HS2 will have full possession of this footpath. Additionally, we will be progressing with installing the permanent drainage, however there may be some localised vegetation clearance prior to the blockade along the railway line. Please note the Public Right of Way crossing the railway between Hawkslade estate may be closed during the blockade, subject to relevant consents being granted.



The map above shows indicative locations for noise mitigations. Some locations may vary due to ground conditions.

Notification

Community drop-in schedule

If you would like to find out more information about how these works may affect you, we have several events in the area and online over the coming months.

There will be members of the EKFB construction and engagement team on hand at the EKFB events to answer any questions you may have.

Date	Time	Location	Event Type
26 July	2pm – 6pm	Booker Park School, Stoke Leys Cl, Kynaston Ave, Aylesbury HP21 9ET	EKFB Meet the Team
15 Aug 2023	10am - 3pm	Hawkslade Community Centre Orwell Drive Aylesbury HP21 9YL	EKFB Mobile Visitor Centre (MVC)
22 Aug 2023	2pm – 7pm	Hawkslade Community Centre Orwell Drive Aylesbury HP21 9YL	EKFB Meet the Team
14 Sept 2023	2pm – 6pm	Hawkslade Community Centre Orwell Drive Aylesbury HP21 9YL	EKFB Mobile Visitor Centre (MVC)
10 Oct 2023	2pm-6pm	Eskdale Community Centre, Eskdale Rd, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury HP22 5UJ	EKFB Mobile Visitor Centre (MVC)
July - October	3pm – 7pm	Bi-weekly 20-minute appointments available with our engagement team – Book your slot on the HS2 Events page .	Online bookings only

For more information on HS2 events please contact the HS2 Helpdesk or visit www.hs2.org.uk/events.

For more information about Network Rail events please visit: www.chilternrailways.co.uk and www.nationalrail.co.uk or for updates.

How do I check for rail replacement services?

Passengers are advised to check before they travel at www.chilternrailways.co.uk and www.nationalrail.co.uk or for updates and details of alternative travel arrangements during the extended closure.

For more information, please visit Network Rail's dedicated website: www.networkrail.co.uk/pra

What will Network Rail be doing in this area?

Prior to the blockade Network Rail engineers will make repairs to a Victorian drainage culvert that passes underneath the railway in Aylesbury.

Faults were found in the structure earlier this year and have since led to repeated short-notice closures of the line causing disruption for passengers. For more information please visit Network Rail's dedicated website: www.networkrail.co.uk/pra

Post-blockade, Network Rail will be conducting safety upgrades to Marsh Lane Crossing until Spring 2024.

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

Contact Us

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

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

Website: www.hs2.org.uk

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit:
www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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