

Colne Valley viaduct noise barrier installation

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Work to install the noise barriers and finishing works along the Colne Valley viaduct are now underway. These noise barriers are crucial to mitigate the operational noise of the railway and are an important key design element of the Colne Valley viaduct.

Noise barrier designs

There are two different designs of noise barrier which will be installed on sections of the Colne Valley viaduct. The basic noise barrier is 1.65 metres high and in areas where the viaduct passes by sensitive locations or residential areas the noise barriers will be 4 metres high.

The four-metre high barrier will be in two designs. One will have a transparent section at the top and will be positioned on the viaduct sections over the lakes to maintain views for train passengers and reduce the visual profile of the viaduct. The second is opaque and will not have a transparent section.

Following on from the design events in 2019 and 2022, where we shared the proposed designs, we have engaged with local authorities and stakeholders and have made further modifications to the barriers.

Works to install the shorter noise barriers are underway, with the installation of the taller barriers starting in May 2024 moving from north to south along the viaduct.

Community events

For further information on the barrier installation and to view information about the noise barriers, please visit our local community events in May and July. Details opposite.

Road closures

There will be short night-time road closures when we carry out works over the A412 and Moorhall Road. We will provide more information nearer the time.

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 and working hours

Works will begin in mid-May continuing to July 2025, Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

What to expect

Short night-time closures of the A412 and Moorhall Road. Dates to be confirmed

What we will do

Notify you in advance of any road closures or changes to programme

Community events

Tuesday 14 May at Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue, Harefield, UB9 6AP

Tuesday 9 July at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde, WD3 9XN

Both events take place between 4pm and 7pm.

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Noise barrier visualisations

Below is an image of the modified noise barriers on the viaduct section over Moorhall Road, Harefield.



Below is an image of the modified noise barrier on the viaduct section over the A412, Denham.



Notification



What else is happening in your area?

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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

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 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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Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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