



Notice of the dismantling of the Colne Valley viaduct launching girder

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. The Colne Valley viaduct is made up of 1000 segments, placed in sequence, and the last one is due to go in, in the first week of September 2024. The launching girder which has built it will then be dismantled.

Works taking place at the South Embankment

The Colne Valley viaduct takes the HS2 railway across three lakes and the River Colne and is just over two miles long, making it the longest railway bridge in the UK. The launching girder used to construct the viaduct started its journey in spring 2022 from the North Embankment near Denham Waterski Club in Buckinghamshire and has now reached the South Embankment site off Harvil Road in Hillingdon. The girder will install the final segments in early September, and it will then be dismantled. The girder weighs 700 tonnes, is 160 metres long and works to take it apart will take several weeks. To dismantle the girder safely at the South Embankment, works will take place 24/7 – Monday to Sunday - from Monday 16 September through to Friday 25 October 2024. A picture of the launching girder is below.



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

Monday 16 September to Friday 25 October 2024

Work will take place 24/7 – Monday to Sunday

What to expect

There will be some noise, such as the cutting of steel, associated with the work to take the launching girder apart, and a 160 tonne tall crane will be used as part of these works

What we will do

We will monitor noise on site, to ensure it does not go above consented levels and do all we can to minimise disruption.

Viaduct launching girder dismantling

Notification



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What will be taking place?

Once the final concrete segment is in place at the southern end of the viaduct, the launching girder will be moved backwards slightly onto a platform and will need to be jacked up and its main supports removed before being lowered onto concrete blocks. As this operation can be disrupted by wind, it will need to be held in place and to ensure it is rigid before the sections of the launching girder can be safely removed. The removal of each section will be done using a large crane weighing 160 tonnes and each section will take some days to remove safely each time.

Location of launching girder dismantling

The launching girder will be taken apart at the South Embankment site. Please see map below.



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

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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HS2 Community Engagement

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