

Installation of nesting bird islands at Broadwater Lake, Hillingdon

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Align JV are working in partnership with HS2 to build the Colne Valley viaduct.

What works will be taking place?

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.

Broadwater Lake is situated near the viaduct, and supports a large number of water birds, playing an important role in the wider landscape.

To encourage water bird nesting opportunities, we will be installing five new bird islands for terns, gulls and waterfowl at Broadwater Lake. These birds nest in poorly vegetated areas close to the edge of water, and adapt to artificial nesting areas such as floating rafts.

The gravel surface of the nesting bird islands will stop vegetation growth to create ideal conditions for chicks.

The nesting bird islands will comprise of three islands measuring three metres by six metres, and two islands of three metres by three metres, and will be made of a raft structure filled with a gravel surface, anti-predator fencing and terracotta/clay ridge tile. These will be secured to the bottom of the lake using anchors. They are situated so they don't impact sailing or wildlife on the lake.

For the construction we will access the lake via an existing track from Moorhall Road. We will then use a forklift to take and remove materials, as well as a tipper truck to move materials on site. This is subject to agreed access to use the track from Moorhall Road.

Once constructed, the islands will be towed into final position using an on-board engine boat.

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

Works will begin on 6 January 2025 to 19 January 2025, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm, Sunday 8am to 1pm, with one hour set up and pack down either side of these times

What to expect

These works are weather dependent, so dates may need to change

Broadwater Lake and the works access track from Moorhall Road will remain open to residents and businesses at all times

What we will do

Inform residents and businesses of any changes to upcoming works in the area and do all we can to minimise disruption and noise.

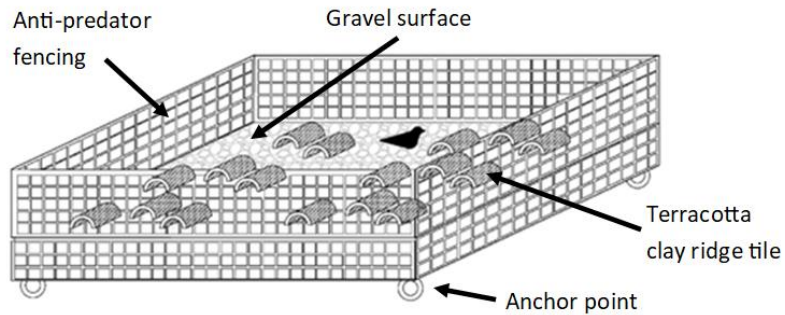
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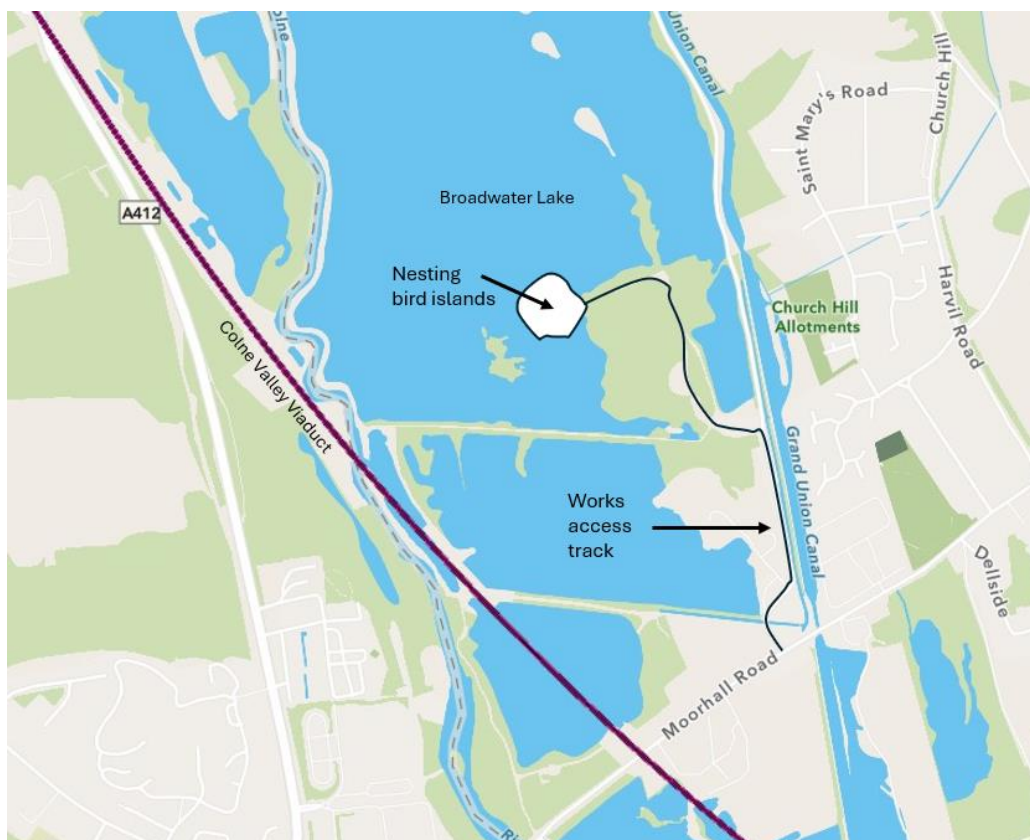


Nesting bird island illustration



Map

A map showing the location of the nesting bird islands within Broadwater Lake and works access track from Moorhall Road.



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/

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HS2 Community Engagement

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