



Leather Lane road closure, Great Missenden / The Lee, for vegetation removal

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This notice is to update you on a temporary road closure of Leather Lane, Great Missenden / The Lee to remove vegetation.

How will these works affect you?

Leather Lane will be temporarily closed to traffic 24/7 from 9.30am on Monday 27 January to Sunday 16 February, after which all traffic management will be removed. Traffic will be diverted via Potter Row, Frith Hill, and Aylesbury Road (A413) during the closure. Farm access will be maintained throughout the closure period.

What will we be doing?

As part of our preparation works we need to remove vegetation so we can build the railway. A small workforce will use large machinery and hand-held equipment to clear the necessary hedgerows and trees. Other works include canopy reduction, coppicing, limb removal to create monolithic trees used for wildlife habitat, and removing trees that cannot be saved due to fungi and storm damage.

What if you find protected species hibernating?

There have been extensive ecological and tree surveys undertaken for the areas identified for removal. Before any vegetation and trees are cleared the area will be thoroughly inspected by qualified ecologists. Any protected species found to be present will be recorded and no vegetation will be cleared until the species have left the site. This includes nesting birds.

What consents do we have to undertake this work?

The High-Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 includes Environmental Minimum requirements and a Code of Construction Practice which sets out how we undertake our construction activities. This includes managing existing ecology and explains how we will mitigate this during our construction.

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

From 9.30am on Monday 27 January to Sunday 16 February 2025

What to expect

- Road closure on Leather Lane
- Fully signed diversion route via Potter Row, Frith Hill South Heath Leg, and the A413
- Operatives visible and working in the area

What we will do

- Keep you updated if our plans change
- Inform local Parish Councils, village associations and residents

Maintain access to the farms from the western side of Leather Lane

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Notification



Why are you doing this work now?

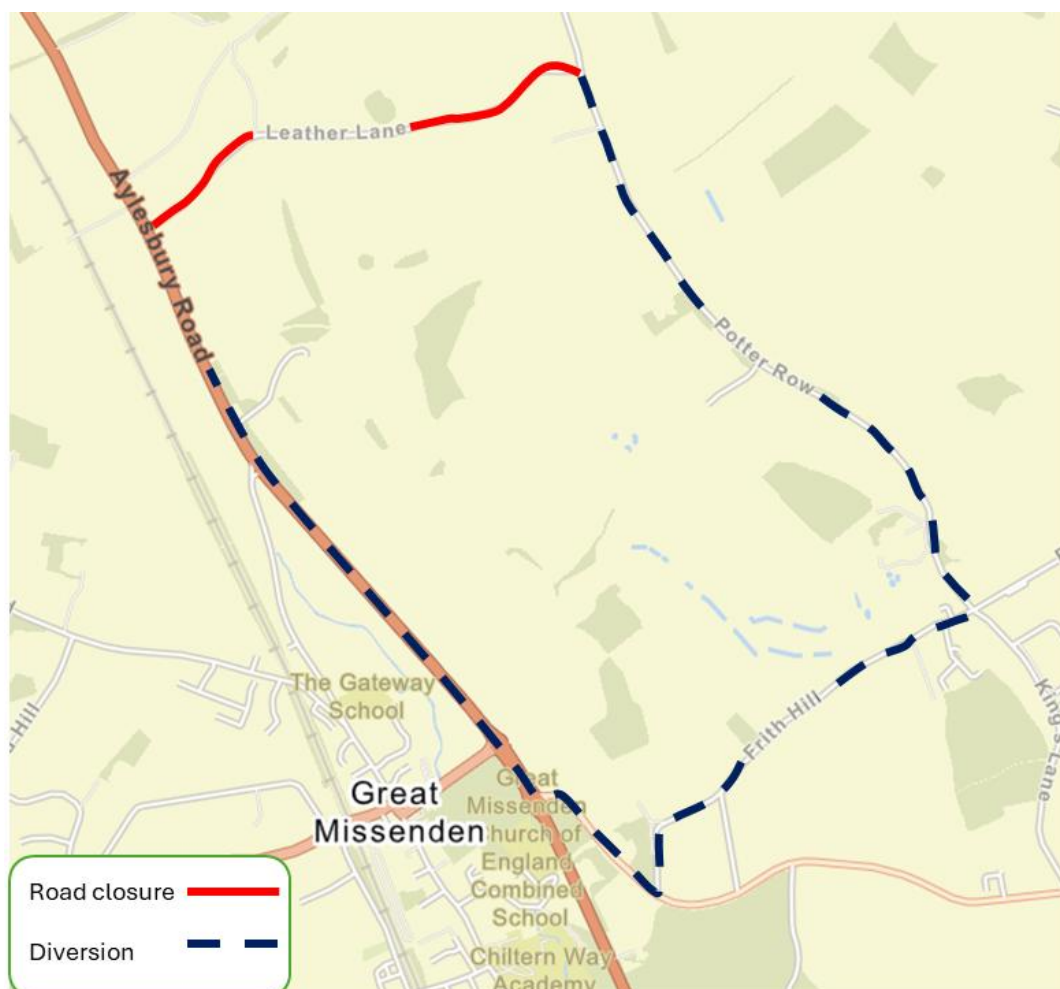
The ecology and vegetation need to be cleared now due to different ecology seasons. Leaving the vegetation in situ encourages wildlife to create a habitat that will need to be disturbed and relocated at a later date. To avoid this, works need to take place ahead of the main construction activities which will start later this year.

Who can we speak to about this if we have any questions?

We will be hosting two drop in events this month at Great Missenden Memorial Hall, Link Road, Great Missenden, HP16 9AE where you can visit us from 5pm to 7pm on:

- 15 January
- 29 January

Map of road closure and traffic diversion



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.

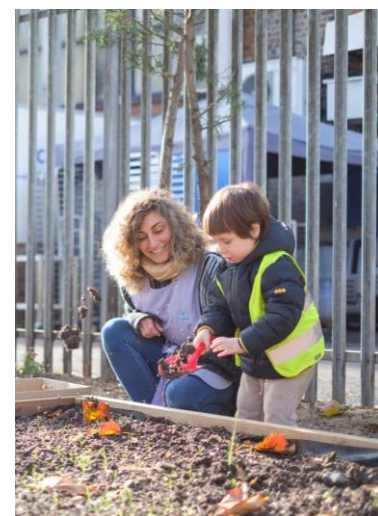
About our Community and Business Funds

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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 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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