

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

HS2 Update

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. In response to the Covid-19 virus we have worked hard to ensure that our working practices are fully aligned with the Site Operating Procedures produced by the Construction Leadership Council. We will be keeping our local website www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk up to date with information on our works, and the measures we have in place to maintain the safety of the community and our workforce.



Transplanting of sapling trees

What will be doing?

As part of our continuing works ahead of the construction of the railway we need to undertake some further work in your area. These works will consist of:

- Set up a site compound with traffic signage
- Fencing
- Ancient woodland translocation

Site compound

A site compound will be set up off Calvert Road Bridge to accommodate the works. The compound will be used for welfare vehicles, staff car parking and the site storage of machinery and materials for the workforce completing all the works. The site will be secured with 24/7 security and have temporary low-level lighting.

Access to the site will be off the A41, Gawcott Road and Werner Terrace. Temporary verge access signage will be installed on the highway verge approaching the entrance to the site along this route. These will be on standard signage A-Frames and secured with ballasted sandbags which will be placed on the roadside verges. These will be in place for the duration of the works.

Install boundary fencing

Temporary fencing will be erected around the site whilst we carry out the works. Deer proof fencing will be installed to protect the new woodland area.

Public rights of way

To undertake these works we will need to close 3 public rights of way. These are located at Sheephouse Wood, Decoypond Wood and Calvert landfill site. They will be diverted and signage will be visible around the area.

Duration of works

Works will take place end of October 2020 until March 2021

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads. Some noise from equipment used for the works. Site storage and welfare vehicles. Site operated with 24hour security and temporary flood lighting

What we will do

Manage any impacts, such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing or removing them



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Ancient woodland translocation

Ancient woodlands are extremely important for the environment,. Typically they are areas that have been continuously wooded since 1600 AD and provide complex and unique ecosystems.

The aim of ancient woodland translocation is to create a woodland that replicates as much as possible the characteristics of ancient woodland, acknowledging that it will never be possible to directly compensate for ancient woodland loss.

Suitable receptor sites have been chosen to allow this. We are working with a team of experienced habitat translocation contractors to ensure that protected species, deadwood habitats and the unique flora associated with these environments are translocated successfully.

A feasibility study has been undertaken which is informed by site surveys carried out by experienced woodland surveyors. During this process the team has identified woodland items such as deadwood, coppice stools and saplings that are to be translocated to the new site. Soil has been collected for seed bank trials in nursery conditions. The site is now to be cleared of trees and vegetation and the pre-identified key woodland items are to be translocated. Soil is then excavated and transferred to the receptor site. The new site will then be monitored and managed.

The work is undertaken by a European protected species translocation subcontractor and is completed in compliance with notifications and licences with The Woodland Trust and Natural England.

The works in your area are due to take place during the autumn 2020

Top right image Coppice stools excavated and ready for transfer to donor site

Bottom right image Woodland soil excavated and being transferred via tracked dumper to the receptor site



Transplanting coppice stools



Transfer of woodland soils to the new receptor site

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


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www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

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