

# Notice of trial trench evaluation works

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are continually reviewing the works on our construction sites in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with COVID-19. The Government's current strategy makes it clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance.

Please be assured that only sites that can operate within the guidelines are operational. All sites will remain under constant review. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement events and meetings and have put in place a number of channels to communicate with communities, such as letters and phone calls, as well as updates and alerts from each of the local community websites. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk)

As part of our continued programme of surveying works we have carried out geophysical surveys to identify areas of possible archaeological interest. The next steps of our investigation work will involve excavating trenches and recording any finds.

## When will these works take place?

These works will start early August 2020 and will be completed by December 2020. There are two sites where these trial trenching evaluation works will take place. The larger site lies south east of Lower Boddington and the second site is located to the west of Aston Le Walls. Signage will be in place on Appletree Lane and Claydon Road to indicate access entrances. Please see the map enclosed for more information.

## What will we be doing?

We will begin archaeological investigations in the areas shown on the map. These works will enable a greater understanding of significant archaeology in the area. This will require the excavation of a number of trial trenches. Once the work is complete, the trenches will be backfilled once evaluation has taken place. To facilitate this work we need to construct a small compound on each site.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

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### Duration of works

The works will start early August 2020 and will be complete by December 2020.

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm.

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's quite start-up and shutdown outside of these times.

### What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Noise from the equipment used for the works.

Site operated with 24 hr security and temporary flood lighting.

Site storage and welfare vehicle.

### What we will do

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

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## What will we be doing? (continued)

Once built each compound will include temporary trackway, welfare facilities alongside storage of machinery and materials. Car parking and 24-hour security with temporary flood lighting will also be in place. Please see the map enclosed for site and compound locations.

This work will be carried out by MOLA Headland Infrastructure, archaeology subcontractor for Fusion. There will be approximately 20 staff working across both sites, 12 working on the Lower Boddington site and 8 staff on the west of Aston Le Walls area. The investigations will be done by teams using a mechanical excavator. There will be a maximum of two teams on site and a small number of supervision staff visiting site to ensure the work is progressing to plan and is carried out safely.

## How may this affect you?

We will be working hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and all our future works. There will be approximately 8 vehicles a day needed to mobilise the site, which may take up to 4 days. A similar amount of time and vehicles will be required to demobilise the site once work has been completed. The rest of the associated traffic will mostly comprise of contractors going to and from site.

There may be some noise from the machinery. All machinery will be restricted to running between the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

For this stage of works we will not be closing any Public Rights of Way, but we will need to occasionally cross over them with machinery to access working areas. To ensure this happens safely we will have marshals in place who will suspend pedestrian access temporarily while the machinery passes through.

Traffic management will be required in order to safely access both sites, this will include warning signage around the access entrance and may involve temporary obstructions for a maximum of 15 minutes whilst vehicles are turning into the site.

For further updates about these works and HS2 in general, please visit [www.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk) where you can sign up to news alerts.

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Location of trial trench evaluation works shown shaded



# 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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2)

## Holding us to account

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## Contact Us

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 Freephone **08081 434 434**

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 Email **[hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

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