



Notice of vegetation clearance works

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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 and in line with Government and Public Health England advice. 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. 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.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk

What will we be doing?

Ahead of the main works construction of the railway, the existing Calvert Road rail overbridge requires demolishing and then rebuilding. This bridge contains a number of existing utility services that require diverting under the HS2 railway. Before the main construction works begins, we need to clear an area of vegetation between Brackley Lane and the existing railway. This involves the removal of immature willows and scrubland. We will also be carrying out vegetation maintenance works to the area that has previously been cleared.

This work is needed to enable us to gain access in preparation for future utility diversion works in 2021. The vegetation will be removed by arboricultural teams using machinery. As some of the vegetation is adjacent to the public road, temporary traffic signals will be in place during off peak hours only to undertake the work safely. These hours will be between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

We are planning to undertake this additional clearance now prior to the nesting season and in order to conclude our remaining ground surveys.

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

The works will start from 7 December 2020 until the 11 December 2020

Normal working hours:
Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's quiet start up and shut down outside of these times.

What to expect

Temporary traffic signals will be in place during off peak hours 09.30am and 3.30pm

Access to Brackley Lane will be gained from Calvert Road.

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Noise from the equipment used for the works.

What we will do

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

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Why has the utility diversion design changed and what has driven the change?

The vertical alignment depth of the HS2 line has been reduced since the initial design for the utility undertrack crossings. This has subsequently meant changes to the diversion works for the utilities currently located in the Calvert Road rail overbridge deck.

These changes have resulted in the opportunity to now undertake the majority of the drilling works from the opposite side of the railway, drilling towards Brackley Lane.

Initially the utilities are being diverted temporarily to the south beneath the railway lines through a technique called directional drilling.

Working with the utility companies and in consideration of the reduced cutting depth and concrete batching plant requirements this has led to design changes. Our design being influenced by the Anglian Water feed and also the Western Power substation connection for the batching plant. These changes have required the utility company easements and alignments to change.

What are the benefits to the new designs?

The original design produced had the entrance pit rig for the horizontal directional drilling located on Brackley Lane meaning more impact on the community through noise, vibration, dust and traffic movements. However, through design development, this has meant the entrance pit has now moved to Calvert Road with the receiving pits located alongside Brackley Lane.

Why did we clear the original area?

The original area cleared in 2019 is still required for the utility diversion works along with additional land which is within the HS2 boundary. The initial clearance helped to inform the design through further ground investigation access. The November 2020 clearance area is for the second reception pit and the areas required for the utility diversion trench routing next year.

Does the work interfere with the Public right of way?

Currently the public right of way along side Calvert landfill site is closed and will remain closed during these works due to other works we are currently undertaking in the area.

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Location of temporary traffic lights and area of clearance works



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Keeping you informed

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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

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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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Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

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 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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