

Turweston Manor and A43 road lane closure - Update

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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.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk / www.hs2northants.commonplace.is

What will we 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. We previously informed you about these works in September 2020 but due to unforeseen circumstances they have been rescheduled to begin in February 2021. These works will consist of:

- Installation of boundary fencing
- Routine maintenance works
- Archaeology works
- Ecological works- hedgerow removal
- Bailey bridge installation

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 in February 2021 and will be completed by May 2021

Normal working hours
Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am - 1pm

What to expect

Night-time weekday single lane closures on the two lanes A43 between 8pm and 6am

Some additional traffic on local roads and noise from equipment. Site storage and welfare vehicles. Site operated with 24-hour 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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A43 night time lane closure

To complete the archaeology trial trenching and fencing works in this area we need to use construction machinery and also cross the River Great Ouse by installing a temporary bailey bridge. Due to the size of the equipment required and no alternative suitable access road available we will need to access the north of the site from the A43. This will require a night-time single lane closure to enable us to carry this out safely and with minimal disruption to users of the highway.

The night-time lane closures will take place between 20:00 and 06:00 from:

- Monday 15 February 2021 until Friday 19 February 2021
- Monday 02 March 2021 until Friday 06 March 2021
- Monday 15 March 2021 until Friday 26 March 2021
- Monday 19 April 2021 until Friday 30 April 2021

The following closures below will be identified by roadside signage and cones on the highway.

Once the closures are in place, we will bring construction equipment and materials to site and once works are completed, we will remove again using a lane closure. Construction operations will all take place during the day. The night operations are for localised delivery and removal only. Subsequent further distribution will be undertaken by day into the work area.

Installation of a Bailey bridge

To complete the fencing and archaeology trial trenching we may need to cross the River Ouse. To enable us to carry this out we will need to install a Bailey bridge which will give access to all the work areas.

Please see the image included in this notification as an example of a bailey bridge.

Installation of boundary fencing and Public Rights of Way

Our fencing works will begin in February 2021 and will be completed by the end of May 2021. 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.

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Archaeology trial trenching

Archaeological investigation trial trenching work will be undertaken to give us a greater understanding of any archaeology that may be in your area. The next phase of work will begin in February 2021 until the end of April 2021. The trial trenches will be back filled once the works have been completed. We will keep you updated on any further investigative works required.

Access to the archaeology site will also be from the A422 compound, where we will cross the road and continue track matting past the former Ballabeg stables. Access will then continue to the archaeology work site work near to Versions Farm.

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

Please see map enclosed.

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Bailey bridge

Example of a Bailey bridge



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Location of archaeological works and access to 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

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

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

Contact Us

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

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

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

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk**

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