

Notice of archaeology mitigation work and night time lane closures, A43 southbound

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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. Further to the Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed we are now beginning to plan for future face-to-face engagement events and meetings. Whilst we continue to move forward, we will continue to communicate with communities via letters, online meetings and phone calls. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area

What will we be doing?

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

- Archaeology mitigation
- Southbound lane closure overnight on A43

Archaeology mitigation

As part of our continued programme of archaeological works in the local area, we have previously carried out non-intrusive geophysical surveys and trial trenching to identify areas of possible archaeological interest. Following on from the results of these surveys we are currently carrying out our next steps of our archaeological investigation work, this involves further excavation and recording any finds.

The digging and investigations are carried out by our archaeology subcontractor with supervision staff visiting the site to ensure the works are progressing safely. Once the work is complete, the area will be backfilled.

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

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Duration of works

The A43 southbound overnight lane closures will take place between November 2021 and December 2021

Archaeology works are planned to be completed by December 2021

What to expect

Night-time weekday single lane closures on the 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 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 southbound lane overnight closures - 8pm and 6am

To complete the archaeology investigation in the area to the south of the A43, we need to use large plant machinery. Due to the size of the equipment required and no alternative suitable access roads available, we will need to access 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 A43 southbound will operate under single lane operation at this time.

The Whitfield village junction of The Avenue and the A43 will remain open during the lane closures for access.

The weeknight lane closures, will be on the southbound A43, as you approach the Brackley BP roundabout.

The weeknight lane closures will take place:

Monday 1 November to Thursday 9 December 2021, between 8pm and 6am.

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

- 01/11/21- 04/11/21 – 3 successive nights
- 08/11/21- 10/11/21- 2 successive nights
- 16/11/21- 18/11/21 – 2 successive nights
- 06/12/21- 09/12/21 – 3 successive nights

Once the closures are in place, we will bring construction equipment and materials to site. Once works are completed, we will also use the lane closure to remove the equipment.

The night operations are for localised delivery and removal works only.

The archaeological investigation works will be undertaken during normal working hours.

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Location of lane closure and archaeology mitigation



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

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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:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

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

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

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

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