

Notice of ground investigation works

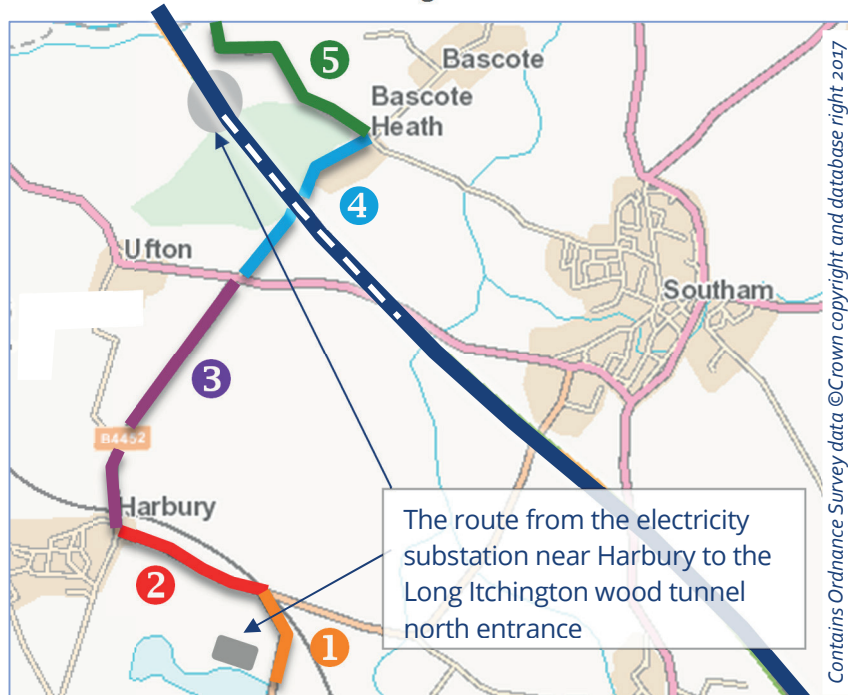


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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain which will provide a vital transport link for the country. Initial works on Phase One of HS2, from London to the West Midlands, have now started. These early works are carried out by LM – a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons.

We will be in your area to carry out ground investigation works. These surveys will allow us to identify utilities located in the road in advance of an underground power line that will be laid next year. The power supply is required for the tunnel boring machine (TBM) and the construction of the tunnel at Long Itchington wood.

The works will be carried out in 5 phases (see map below). The **first phase** will be from the electricity substation near Harbury on the B4551 between Bishop's Itchington and the junction of the B4552 at Deppers Bridge. The road will be closed for up to two weeks. An agreed and clearly signed local diversion will be in place. Access will be maintained for all households along the route.



If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Duration of works

Phase 1 from 21st November for up to 2 weeks. Each phase is expected to take up to 2 weeks to complete.

Daytime working hours from 8.00am to 5.00pm.

Our contractors may also be on site for up to one hour beforehand to set up the works.

What to expect

Some noise from on-site machinery during working hours.

Disruption to traffic. A diversion will be in place during these works.

Maintained access to properties and pedestrians along the route.

What we will do

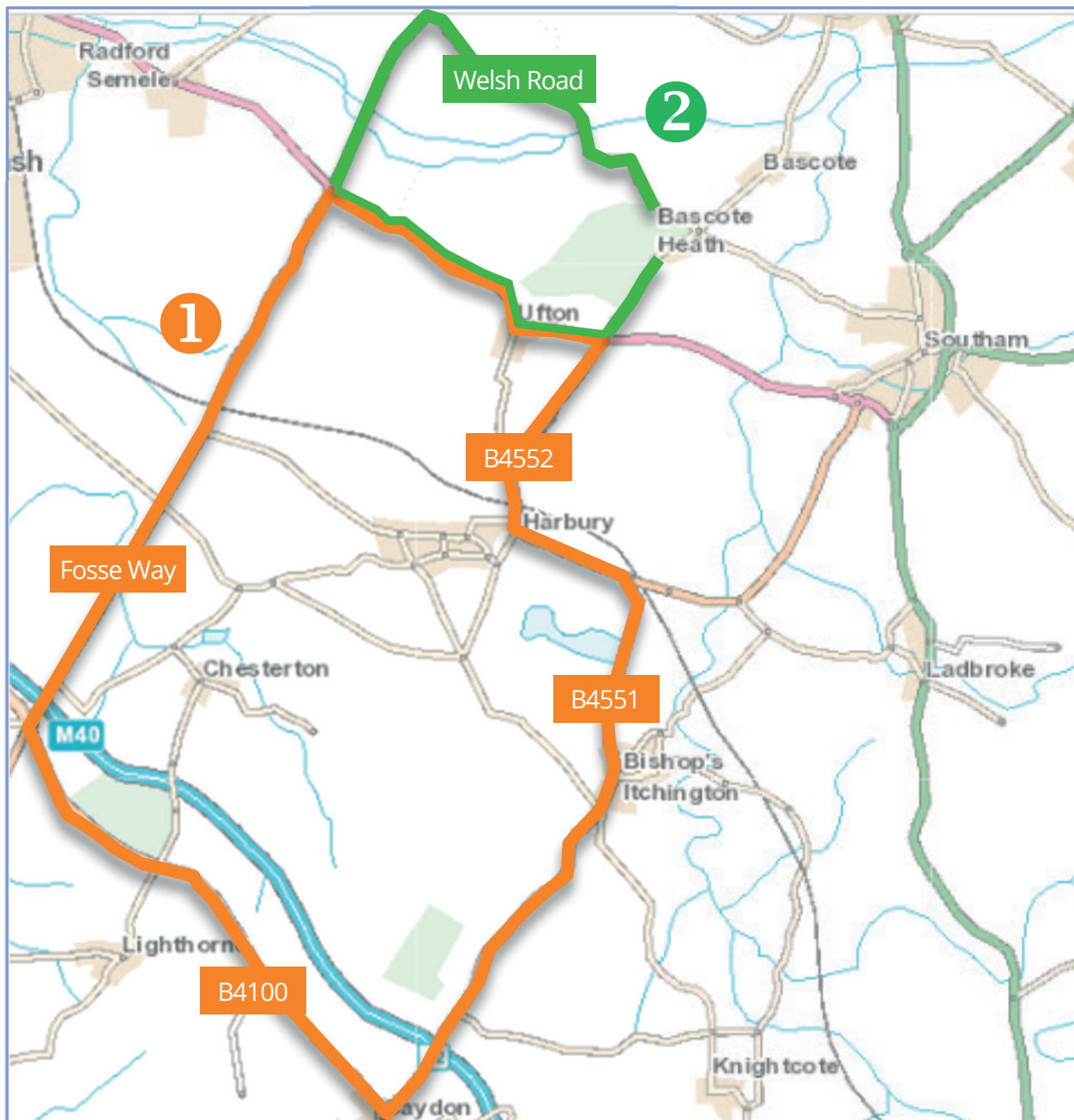
Inform you in advance of any changes.

Keep all sites safe and secure.



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Diversion Routes

Two diversion routes have been agreed as part of traffic management over the five phases:

- ① The diversion route for the first three phases takes traffic along the Leamington Road, Fosse Way and along the B4100 to the B4551.
- ② The diversion route for the final 2 phases which are expected to begin after Christmas, takes traffic along Welsh Road, Fosse Way and along the Leamington Road to the B4552.

The diversion routes are approved by Warwickshire County Council.

Parents and guardians of school children will be notified directly of any changes to school bus services in the area. The County Council will also provide updates about all public bus diversions via twitter with additional notices on any affected bus stops.

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FAQ

Q: Why is it necessary to take power from the electricity substation south of Harbury?

A: A twin bore tunnel will be constructed beneath Long Itchington wood as part of the main construction works. We need to provide a power supply for the tunnel boring machine (TBM), from the electricity substation near Harbury, to the north entrance of the tunnel near Ufton. This is the nearest power source with the required capacity for the TBM.

Q: Why are you carrying out trial hole surveys?

A: Trial holes are being carried out to confirm the route is suitable by identifying where utility services are, such as water supplies or power lines, to avoid any diversions or disruptions to the route during the construction phase.

Q: Why does the power supply have to be laid underground?

A: The power supply is laid underground as this is a safe and efficient method.

Q: Why can't a power supply be laid in a more direct route i.e. across fields rather than along the road?

A: This would be outside the limits of the parliamentary act which governs our approach to construction.

Q: What happens once the tunnel is complete? Will the power lines be removed?

A: The power supply will be handed over to Western Power Distribution (WPD) once the installation is complete. WPD will then decide how the power supply could be utilised upon completion of the tunnel.

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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

Contact us

If you have any questions about this newsletter, please get in touch.

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