



Update notice of archaeological excavations near Southam

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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.hs2inwarwickshire.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.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk

When will we be doing this work?

We have already undertaken extensive archaeological trial trench works to the west and south of Southam. Along with the results from the geophysical surveys conducted over a year ago, there are sites which will require further excavation to document archaeology in this area. These excavations started in early February 2021 and will continue until June 2021.

There will be two temporary compounds set up to facilitate the works. These will contain track matting, lighting, Heras fencing and security. The compound for the first stage of mitigation will be based west of Southam on the southern side of Leamington Road. The second will be set up west of Station Road, south of Southam. Please see the enclosed map for details.

Following the earlier notice of works we have updated our plans and have increased the number of areas being excavated. We are now excavating five areas in total. The additional areas will begin on 29 March 2021. Please see revised map for excavation areas.

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 started in early February 2021 and will continue to June 2021.

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm. Saturday 8am – 1pm.

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

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Some noise from the equipment used for the works.

Site operated with 24hr security and temporary lighting. Site storage and welfare.

What we will do

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

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Archaeological mitigation

The mitigation/excavation works will include stripping topsoil with an excavator and hand digging across a section of the original site.

The first excavation took place in February 2021, and archaeologists will now move onto the second tranche of sites between Kineton and Banbury Road week beginning 29 March 2021.

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. You may notice a little extra traffic on the road immediately around the sites with workers moving to and from the site, and occasional delivery vehicles. 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, with a quiet set up and break down an hour before and after these times. If we require to work on a Saturday working hours will be between 8am and 1pm. There will be a quiet set up and break down hour either side of working hours.

No public rights of way will be closed in association with these works. All vehicles joining the highway will be cleaned to avoid mud being transferred to the road surface.

To establish access to the site, existing temporary verge signage will be used. Please see the map enclosed for a diagram of the site location and access points.

For further updates about these works and HS2 in general, please visit www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk where you can sign up to news alerts.

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Location of Southam mitigation (excavation) sites



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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

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**

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www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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