

# Notice of trial trenching evaluation works

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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.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk). As part of HS2's continued programme of surveying works in your local area we have already carried out geophysical surveys to identify areas of possible archaeological interest. The next steps of our archaeological investigation work will involve excavating trenches and recording any finds.

## When will these works take place?

These works will start early May 2020 and will be completed by the end of July 2020.

The site is bisected north-south by the A361 Byfield road. Access will be off the A361 as shown on the plan on page 3.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

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### Duration of works

The works will start early May 2020 until the end of July 2020.

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm.

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

### What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Noise from the equipment used for the works.

Site manned with 24hr security and temporary flood lighting.

Site storage and welfare vehicle.

### What we will do

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

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## What will we be doing?

We will begin archaeological investigations in the Chipping Warden area shown on the map. These works enable a greater understanding of significant archaeology in the area. This will require the excavation of a number of trial trenches. Once the work is completed, the trenches will be backfilled.

It is anticipated that the works shall be progressed over a period of 10 weeks, although this can be subject to change based on the findings.

These works will be carried out by Connect Archaeology, whereby the digging and investigations will be done by teams inclusive of mechanical tracked excavators.

Currently there are 2 teams planned to undertake the works in Chipping Warden. Furthermore, supervision will be on site to ensure safety of working personnel.

## 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.

There may be occasional weekend working subject to local authority consent.

For further updates about these works and HS2 in general, please visit <https://hs2innorthants.commonplace.is/> where you can sign up to news alerts.

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## Location of trial trenching works



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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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at:

[residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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**

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 Email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)



Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit:

[www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk)

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