

# Notice of ecological woodland planting at Threshing Barn

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## Notification



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)

### What will we be doing?

We will be undertaking ecological planting at the Threshing Barn site, off Culworth Road near Chipping Warden. The planting will comprise of hedgerow and woodland planting as well as boundary fencing to section off the new planting area. Works will commence early March 2021 and be completed over spring 2021.

Please see the map enclosed for the site location.

### Welfare facilities

There will not be a permanent compound near this site. Instead, a welfare van will be present and will park adjacent to the site when work is taking place. A small temporary laydown area for materials and parking will be used.

**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)**

### Duration of works

The works will start early-March and continue until Spring 2021.

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm.

Saturday 8am to 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.

Welfare vehicle for contractors parked adjacent to the site.

### What we will do

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

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## Mitigation planting

The mitigation planting area, once complete, will help us to achieve a net no biodiversity loss across the line of the route. The area will contain over 170 plants covering an area of 500m<sup>2</sup> which is the equivalent of approximately 1.5 full size tennis courts.

We are planting a native mix of hedges, trees and wild meadow species. The planting mix includes:

- Field Maple
- English Oak
- Wych Elm
- Hawthorn
- Blackthorn

These species have been chosen as they are native species to the area. The size of the individual trees planted will be between 60-80cm in height. Planting at this height and in this season gives the plants the best chance of prospering in their new habitat. All planting designs will be planted subject to availability and approvals.

## 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 which will be restricted to running between the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

No public rights of way will be closed in association with these works.

To establish access to the site, existing temporary verge signage will be used.

We will control the site access to avoid mud being deposited on the highway.

For further updates about these works and HS2 in general, please visit [www.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk) where you can sign up to news alerts.

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Location of Threshing Barn woodland planting site



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

# 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**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 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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