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HS2 Update

Quainton Area | February 2022

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are following Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on working safely during the pandemic. As we increase face to face engagement, in addition to virtual engagement, we will ensure all events and meetings adhere to the guidelines. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we work within is our priority. If you have any questions about this, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more. We will be keeping our local website www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk up to date with information on our works in the local area.

Update on our continuing works

This newsletter update is to provide you with information about works you will see taking place in Quainton and surrounding areas, including:

- Station Road Compound and Site Access Road
- Snakes Lane Utility works
- Footpath closures between Quainton and Calvert

We want to hear from you

We are trialling a short survey. We've previously had a high volume of feedback from your area, and we wish to hear your thoughts too.

Please scan the QR code using your smart phone or type <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EKFBEngagementSurvey/> into your browser to fill in the survey.



Join us ...

In line with current Government guidelines, we are gradually reintroducing face to face events and engagement. The safety of our communities, stakeholders and staff remains a priority and we will ensure all events and engagement activities are Covid safe.

Please contact the HS2 Helpdesk or visit hs2.org.uk/events for more information on events in your area.

Update on works

Station Road Compound

We have a site in the local area called Station Road Compound. We use this facility to support our work across the area.



Our main construction compounds will act as strategic hubs for core project management activities such as: engineering, planning and construction delivery as well as for office-based construction personnel. They will include offices, storage for materials (such as aggregates, structural steel, steel reinforcement) and maintenance and parking facilities (for site plant, lorries and staff cars), together with the main welfare facilities for construction personnel.

Our compound sites are regularly reviewed and inspected for issues relating to lighting, noise and cleanliness.

Station Road, Break from Highway

In the Summer, we will be constructing an access point from the public highway on Station Road. Our works will involve locating utilities below ground and installing concrete protection slabs to protect the road. We will also be carrying out earthworks activities and constructing our internal haul and access road.

We need to create this break from highway to allow our vehicles to access our internal construction road network from one side of Station Road to the other, reducing our impact on the local community.



The above image is of our site in Calvert, taking HGV's off the local road network and moving material by rail, 2021.



Station Road Compound and Site Access Road, September 2022.

Utility works

Along Snakes Lane, near Quainton, we will be carrying out some utility diversion works. These works are expected to commence in the Spring.

In order to carry out these diversions, there will be a closure of Snakes Lane. Access for residents and staff living and working along the lane will be maintained at all times. We will continue to update communities when further information becomes available.



Public Rights of Way

HS2 works will sometimes result in temporary changes to public rights of way (including footpaths and bridleways) and cycleways.

For reasons of safety, several footpaths crossing existing railway lines between Calvert and Quainton have been closed. This is to allow our works to continue along these disused railway lines.

We will do our best to keep you as up to date as possible. Further details of the Public Rights of Way which have been affected can be found on our website www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

Mobile Visitor Centre

In 2022, you can expect to see our new mobile visitor centre visiting a local village near you! This specialised vehicle will enable us to increase the reach and visibility of our local engagement team, while giving communities a safe, comfortable space where they can find out more about the HS2 project and the work EKFB do. Through providing regular opportunities for you to talk to us face-to-face as well as meet your local community teams, we will continue to engage, listen and learn from our communities to ensure they feel supported and heard.

Prior to visiting your area, your local engagement manager will send out updates letting communities know where and when they will be visiting with our mobile visitor centre. If you have any suggested locations for us to visit, please let us know through the HS2 Helpdesk.



Internal access road

During our main works, we will be using internal haul and access roads for our construction traffic, reducing the amount of construction traffic on the local highways.

The internal access road will cross Station Road, between Station Road Bridge and the crossroads South West of the bridge.

The image below is an example of a plant crossing area controlled with barriers and lights to enable safe passage across the public highway. The lights will remain on Green to public traffic unless construction traffic is approaching.

Illustrative example



Social Value

Looking ahead into 2022, we are excited to expand our engagement with local schools along the route of HS2. Some of our activities include; apprenticeships, attendance at career events up and down the country, mentoring schemes and work experience programmes.

At peak construction we'll need 30,000 people and 2,000 apprentices to design and build HS2. Our Education Programme is vital to leaving a skills legacy from building and designing the new railway.

For further information about the HS2 Educational programme please visit our website, www.hs2.org.uk.

Keep up to date with our works

We're moving your local website within the HS2 website

This summer we will be moving the contents of [HS2inbucksandbox.co.uk](https://www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk) over to the 'In your area' section of the main HS2 website [HS2.org.uk/in-your-area](https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area). We are also changing the way that we issue email updates about the project and giving you more choice about how you would like to receive information from us.

We have published local community landing pages for each section of the route between London, the West Midlands and Crewe. These provide information about HS2 within each area. Over the coming weeks we will be adding further pages and information to each area. We are aiming to complete this exercise in July this year.

You can continue visiting [HS2inbucksandbox.co.uk](https://www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk) for all information about our works in your area.

We're asking you to sign up for notifications to continue to receive updates from HS2

As part of the move, we will stop issuing email updates via Commonplace. We will continue to produce regular email updates about the project, including notifications of our upcoming works, how it's being constructed and what we're doing to make it less disruptive. If you are signed up to receive updates from us or would like to, we are asking that you sign up to receive information from HS2 directly.

If you would like to continue to receive updates from HS2 you can sign up for email notifications at [engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list](https://www.engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list).

Frequently Asked Questions

Some of our most commonly asked questions in your area

Q: I'm concerned about mud on my local roads from your construction sites.

A: We have washdown points in place, wheel washers where appropriate, and track matting or hard surfacing to prevent mud on public roads from EKFB vehicles. Road sweeping and jet washing is in place where issues may arise. We also audit our compounds to ensure compliance.

Q: Why are your worksites lit up at night?

A: We have 24/7 security at our construction sites and therefore we need appropriate lighting for the safety and welfare of our security staff. Where possible we switch off the majority of lights overnight and we ensure all lighting is correctly positioned and monitored in line with HS2's Code of Construction Practice.

Q: I've witnessed traffic lights being set up earlier than the times advertised, is this standard practice?

A: There may be a short duration outside of the advertised times to allow for our traffic management crews to set-up or take-down road signage and traffic equipment. Traffic equipment may also remain in place, switched off, on the roadside when lane or road closures are not operational to allow for reduced set up time and minimise delays.

Community Investment

Throughout September, our five delivery teams within EKFB participated in a 'Race the Trace' which saw teams "race" the length of the HS2 trace that EKFB are delivering.

The Calvert Team won the overall challenge and raised the most money, over £1500 was donated to the local charity, Alec's Angels! Together all five teams helped to raise a staggering £6073 for local charities up and down the trace.

We are keen to support with volunteering and fundraising work for local charities.

If you would like to know more then please contact the HS2 Helpdesk.



Biodiversity and wildlife

HS2 continues to undertake one of the largest ecological surveys in the UK. Some of the UK's most experienced and leading ecological consultants are working with us, and our work is supported with technical input and advice from specialist ecologists, including recognised experts on species such as barn owls.

To avoid the risk of potential disturbance to breeding barn owls during construction, HS2 are installing temporary nest sites outside the area of risk and closing off potential nest sites where disturbance to barn owls may occur. Before the line becomes operational and to maintain the breeding population, HS2 are creating up to 240 new artificial nest sites at least 3km from the railway.

To date, 135 temporary nesting sites, such as the one shown in the image to the right, have been installed.



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

Helping us improve


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

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 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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