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HS2 Update

Calvert North 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 around Calvert, Charndon, Steeple Claydon and Edgcott, including:

- West Street Compound
- Addison Road Bridge
- School Hill Site Access Road
- Public footpaths South of 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 ...

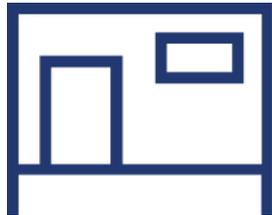
In line with current Government guidelines, we are gradually reintroducing face to face events and engagement. The safety of our communities, stakeholders and staff remains a priority and we will ensure all events and engagement activities are Covid safe.

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

Update on works

West Street Compound

West Street is our Main compound located between Calvert Green and Steeple Claydon. This is the area includes the HS2/East West Rail crossover interface.



We use this facility to support our work across the area. The compound acts as a strategic hub for core project management activities such as:

engineering, planning and construction delivery as well as for office-based construction personnel. It includes offices, storage for materials (such as aggregates, structural steel, steel reinforcement) and maintenance and welfare facilities.

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

Site Access Road, School Hill Compound

As part of our continued preparation works, we are constructing a crossing point at our School Hill Compound on Werner Terrace. Our works will involve installing concrete protection slabs to protect the road and any utilities underneath it. We will also be carrying out earthworks activities, while we continue to construct our internal haul and access road.

We need to create a crossing point at School Hill Compound to allow our vehicles to access our internal construction road network from one side of Werner Terrace to the other, removing a significant number of HS2 construction vehicles from the local road network and reducing our impact on the local community.



School Hill Compound and Calvert Green, September 2021.

Addison Road Bridge

Construction work on the Addison Road Bridge temporary diversion is on schedule to be complete in June 2022.

We understand the impact Addison Road bridge's closure has brought to the local community, and we are doing everything in our power to ensure these works are completed on time to allow the public to use this road again safely.



Pictured above, Addison Road Bridge, Steeple Claydon, February 2022.



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 Spring 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.



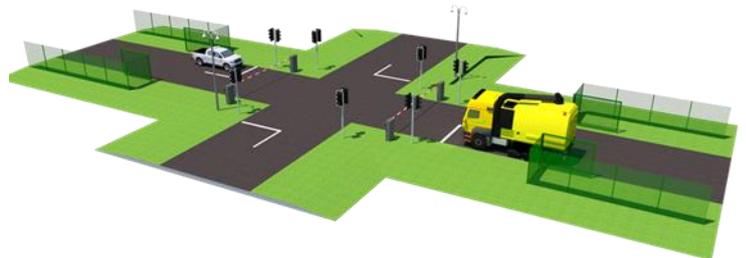
Internal access road

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 the road at School Hill compound located East of Calvert Green.

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 below.



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

Alongside H W Martin, we have been supporting the village's Allotment Society to rejuvenate over 2000m² of its existing allotment space by clearing brambles and hedgerow to make way for approximately 11 new half plots. These newly created allotments will benefit local families and green finger enthusiasts alike and offer local people the opportunity to not only 'grow your own', but to also spend more time outdoors.



EKFB engineers, Stefan Young and Ibrahim Arshad, were pleased to hand over the area to Society representatives, Paul and Ivor. Paul commented on the work carried out, saying:

"Thank you to EKFB and H W Martin for providing us with some much-needed support. With many families and local people on the waiting list, I'm delighted to be in a position to open up the gates for new members to start enjoying this area over the next few weeks. Without the support of EKFB and H W Martin, clearing this space would have taken the Society much longer, and with limited resources, the space wouldn't have been ready for our new members."

EKFB's Social Value and Legacy Manager, Elena Gonzalez, commented on the project work, saying: *"Steeple Claydon is close to our works and I'm delighted that we've been able to offer our neighbours a lending hand in this project."*

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 above, 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

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:

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website www.hs2.org.uk

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