

Notice of upcoming footpath closure near Rookery Lane, Hints

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Cadent is currently moving an existing gas pipeline near Rookery Lane, west of Hints, to facilitate HS2's construction and to continue to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply. We expect our work to be completed by the end of 2021.

What are we doing?

Since April 2021, we've been working to move an existing pipeline in land north of Rookery Lane, Hints. We will now be carrying out routine testing on the relocated pipeline. To be able to do this safely, we need to close and divert a footpath that crosses our site for up to two days.

From **25 August 2021**, the footpath running through our works site south of Hints, named PRoW13, will be closed and the route diverted (see map overleaf). The closure and associated diversion will remain in place at all times and will reopen on **27 August 2021**, when our testing is complete. In advance of this happening, we will put signs in place to make sure everyone is aware. We have also notified Staffordshire County Council.

All our activities will take place within the existing site and we'll continue using our access off Rock Hill/Watling Street.

How will this affect you?

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the footpath diversion. The diversion needs to remain in place outside of usual working hours, so we can carry out the test safely.

No construction activity will take place outside of usual working hours, but a small number of workers will be on-site throughout the testing to monitor activity.

COVID-19

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 COVID-19 strategy makes clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we affect is our key priority. Please be assured that those sites that are currently still working are doing so because they can operate within PHE and construction industry guidelines.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk



Duration of closure

- From **25 August 2021** until **27 August 2021**
- The footpath will be diverted for the entirety of this time
- Our core working hours will be 8.00am to 6.00pm (Mon-Fri) and 8.00am to 1.00pm (Sat) (excluding workers on-site during testing)
- We will be on-site one hour either side of these times for set-up and close-down

What to expect

- Standard construction equipment used during normal HS2 working hours.
- 24-hour security on site
- Utility supplies in the area will not be affected by these works

What we will do

- Inform you as our work progresses
- Make sure there is minimal disruption to local people
- Maintain a safe working environment

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Notification



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Location of pipeline diversion works and footpath closure



What else is happening in your area?

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About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between Birmingham and the West Midlands, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



About our Commonplace websites

The planning and construction of HS2 is a huge operation – it is currently the largest infrastructure project in Europe.

It's important to us that you are kept up to date about the progress of the Project and any work that may impact you or your community. We have a series of community-focused websites where you can find out what is happening in your local area and sign up for updates about our activities.

Our Commonplace sites currently serve Birmingham, Bucks and Oxfordshire, Cheshire, Euston and Camden, Hertfordshire, Hillingdon, Northamptonshire, Old Oak, Solihull, Staffordshire and Warwickshire. More sites are being prepared to serve other areas.

To find your local Commonplace website, visit:
<https://hs2.commonplace.is/>

For further information about Phase 2a and Phase 2b, visit :
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited>



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 via the helpline. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Helpdesk reference: HS2-MW-OTH-Ph1-Ar-No-N2-Traf-23-08/11/2021

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.hs2.commonplace.is**

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