

Notice of pipeline diversion works near Rookery Lane, Hints

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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 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.

To allow for the construction of the new railway and to continue to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply, Cadent will be moving an underground gas pipeline that runs near Rookery Lane, west of Hints. We expect to complete all our work by the end of 2021.

What are we doing?

Before we start the main work to move the pipeline, we need to carry out some preparation works on Land north of Rookery lane. We will be carrying out preparation works for around three weeks from the beginning of March 2021. The works involve:

- **Removal of some vegetation on land north of Rookery Lane.** Appropriate ecological surveys will be undertaken before any vegetation clearance. Our ecologist will be present throughout the activity to ensure there is no disruption to local wildlife.
- **Creating a site access at the private lane off Watling street.** So that we can avoid the use of School Lane and Rookery Lane, we'll be constructing a bridge across Black Brook and laying track mat across the fields that vehicles will use to reach our working area at Rookery Lane. We will also be using temporary traffic lights on a section of Watling Street so we can create our site access safely. This has been discussed and agreed with Staffordshire County Council.

We will keep local people up to date as we progress to main diversion works.

How will this affect you?

We will only need to the temporary traffic lights occasionally and, wherever possible, outside of peak traffic times. Signs will be in place to make road users aware. Standard vehicles and equipment will be used, and we do not anticipate the works will cause disruption to local people.

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

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Duration of preparation works

- Beginning of March 2021 for around three weeks
- Our core working hours will be 8.00am to 6.00pm (Mon-Fri) and 8.00am to 1.00pm (Sat)
- We will be on-site one hour either side of these times for set-up and close-down

What to expect

- Removal of vegetation on land south west of Hints.
- Temporary traffic lights on a section of Watling Street near the private lane that serves Bourne Lodge
- Vehicles avoiding Rookery Lane and School Lane

What we will do

- Keep all sites safe and secure
- Inform people in advance of any changes

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Location of diversion working area and temporary traffic lights



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

Contact Us

If you have any questions about this notification of works, please get in touch.



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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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