

# Notice of Chipping Warden A361 road closure UPDATE

## 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)

As a local resident we are writing to update you on a series of full road closures on the A361 over weekends in September and October, from 8pm Friday night to 6am Monday morning. These are in the area of the south and north tie in's of the new relief road.

### What are we doing?

We will be carrying out excavation works in Allens Orchard, and final road surfacing and road marking works to the south and north tie ins. Our subcontractor Buckingham Group Construction Ltd (BGCL), will be carrying out the works which requires full weekend road closure of the A361. This diversion routes are similar to the diversions that have been in place for previous closures.

Please go to [www.hs2innorthants.co.uk](http://www.hs2innorthants.co.uk) for more details about the diversion routes.

**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 closure works will be carried out over a series of weekends in September 2020 and October 2020

### What to expect

Full weekend closures of the A361 with traffic management on the road

Increased journey times following the signposted diversion route

Local movement of our equipment and staff while the works are taking place

Some noise from our equipment and lighting around our worksite

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The table below shows our planned schedule of the works being undertaken during the weekend closures. Friday 20:00hrs to Monday 06:00hrs:

Timeline	Proposed Activities (subject to consent)
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	<b>North tie in.</b> Final preparation, blacktop to road and white lining.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	<b>North tie in.</b> Surfacing and white lining
25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	<b>South tie in.</b> Excavation of pond 1 (Allens Orchard), noisy works to take place daytime only. Weekend road closure will be in place
16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	<b>South tie in.</b> Final preparation, blacktop to road and white lining.
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	<b>South tie in.</b> Surfacing and white lining

Some of the activities mentioned above will generate noise.

We have put in place mitigation to minimise the disturbance, please see below.

## How will this affect me?

There will be some noise from our construction activities. We will sequence our works as much as possible to ensure that the noisier activities will take place during the day. We will also use localised noise barriers to reduce noise disturbance from our equipment.

The A361 will have a full closure, you may need to plan your journey and allow more time. The diversion route will be clearly sign posted. However, residents may know alternative routes for local journeys.

## Need to speak to someone on site this weekend?

James Carden – Fusion Assistant Project Manager 07795 486375 (Fri, Sat, Sun 8am – 8pm)

Pete Daniel – Fusion Works Manager 07810 507557 (Sat, Sun 8am – 8pm)

Steve Kember – Fusion Site Foreman Supervisor 07387051114 (Fri, Sat & Sun 8pm – 6am)

If you need additional information during and prior to the works, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

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# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

## Contact our new HS2 Helpdesk team

Our new Helpdesk team is based in our Head Office in Birmingham. This is so that we can provide you with the best service possible. Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our 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)

## Keep up-to-date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

## About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, 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>



# 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

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 Email **[hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

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