

[Address]

[Date]

Dear resident,

HIGH SPEED RAIL WORKS – GROUND INVESTIGATIONS IN YOUR AREA FROM 5 JUNE 2017

Why have I been sent this letter?

I am writing to give you important information about your area and Phase One of High Speed Two (HS2) – the new high speed railway between London and the West Midlands. You do not need to respond.

What do I need to know?

On 23 February 2017, Parliament gave High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd permission to build the railway. As part of the development of the detailed design for the railway, we need to carry out some ground investigation surveys in your area. This will help us gather essential data on the ground condition along the line of route.

A ground investigation contractor called Soil Engineering Ltd will carry out these surveys on our behalf.

The work will take place mainly along the line of the HS2 route from Godington to Turweston – the area is shown on the map at the bottom of this letter. The work will be carried out on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8am to 6pm, starting from Monday 5 June 2017. We expect to be finished by the end of October 2017.

If there are exceptional circumstances which mean we need to work outside of the days and hours specified above, we will be in touch again to let residents near the sites know. It is possible that some additional work may take place beyond this time if this is the case, we will write to you again.

How may I be affected?

Soil Engineering Ltd will take measures to reduce any impact from these works as much as possible. However, you are likely to notice a small amount of additional traffic in your area as the surveyors move equipment to and from survey locations. Where possible, we will use existing access routes to the survey sites. However, certain roads are also likely to be survey sites themselves. A survey should not impact any one section of road for more than one day and Soil Engineering Ltd will put temporary traffic lights in place around any works on roads. If this is going to happen near to where you live, we will give you advance notice.

During the works, we expect there will be low levels of noise from the equipment and short bursts of noise may occur as tests are performed or samples are taken. All work will be delivered with the relevant licences and consents.

Soil Engineering Ltd will set up two temporary work compounds: off Perry Hill in Steeple Claydon and off the A421 to the west of Finmere. The compounds will include a site office, welfare facilities, storage for equipment and materials, and measures to prevent mud on the highway and security. After the ground investigation surveys are finished, the compounds will be removed.

High Speed Two (HS2) Limited Two Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham B4 6GA
T: 020 7944 4908 E: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk www.gov.uk/hs2

High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, registered in England and Wales.

Registered office: 2 Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham B4 6GA. Company registration number: 06791686. VAT registration number: 181 4312 30.

For more information about our ground investigations, you can visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-ground-investigations-a-non-technical-guide>.

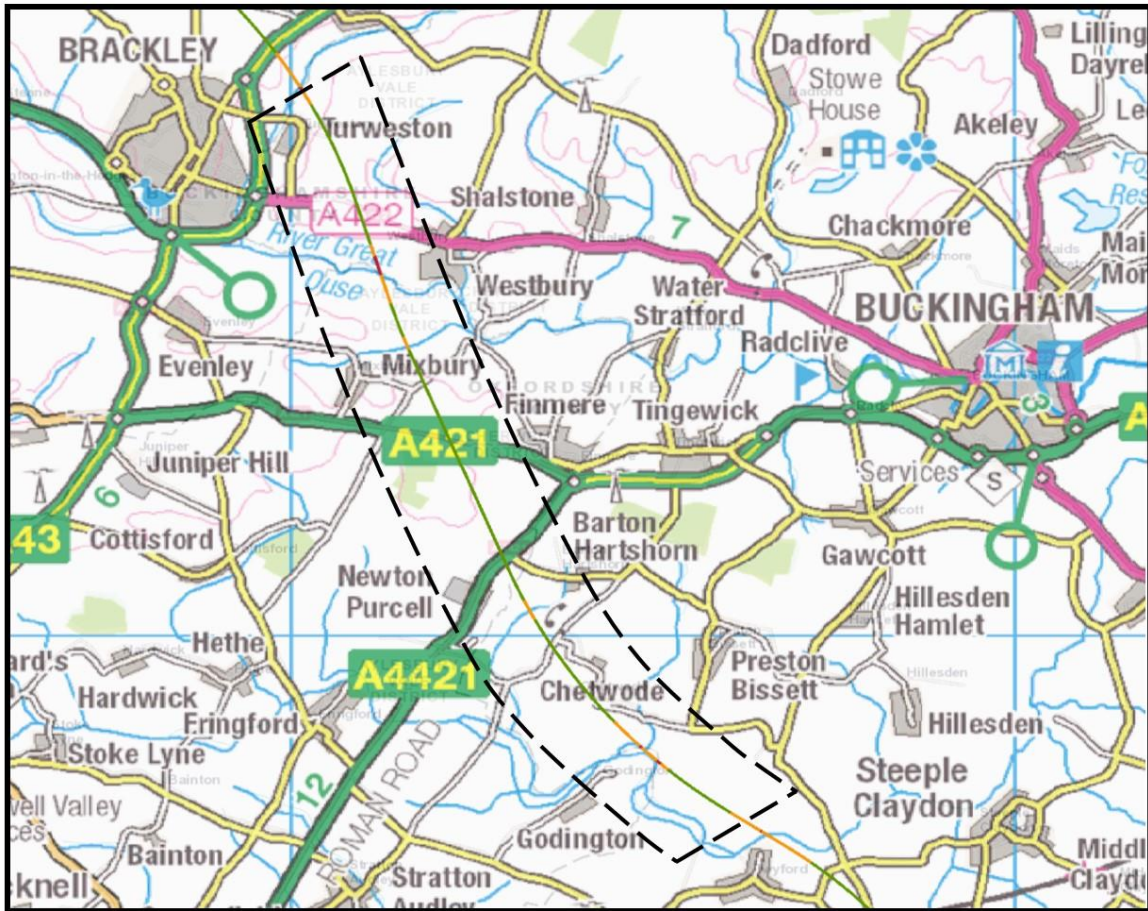
If you have any questions or concerns about anything in this letter, or while the works are going on, you can contact the HS2 Helpdesk. This is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phoning 020 7944 4908 or by emailing hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Charlotte Hewes
Engagement Manager
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Works Boundary



--- Boundary of the area in which we will be carrying out the works