



NOTICE OF ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION WORKS

What are we doing?

Work on Phase One of High Speed Two (HS2), from London to the West Midlands, has now commenced. This includes a major conservation project, as we create a 'green corridor' of connected wildlife habitats alongside the future railway.

Subject to approval, from early November 2017 we will start creating new habitats at two sites north and south of Drayton Lane in Drayton Bassett. The work will involve creating new ponds for Great Crested Newts, establishing new areas for wildlife, building a bat house, a badger sett and planting new woodland.

The work is being carried out by our contractor, LM (Laing O'Rourke and Murphy & Sons Joint Venture) and is due to be completed by the end of January 2018.

Habitat creation

The work at the Drayton Lane sites will see the creation of eight new ponds, new wildlife habitats and hedgerows, as well as extensive new woodlands featuring over 21,000 trees and shrubs. We'll be translocating newts to the new habitat in 2018, once it has become properly established. We are creating new homes for badgers and bats and anticipate other animals, including birds, will start to use the area naturally over time.

What are the traffic impacts?

Access to the sites will be from the A453 via Drayton Lane and Portleys Lane. The majority of vehicles will be 4x4 vehicles, pick-up trucks and a welfare van. The only large vehicles will be for the delivery of the machinery, equipment and materials required for creating the new ecological habitats.

All drivers visiting the site have been fully briefed on safe and considerate driving and on the site specific traffic management plan.

Duration of works

- Approximate duration of works is 3-4 months.
- From early November 2017 – habitat creation.
- Normal weekday working hours: 8.30am – 6pm.
- Our contractors may also be on site for a one-hour start-up and shutdown.

What to expect

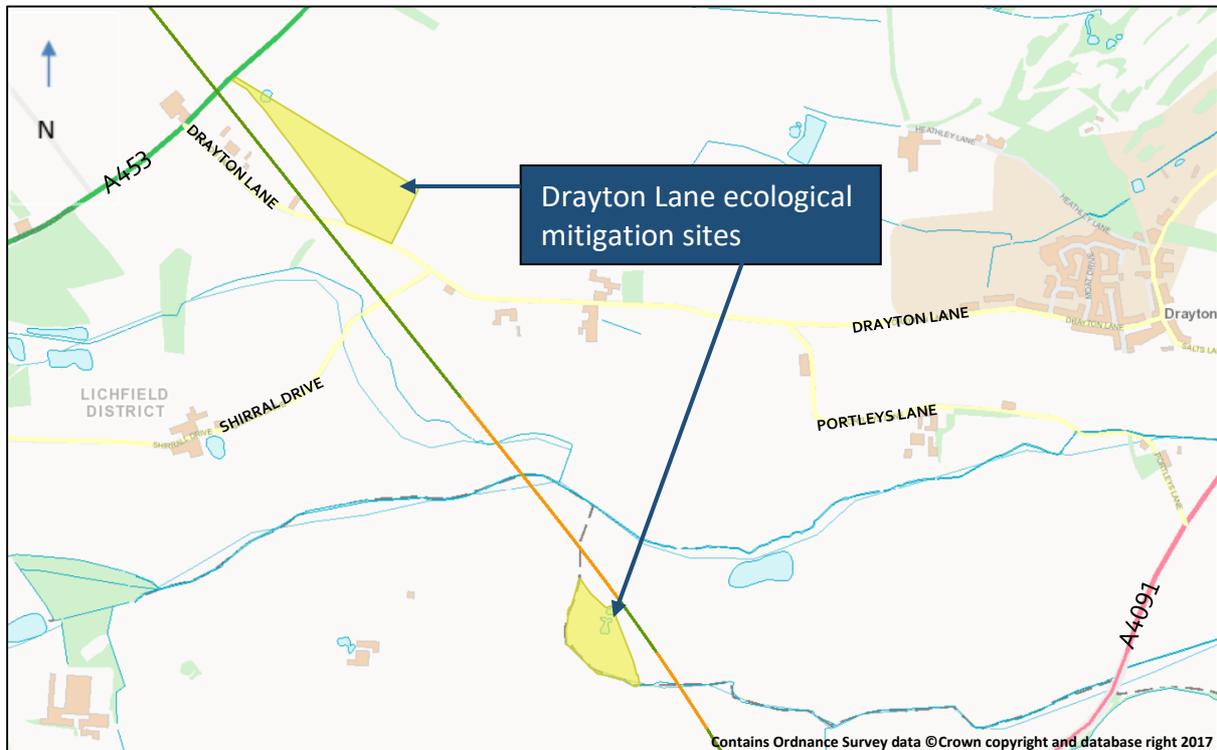
- Some noise from onsite machinery during working hours, whilst we are excavating the ponds.
- Fencing/hoarding to protect the workforce and the site.
- Small increase of vehicles travelling to and from site.

What we will do

- Inform you in advance of any changes to the dates shown.
- Keep all sites safe and secure.
- Ensure that the contractor vehicles use agreed routes.
- Ensure that all sites are reinstated to the required standard.



Map of sites



If you have any questions or if you would like to find out more, you can get in touch:

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