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HS2

Notification



Notice of archaeological work off Portleys Lane and Church Lane

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are carried out by a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and Murphy & Sons known as LM.

We are continually reviewing 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.

We're uncovering Britain's past

Before we begin to build the new railway, the surrounding area will become part of the largest archaeology programme ever undertaken in the UK.

We will be carrying out archaeological trenching work in two areas on land off Portleys Lane and Church Lane. This work is due to start on Monday 29th November and will take around 2 weeks to complete (subject to weather and site conditions).

A team of archaeologists will be carrying out excavation work on the site. Machinery will be used to remove the topsoil before archaeologists dig by hand and carefully record any findings.

To enable the works, a small compound will be set up with welfare facilities and a parking area.

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 works

From Monday 29th November for around 2 weeks (subject to weather and site conditions)

Working hours will be Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 5.00pm (we may be on site for up to one hour before and after to set-up and to make the site secure)

What to expect

Some low-level noise from onsite machinery during working hours.

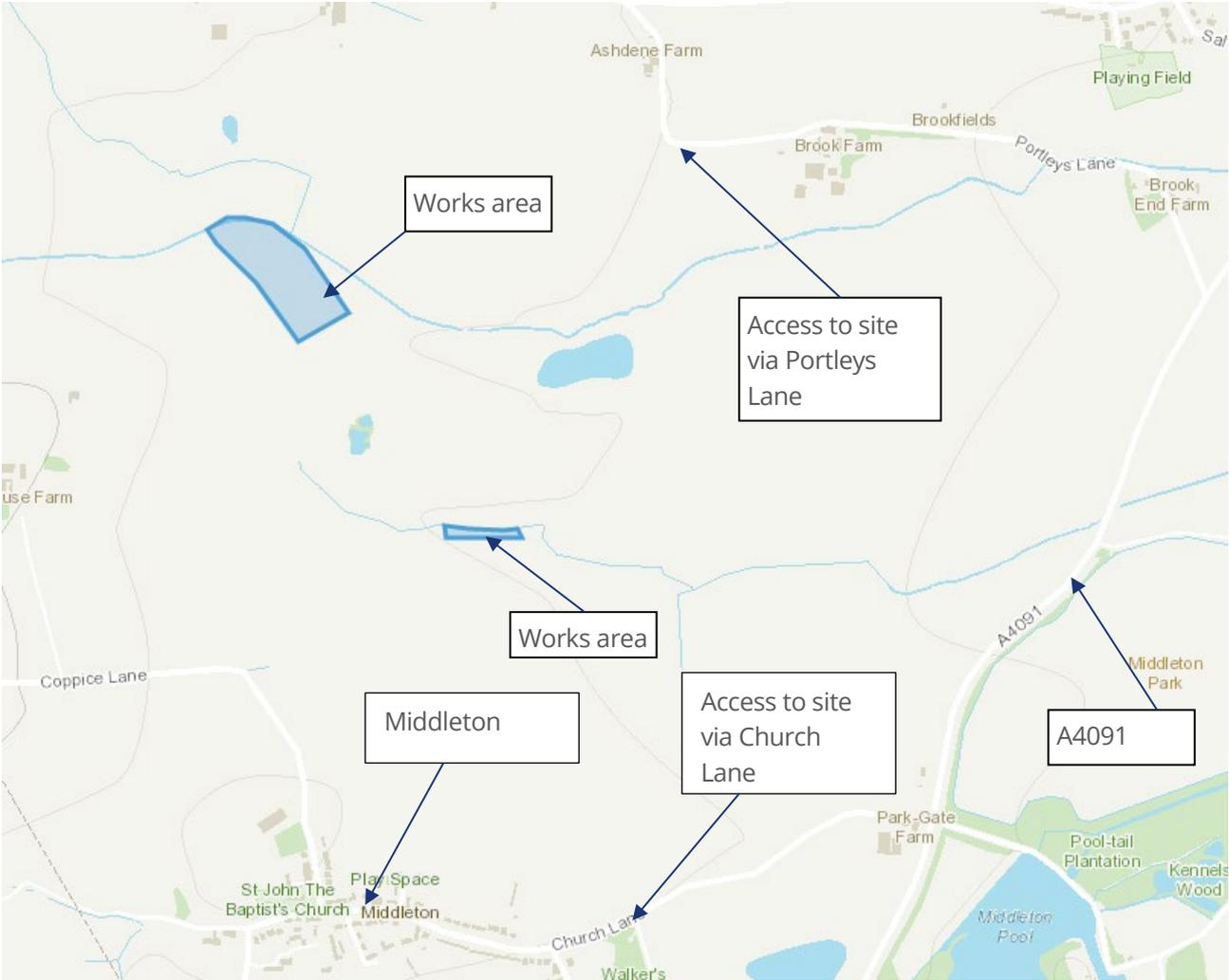
What we will do

Keep all sites safe and secure and keep disruption to a minimum.

Answer your questions via the 24/7 HS2 helpdesk.

To keep up to date with what is happening, visit: hs2.org.uk/in-your-area

Archaeological work off Portleys Lane and Church Lane



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What else is happening in your area?

About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses in 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: www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds



About our community 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 community sites currently serve Birmingham, Solihull, Staffordshire and Warwickshire. More sites are being prepared to serve other areas.

To find your local community 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

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HS2 Community Engagement

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

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