

Notice of archaeology trial trench evaluation works

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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 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.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk

What will we be doing?

As part of HS2's continued programme of surveying works in your local area we have carried out geophysical surveys to identify areas of possible archaeological interest. The next steps of our archaeological investigation work will involve excavating trenches and recording any finds.

We will begin archaeological investigations at Shepherds Furze Farm in the area shown on the map. We will then move across to the field on the opposite side of Addison Road. These works will enable a greater understanding of archaeology in the area. This will require the excavation of a number of trial trenches. Once the works is complete the trenches will be backfilled.

These works are planned to start from mid- August 2020 and will be completed by the end of December 2020. The digging and investigations will be done by teams of five workers using a mechanical excavator. There will be a maximum of two teams on site and a small number of supervision staff visiting the site to ensure the work is progressing to plan and is being carried out safely.

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

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Duration of works

The works will start mid - August 2020 until the end of December 2020.

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm.

Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's quiet start-up and shutdown outside of these times.

What to expect

Some additional traffic on local roads.

Noise from the equipment used for the works.

Site operated with 24hr security and temporary low-level flood lighting.

Site storage and welfare vehicle.

What we will do

Manage any impacts, such as traffic and noise with the aim of reducing or removing them.

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Construction of a small compound

To enable us to carry out the archaeological works, we will need to construct a small compound. To build the compound we will initially use mobile welfare facilities. Once built the compound will include temporary trackway, office and welfare facilities alongside storage of machinery and materials. Car parking and 24 hour security with temporary low-level floodlighting will be in place. Please see map below for location.

Access to the sites will be from Addison Road. Temporary verge access signage will be installed on the highway verge approaching the entrance to the site. These will be on standard A-frames and secured with ballasted sandbags which will be placed on the roadside verges. These will be in place for the duration of the works.

How may this affect you?

We will be working hard to ensure any impacts on residents are kept to a minimum during these and all our future works. You may notice a little extra traffic on the road immediately around the sites with workers moving to and from the site, and occasional delivery vehicles. There may be some noise from the machinery. All machinery will be restricted to running between the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

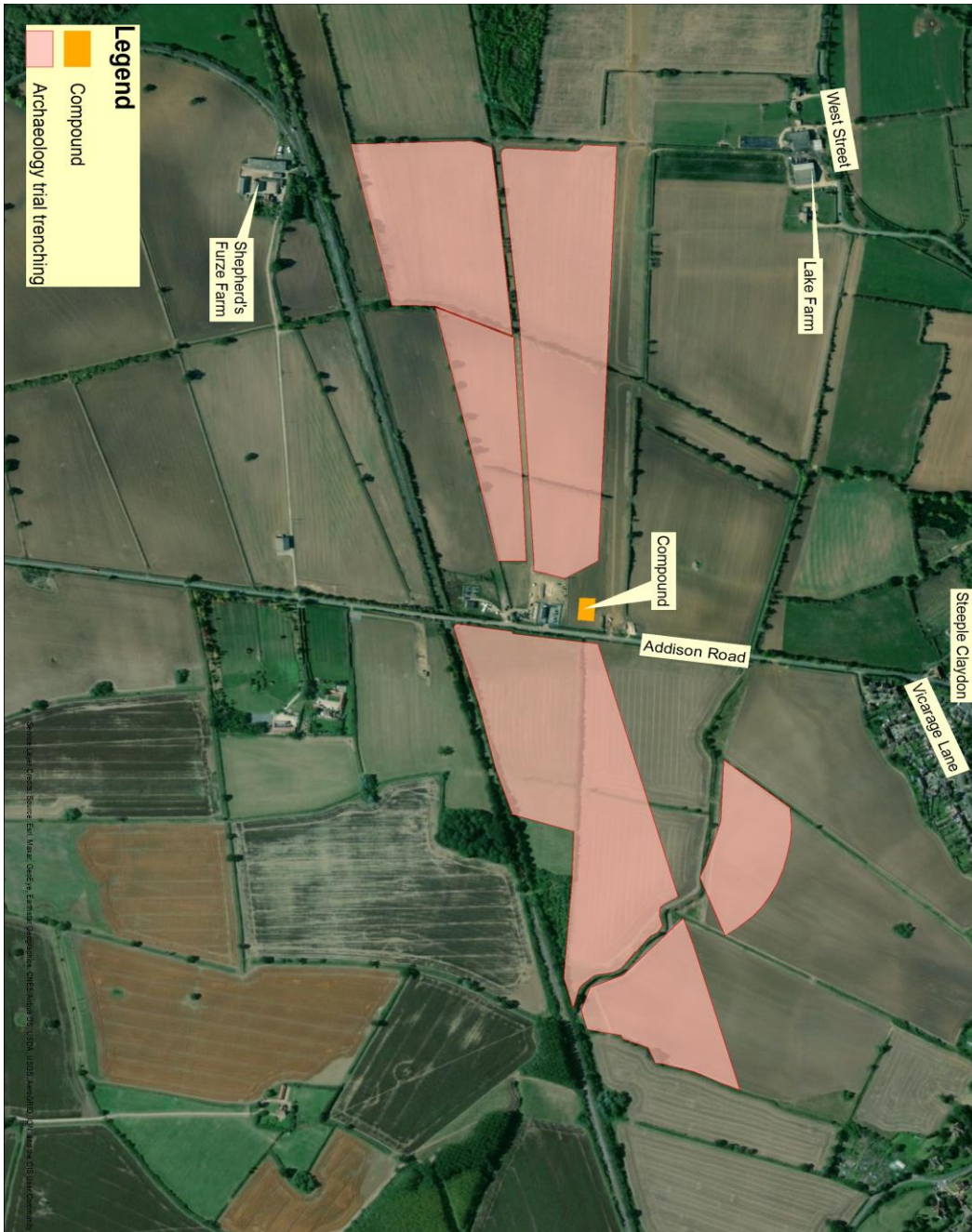
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Location of trial trench evaluation works shown in red



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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 by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk**

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