

Notice of Ground Investigation Works



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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.

Who is Eiffage Kier?

Eiffage Kier is the contractor carrying out the civil engineering works for the new HS2 line. Eiffage Kier will undertake all earthworks and landscaping as well as creating new structures including bridges, viaducts and green tunnels.

What are we doing?

As part of HS2's preparation works, we will be carrying out further ground investigations along the route. The ground investigation works are the start of some early works that Eiffage Kier will carry out this year, in advance of the main works which will begin in mid-2019.

Why are the Ground Investigation works needed and when will they take place?

These works are needed to provide technical information about the ground conditions. Although some ground investigation works were carried out last year, further investigations are necessary as the detail of the design is now more mature. The works will take place between late August and November 2018.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Working hours

- Normal working hours will be 8.00am - 6.00pm from Monday to Friday and 8.00am - 1.00pm on Saturday
- Our contractors may also be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown outside of these times

What to expect

- Activities will vary during the phases of construction, with both quiet and busier periods
- A small number of HGVs will be required and vehicles will use only agreed routes. Please note that a lot of equipment will be moved by local farm tractors and trailers

What we will do

- Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise
- Inform you of any changes to the dates we have given you.
- Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action

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What does the work involve?

The ground investigation works involve a variety of techniques including using ground radar as well as bore holes, we will be using a mixture of these techniques to take rock and soil samples. A typical bore hole has a diameter of 200mm and can vary in depth from between around 10 metres and 50 metres. Small pits known as trial pits will also be excavated. These tend to be about 4 metres long, less than a metre wide and up to 4 metres deep. The photograph below shows a borehole operation.



How will this affect me?

The works will be carried out by teams of three or four and all investigation locations will be safely reinstated. Works at any one location will generally not exceed two weeks. We do not expect any impact on highways however neighbours near to work sites may hear drilling.

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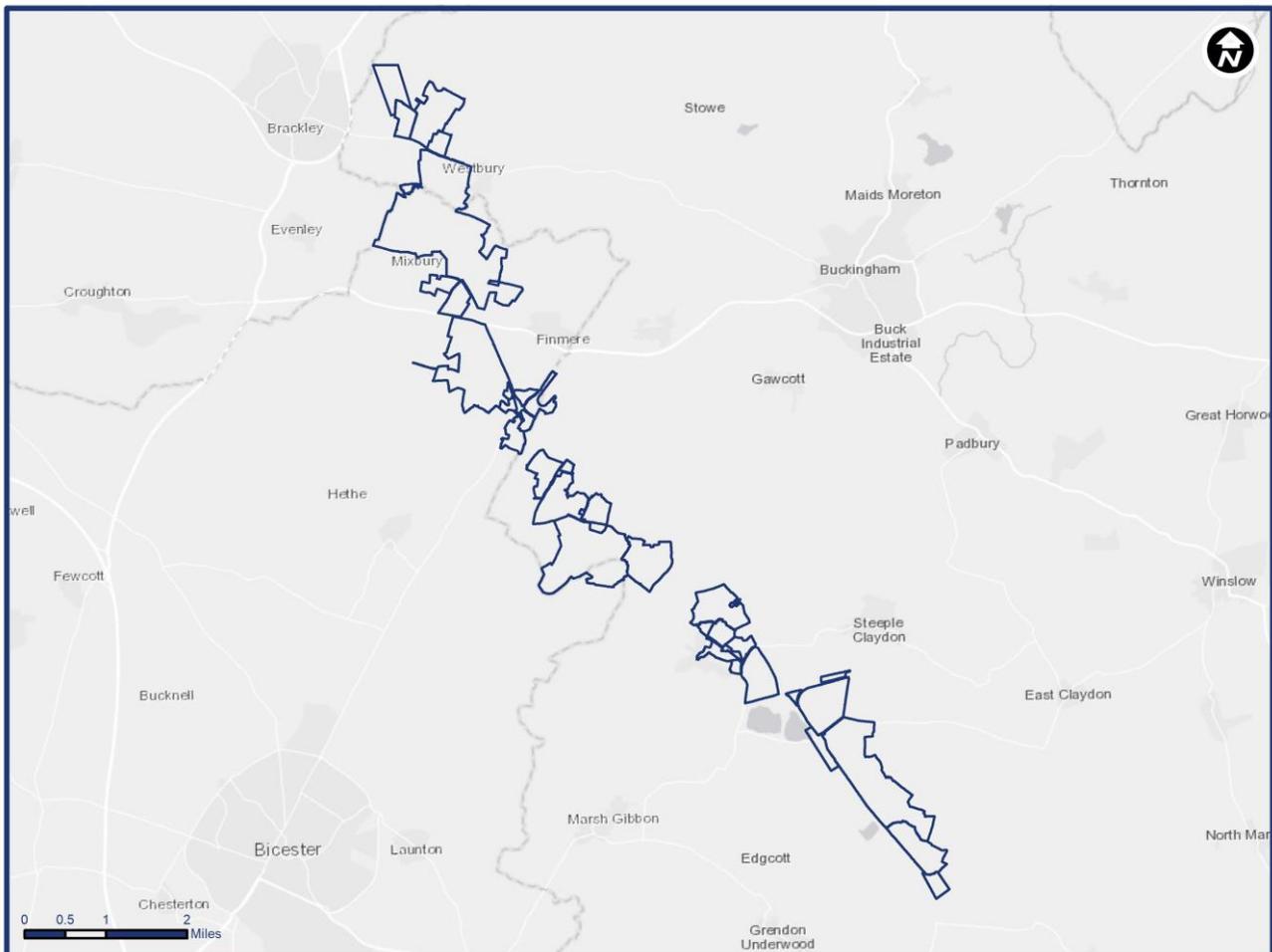


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Sequence of Works

The ground investigation works will take place along the route of the HS2 line. The map below indicates the section from north of Quainton to Brackley. The areas outlined show the general vicinity in which the works will take place.

For more information about HS2 Ground Investigations, please go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8pCfamzccM>



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

Contact us

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