



# Updated Notice of Test Piles

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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. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

## Who is EKFB?

Eiffage Kier Ferroviaire BAM (EKFB) is one of the contractors carrying out civil engineering works for the new HS2 line. EKFB will undertake all earthworks and landscaping in this area as well as creating bridges, viaducts and green tunnels.

## What are we doing?

As part of HS2's preparation works, EKFB will be carrying out some engineering work forming concrete foundations known as 'test piles'. These works will take place along the route of the new railway line in an area approximately two kilometres north-west of Quainton. The test piles will help gather valuable data about the ground conditions.

## When will these works take place?

These works are due to start in early July and it will take approximately a month to prepare the ground and install the test piles. There will be a further six weeks of monitoring and testing with work due to finish in September.

## What does the work involve?

The first activity involved is to form a base for the equipment that is to be used. The base is known as a 'piling mat' and is formed by crushed stone which will be delivered to the site in road wagons.

The concrete piles are formed by drilling (also known as boring) a deep hole and filling it with concrete. There will be a total of two piles formed, each one 1200 (millimetres) in diameter and around 40 metres deep. These works will take approximately 4 weeks and each concrete pile will require around six wagons of concrete placed round a pre-fabricated reinforcement cage.

**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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

## Duration of works

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 6.00pm

Saturdays

8.00am – 1.00pm

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

## What to expect

Varied activities with both quiet and busier periods.

Agreed routes will be used by a small number of HGVs and vehicles. 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 provided dates.

Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

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## How will this affect me?

The work is taking place in a remote location and HGVs will access the site via the Shipton Lee Road, turning right into the site access. To ensure that this can be done safely, the Shipton Lee Road will be closed as indicated on the map below. Access will be maintained for property holders and those with land interests within the closed area.

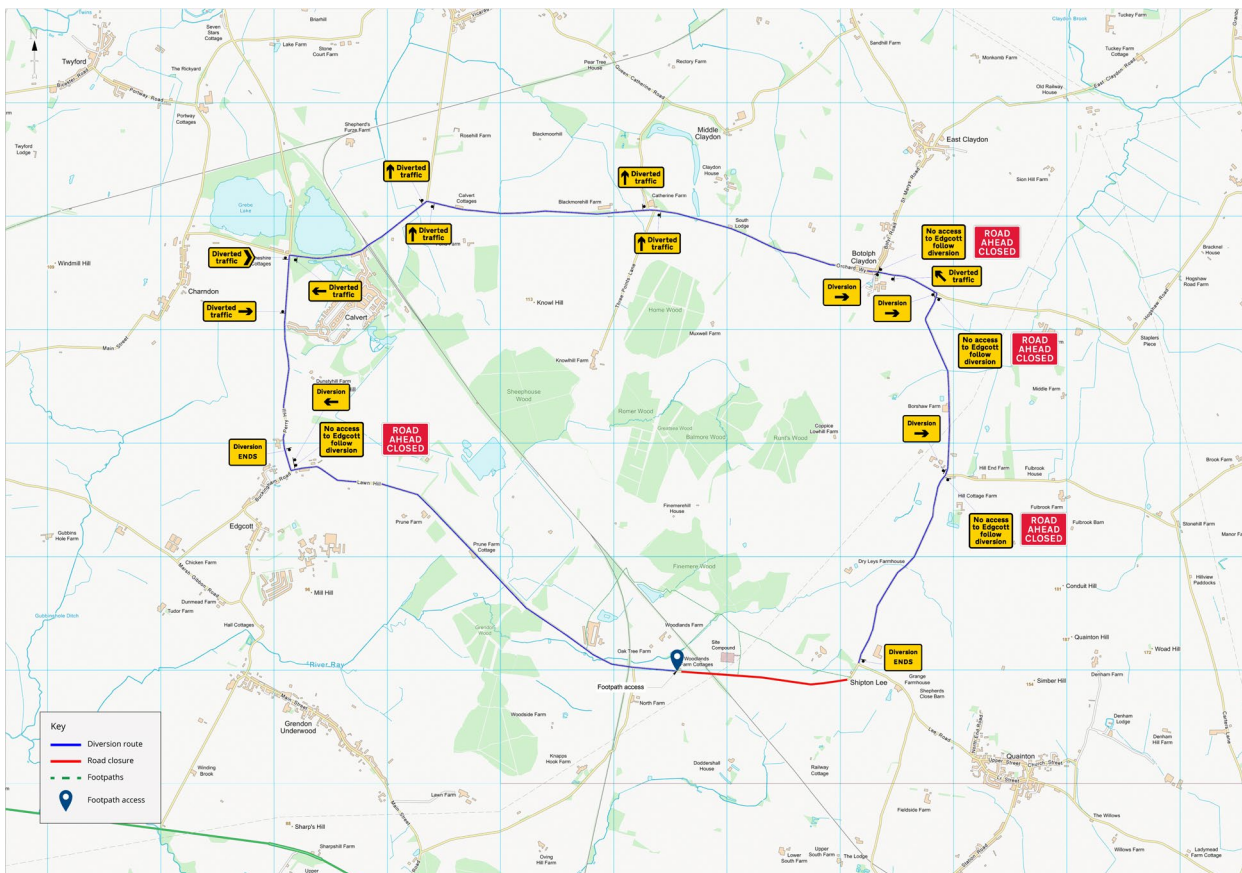
There will be in place a pedestrian route for footpath QUA35A/1 from the junction with Creighton Road, to the west of the woods, which will allow access to main entrance.

A diversion will be in place throughout the period of the road closure. The map below clearly shows the diversion which will be supported by temporary signage along the proposed route avoiding the closure.

There will be a crane and excavator working in tandem with the piling rig and task lighting will be kept to a minimum. The number of deliveries by heavy goods vehicles will be kept to twelve or fewer each day.

## Where will the works take place?

The following map shows the works area access road and the intended closure. The diverted route will be clearly sign posted as indicated below.



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

## Contact our new HS2 Helpdesk team

Our new Helpdesk team is based in our Head Office in Birmingham. This is so that we can provide you with the best service possible. Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

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Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

## Keep up-to-date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

## About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, 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: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



# 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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

## Contact Us

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Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website **[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)**

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