

# HS2 Bulletin

Summer Bulletin 2018

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## Green Corridor plan for HS2 route

HS2 Ltd has set out plans to deliver a 'green corridor' consisting of new wildlife habitats, native woodlands and community spaces to help integrate the new line into its surrounding landscape and environment.

The Government said that the initiative "is expected to set new standards for how Britain and the rest of Europe builds the next generation of major infrastructure projects".

Key aspects of the 'Green Corridor' announcement include:

- 7 million new trees and shrubs, including over 40 native species, specific to each location. The new native woodlands will cover over 9 square kilometres of land.
- Over 33 square kilometres of new and existing wildlife habitat – equating to an area the size of 4,600 football pitches
- Tailor-made homes for wildlife, ranging from bat houses to 226 new ponds for great crested newts and other amphibians.
- Earthworks and landscaping which will re-use around 90 percent of the material excavated during construction.
- The potential to support community projects and develop amenity spaces such as access routes, public parks, open spaces and nature reserves

More information can be found here:

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## Security measures stepped up

HS2 Ltd is introducing security and safety support vehicles along the Phase One route.

The aim of the initiative is to ensure that the public and those working on the project, as well as property and sites along the route, remain safe and secure.

These units will respond to incidents and will be on patrol 24/7. There will be three units assigned to three HS2 areas along the Phase One route. Staff will have HS2 identification cards and high visibility clothing with HS2 branding whilst on patrol.

Should a resident wish to check if a vehicle in their community is representing HS2, they can call the 24/7 Freephone Community Helpline on **08081 434 434**.



## Water Orton receives double community benefit boost

The village of Water Orton is benefiting from two successful bids to the Community and Environment Fund worth £19,000.

The Water Orton War Memorial Project Team has been awarded £10,000 and the parish council £9,200 for new play equipment.

The War Memorial project is a voluntary/community group based in the village and it is the latest Warwickshire recipient of CEF funding.

The funding will provide a war memorial on an area of grassed land between Watton Lane and Coleshill Road, Water Orton. It will coincide with the centenary of the World War 1 armistice on 11th November 2018.

The project will enable people in the village to remember those who gave their lives in the two world wars and subsequent wars in the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan, and as any future conflicts.

Water Orton Parish Council has received funding to provide new play equipment on two sites in the village for children aged under five. The equipment will be located at the village green and playing fields which is open and accessible to all members of the community.

### Link to Community Benefit project map:

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## Phase one works update

Early works to facilitate the construction of HS2 are now starting in across Warwickshire. HS2 contractors will be starting activity at a number of key sites over the coming months.

The main ones expected to take place include:

- LM developing temporary changes to the highway to improve traffic flow and access for HS2 traffic around Coleshill: at the Marsh Lane junction with the A446, at the Birmingham Road roundabout and at the former Severn Trent access off Lichfield Road. Works are due to start later in the Summer.
- LM is currently working on designs for the roundabouts on the Fosse Way at Welsh Road and Long Itchington Road with view to start work in the Autumn
- LM laying cables in the roads around Welsh Road, Long Itchington Road and Fosseyway in the Autumn to supply a Tunnel Boring Machine. Temporary changes to the highway round Ufton

and Ridgeway Lane which will be constructed in early 2019 for this machine. Plans for a pedestrian crossing at Ufton are being progressed

- EK is excavating a trial cutting near Wormleighton to monitor soil conditions ahead of main works in 2019. The trial works include archaeological investigations and creation of a new access to the site from Stoneton Lane
- LM are progressing plans a new crossing and diversion of Kenilworth Greenway

In addition HS2 is carrying out vegetation clearance at sites across the county, and is undertaking a programme of additional ground investigations and surveys at various locations. The works are subject to change.

**Visit the HS2 in Warwickshire Commonplace site at <https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/> for updates.**

## Phase 2b information roadshows

HS2 Ltd has been out on the road this summer to show the latest plans for Phase 2b to the public.

The plans are based on the early design and construction proposals developed by HS2 Ltd over the past year.

HS2 Ltd said that local knowledge has a crucial role to play in informing the final design and construction proposals for the new railway ahead of the public consultation on the Working Draft Environmental Statement later this year.

The 31 drop-in events were staffed by HS2 employees and contractors with expertise in a wide range of fields including engineering, environment, and land and property. Local events were held at Kingsbury and Polesworth and nearby in Tamworth and Measham.

On June 4 HS2 Ltd published the latest maps and information being shared at the events. They are available online here:

- [Phase 2b 2018 information events: banners](#)
- [Phase 2b 2018 information events: factsheets](#)
- [Phase 2b 2018 information events: In your area maps](#)
- [Phase 2b 2018 information events: In your area booklets](#)



## New independent construction commissioner

Sir Mark Worthington has been appointed as the independent HS2 Construction Commissioner.

His remit is to independently investigate matters that have not reached a satisfactory conclusion through HS2 Ltd's complaints process. The role provides independent, impartial decision-making as well as offering advice on how to make a complaint, and to develop relationships across industry and community groups, local authorities, HS2 Ltd and contractors.

Sir Mark a former aide of Baroness Thatcher, will take over from interim appointment Gareth Epps later this year.

The latest reports from the HS2 Residents' Commissioner and Independent Construction Commissioner are available here:

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## HS2 chairman takes over

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has appointed Sir Terry Morgan CBE as the new Chairman for HS2 Ltd to take over from Sir David Higgins.

Sir Terry has been the Chair of Crossrail Ltd since 2009. He was formerly Chief Executive of Tube Lines, a PPP company that was contracted to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure of the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines, and held leading roles at BAE Systems, Rover Group and the Chartered Management Institute.

**More information can be found here:**

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# Timetables

## Expected Timetable for HS2 Phase 1

- 2018 Early Works
- 2019 Main Works start
- 2022-2026 Testing and commissioning of the railway
- 2026 Railway opening

## Expected Timetable for HS2 Phase 2b

- 2018 Working Draft Environmental Statement (Autumn)
- 2019 Full Environmental Statement
- 2019 Deposit of Hybrid Bill (Late)
- 2022 Target date for Royal Assent
- 2023-2027 Building and testing of the line
- 2030 Railway opening

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

**High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's proposal for a high speed north-south railway. The proposal is being taken forward by HS2 in two phases.**

**The focus of Warwickshire County Council's role on HS2 is to scrutinise the implications of the scheme and develop protection and mitigation for communities around planning, highways, traffic and transport, public rights of way, historic environment and ecology.**

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**Contact HS2 Ltd on: 08081 434 434 or minicom on: 08081 456 472**

For complaints during construction phase, contact the HS2 Construction Commissioner on **0300 123 5365** or by email at **complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk**

For individual concerns please contact Residents Commissioner Deborah Fazen by email at: **residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk**