



## Notice of building demolition and road closure, Banbury Lane Lower Thorpe

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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 advice 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. Only sites operating within the guidelines are operational. All sites remain under constant review. We have postponed all face-to-face engagement and have put in place various channels to communicate with communities, such as letters, phone calls, local community websites updates. You can sign up for regular updates at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk)

### What we will be doing?

In August 2021 we advised you of our continuing works in your area in relation to the construction of the bat house and the planned demolition works of Lower Thorpe Farmhouse and Twin Oaks. The construction of the bat house will shortly be completed and we will shortly begin the demolition works.

### Demolition works

The works will be supervised by an ecologist who will be present on site and provide the appropriate approvals for all protected species prior to the works commencement. Works will be undertaken in accordance with the approved licence methodology. Our ecology surveys identified that local HS2 owned properties are used by bats as a roost site. These buildings will need to be demolished ahead of the construction of the railway and the newly constructed bat house will accommodate these bats.

The buildings due to be demolished are Lower Thorpe Farmhouse (grade II listed building) and Twin Oaks (historic building). Due to the heritage sensitivities of these structures all the work will be monitored and recorded by our archaeological contractor in line with the agreed scope of work with Historic England. We are additionally working with the local authority's Conservation Officer regarding the removal and salvage of the waterwheel within the waterwheel house. All materials which were identified in the pre-demolition survey will be recycled.

**If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434**

#### Duration of works

Works will begin in April 2022 and continue until the end of May 2022

#### What to expect

To complete this work we need to demolish the existing buildings

Intermittent road closure of Banbury Lane 09.00am to 4pm from 4 April until 27 May 2022

Local diversion in place

You may notice some extra traffic on the roads and noise from the machinery.

Our normal working hours are between Monday to Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm, and Saturday 8.00 am– 1.00pm

#### What we will do

We will be working hard to ensure any impact on residents is kept to a minimum during these works.

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## How will this affect you?

In order to complete the demolition works safely and carefully, preserving as much of the material as possible, **Banbury Lane** will be closed intermittently between **09.00am and 4.00pm between the 4 April 2022 to the 27 May 2022**. The road will be open as normal outside of these hours.

Weekly updates will be provided to the Parish Clerk – Maurice Cole on when the road closures will be in place.

Temporary road closure and diversion signage will be displayed advising when the road is closed.

In the unlikely event of any unforeseen emergency works, Banbury Lane may need to be closed overnight.

A local diversion will be in place (please see overleaf for details)

Emergency services on a blue light call will be given access through the road closure.

## Working hours

Our normal working hours are between

8:00am and 6:00pm Monday – Friday and

Saturday 8:00am – 1:00pm

There may be some intermittent ambient noise from the demolition activities.

## Access and site welfare

Access to the buildings will be via the existing access driveways on Banbury Lane.

The public right of way will remain open throughout construction.

## How will this works affect you?

You may notice extra traffic on the roads due to the workforce and equipment movements in the area.

We will be closely monitoring the roads around the site and regular road sweeping will take place.

Temporary road closure and diversion verge access signage will be installed. 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 during the diversion.

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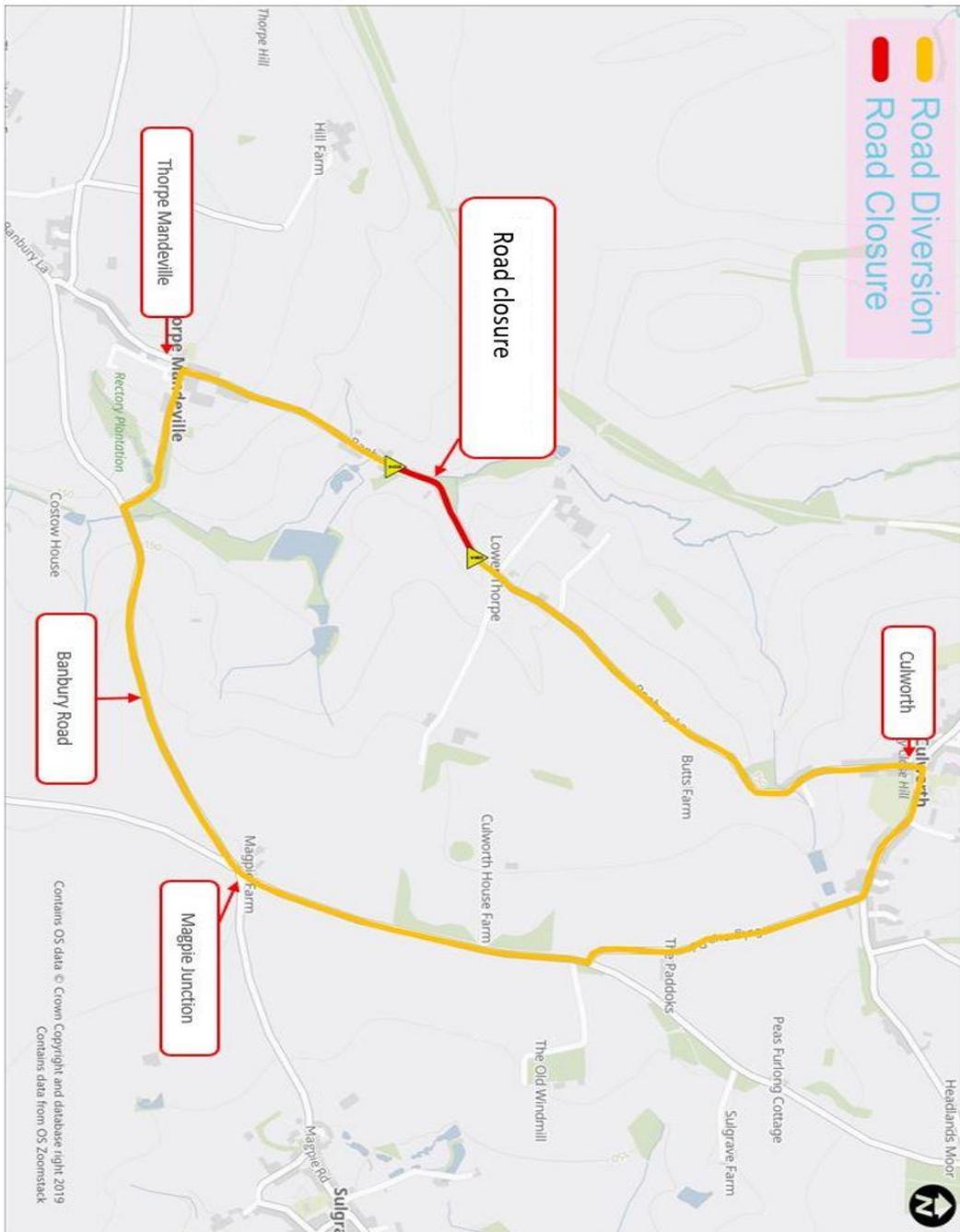
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Map below shows the temporary diversion route that will be in place from 4 April to 27 May 2022 09.00am to 4.00pm



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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](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

Contact our HS2 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)**

Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

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

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **[www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk)**

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