



# Notice of work at Finmere Bridge, A4421

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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](http://www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk)

## What are we doing?

We are working at Finmere Bridge on the A4421 to create our haul and access road crossing. The work will involve a series of road closures at Finmere Bridge, Newton Purcell, to carry out the following activities:

1. Vegetation clearance on the existing Finmere Bridge
2. Surveys and trial holes
3. Construction of a hard surface to support a crane
4. Demolition of the existing Finmere Bridge
5. Removal of the materials and remedial works
6. Creation of the new access and haul road crossing

**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

Works will start in February 2021 until summer 2021

Normal working hours:

Monday to Friday  
8.00am – 6.00pm

Saturdays  
8.00am – 1.00pm

Weekend closures will be in place for specific activities including the bridge demolition.

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.

Traffic management on some local roads and some additional traffic.

Noise from equipment used for the works.

## What we will do

Manage any environmental impacts, such as traffic and noise.

Take care to respect the community and respond promptly to any concerns.

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## When will these works take place?

Work will be taking place from February in preparation for the demolition of Finmere Bridge. There will be traffic management and lane closures required on the A4421 from February to March to prepare the site. Traffic management will also be needed to complete any remedial works and tidy the site after the demolition has been completed.

There will also be a series of road closures on the A4421 at Finmere Bridge to carry out specific works. These are detailed below:

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Work will be undertaken between 6.00am and 6:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday to complete surveys, trial holes and vegetation clearance on Finmere Bridge. There will also be the construction of a hard surface to support the crane next to the A4421, in preparation for the bridge demolition. The A4421 will then reopen for traffic over night to minimise disruption as much as possible.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

The A4421 will be closed at Finmere Bridge from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8:00pm until 6.00am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The road will be closed to traffic to ensure the safe demolition of Finmere Bridge.

We have put in place contingency dates for the demolition in case of significant issues such as adverse weather. Our contingency dates will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. These will only be used if the demolition cannot take place from the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March as planned.

## New crossing installation

Later in the year, we will be installing the new haul road and access road crossing. The new bridge will need to be installed over a weekend and we will require a closure of the A4421 to complete this. We will communicate these dates in advance of the work.

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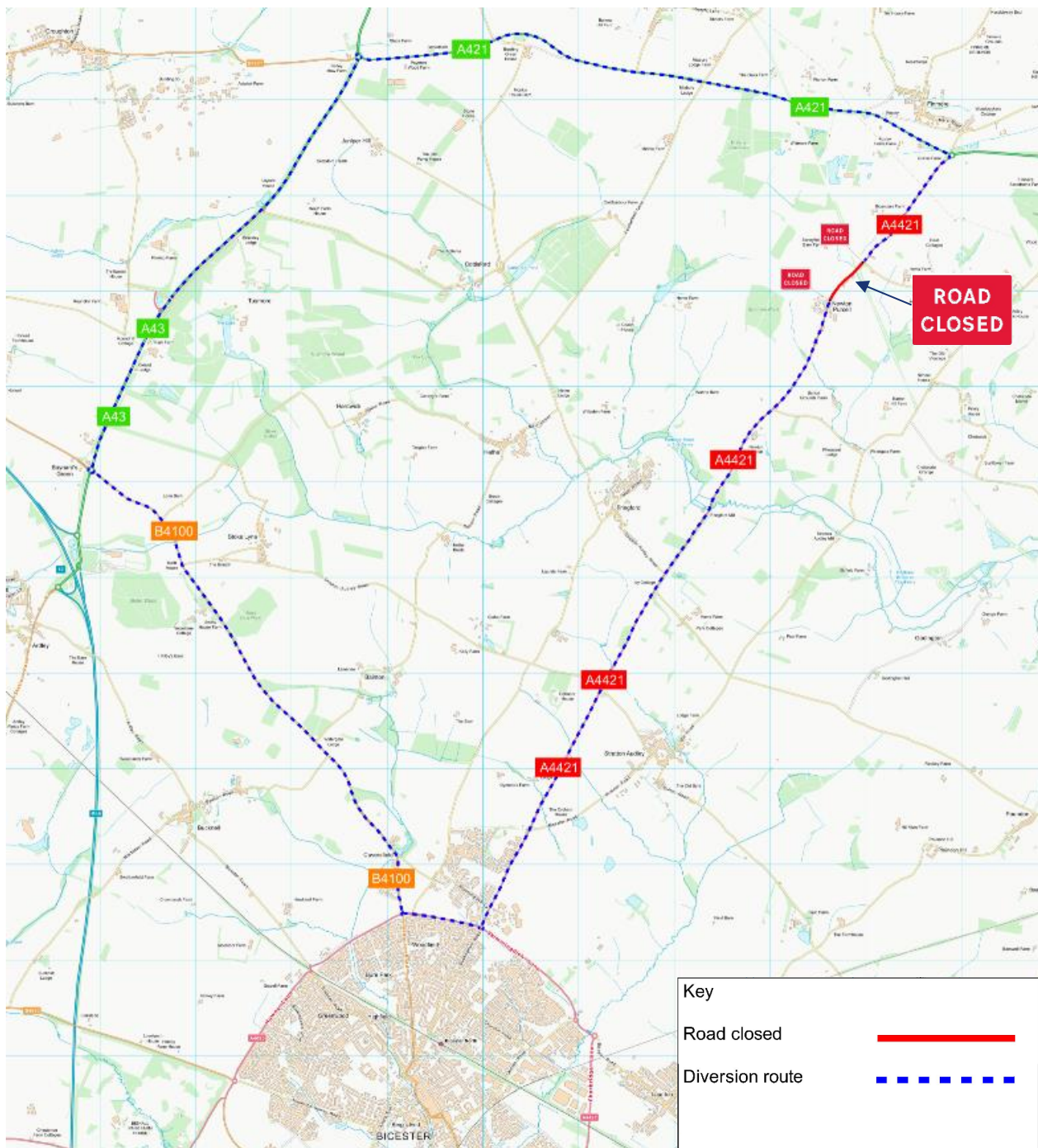
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## Where will the works take place?

The map below shows the section of road closed on the A4421 and the diversion route. This diversion will be in place for all the Finmere Bridge works.



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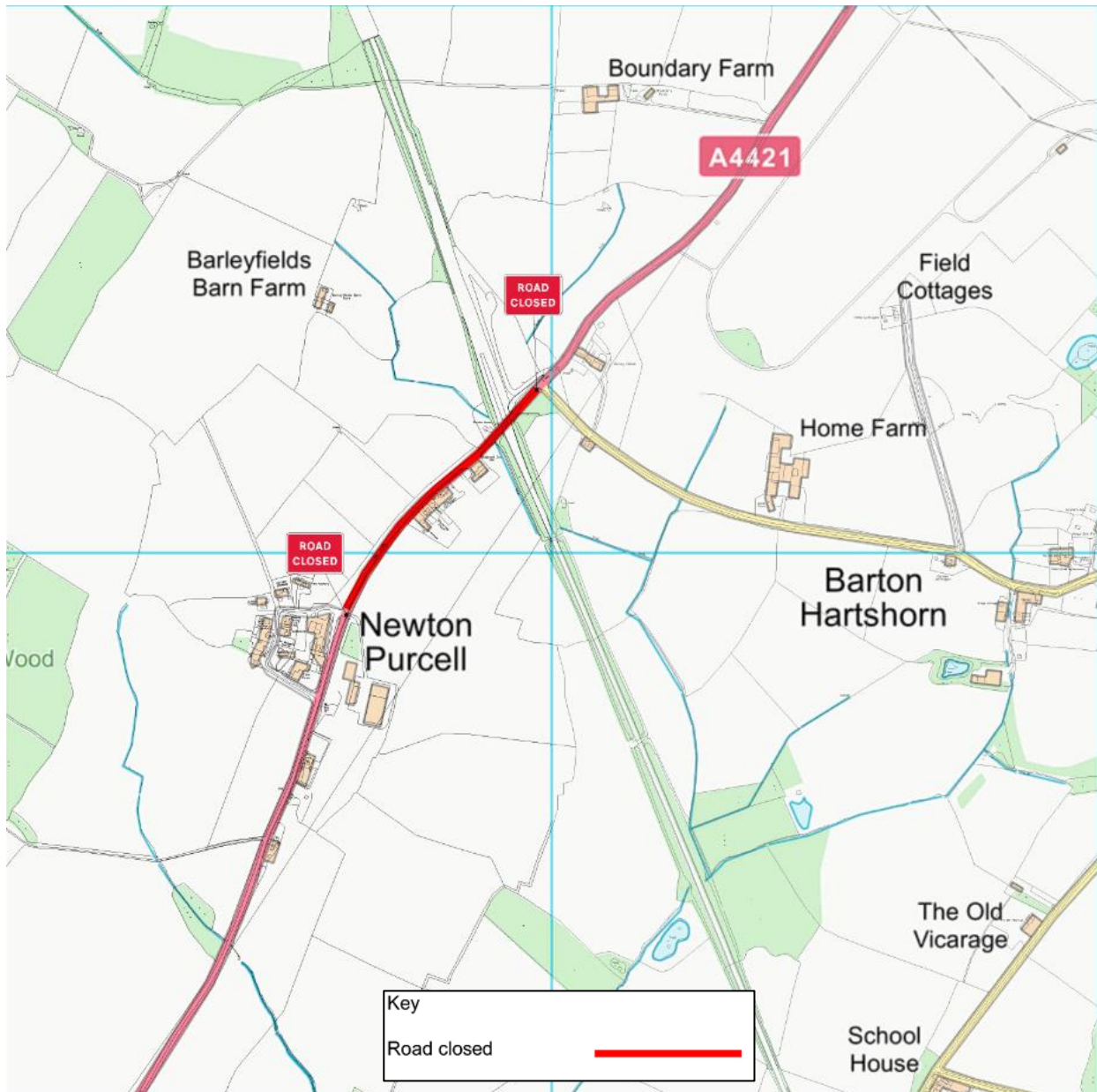
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# What else is happening in your area?

[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**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

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)

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Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

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

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