

The government is currently asking for views on its HS2 compensation proposals – here's a reminder of why Harefield residents need to speak up!

Despite widespread opposition the government is still pressing ahead with plans to build High Speed 2 (HS2). From 2026, this new railway line between London and Birmingham would allow up to 36 trains an hour to hurtle across Harefield at nearly 200mph, for 19 hours a day (16 on Sundays). Construction would begin in Harefield in 2017, wrecking homes, businesses and leisure facilities. Phase 2 would extend the line to Leeds and Manchester by 2033, and could include extra lines around Harefield for a link to Heathrow – preparatory work for them would be included in Phase 1 “just in case”. Harefield would see work starting even earlier, as overhead power lines on Harvil Road would need to be moved to clear a proposed construction site in time for 2017. A large new electricity sub-station is planned for land near HOAC, and the fields around the village would be “landscaped” with tunnel spoil from elsewhere. This may raise the level of the land by several metres in places along roads we know are already prone to flooding.

The government keeps refining its plans, but the news keeps getting worse for Harefield. Whether you live or work in the area, walk its lovely paths, fish or sail on its waters, use the shops, hospital or even just the local buses, HS2 will affect you. Here are just some of the impacts in store in the 7-year construction phase alone:

- Harvil Road and Breakspear Road South: sites of the biggest construction sites in the area. These will be bases for constructing the tunnel towards London, and the viaduct across the Colne Valley. There will be another set of at the A412, sandwiching Harefield and Denham. Each set will generate many hundreds of lorry movements a day, causing extra chaos at hotspots like Swakeleys and Denham Green.
- Moorhall Road – another main construction traffic route and host to 2 more construction sites.
- Hillside / Dellside / The Furrows - early extra disruption from the utility diversion work needed on nearby land.
- Farmlands and open spaces along Harvil Road – tunnel spoil to be left there, permanently changing the landscape.
- HOAC – will need to leave its site by 2017 or earlier, and may close for good. Houses and workshops on Dews Lane – some demolished, the rest surrounded by the main construction site.
- U9 bus service – will be diverted during work on Harvil Road, with knock-on effects for the 331. Both will be constantly caught up in construction traffic.
- Local shops and businesses, especially in South Harefield and Breakspear Road, the Dogs Trust – staff and customers will have to battle through construction traffic. Harefield Hospital heavy construction traffic planned for all 3 main access roads from the London side could badly hamper emergency vehicles.
- Merle Avenue, Park Lane, The Old Orchard – will overlook the massive A412 construction site whose noise will carry much further over the lakes than HS2 have admitted.

And that's just the construction phase.....read more about the longer term effects for everyone in the village at www.harefieldagainsth2.org or come along to Harefield Tenants and Residents Association meetings each month for the latest news.

If you are affected by any of these, then you ought to be compensated – but the government is offering most of us nothing at all. That's why we all need to respond to its current consultation by 4 December – read on for more about this.

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What's on locally

Drop-in sessions at Harefield Library to talk about the compensation consultation: November 7th and 14th, 10-12am – check the Library noticeboard or www.harefieldagainsth2.org for further sessions

Public meeting on what the next stage will mean for Harefield, November 30th, 1.30 – 3pm, Park Lane Village Centre – chaired by Cllr Richard Barnes

Harefield Tenants and Residents Association – HS2 is on the agenda at every meeting – next one November 11th, 7.30pm, Park Lane Village Centre – all welcome.

The compensation consultation

Join in using the government's official system online at, <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-property-compensation-consultation-2013>, pick up copies of the documents at Harefield Library, or use the quick postcard response that Hillingdon Against HS2 have prepared. **The deadline is 4 December 2013** – don't miss it!

What you, your family and friends can do anytime

- contact our MP (Nick Hurd, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA / nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk)
- write to the Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR
- ask friends and family around the country to write to their MPs - there's a quick and easy way to do this at www.highspeedrail.org.uk. This will especially help if they live off the HS2 route.
- social networking on Facebook, and Twitter - follow [@harefieldhs2](https://twitter.com/harefieldhs2) and [@hahs2](https://twitter.com/hahs2) and tweet with the hashtag **#HS2**. Join the Facebook group Ruislip Against HS2 for daily updates.
- donate towards the local and national campaign against HS2 - **visit www.hillingdon-against-hs2.com** to donate by PayPal.
- sign the latest online petitions – links on www.hillingdon-against-hs2.com
- sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk to raise money for Stop HS2 every time you shop online!
- invite us to your event/group to talk about HS2
- register for the Hillingdon Against HS2 newsletter on info@ruislip-against-hs2.co.uk

**HS2 is not a done deal – Harefield still has everything to fight for.
Thank you for your support!**

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