

Hampton-in-Arden article

Ground investigations

High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's proposal for a new, high speed north-south railway. Phase One will connect London with Birmingham and the West Midlands, while Phase Two will extend the route to Manchester and Leeds.

As part of the development of the new railway, HS2 is carrying out ground investigations in the Hampton-in-Arden area. Ground investigation is the examination and study of the soil, rocks and groundwater below the surface of a field, pavement or highway.

A variety of methods are used to obtain samples, to monitor and test them. HS2 has produced a leaflet, which explains why ground investigations are necessary and describes each of the main techniques that will be used. You can read it at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-ground-investigations-a-non-technical-guide>. I hope you find it informative.

Most of the ground works taking place within Hampton-in-Arden will not be noticeable by the public. This is due to a large majority of the work taking place in open green space owned by private landowners, who have given us permission to carry out the work on their land. However, some ground investigation work will be carried out in urban street and highway locations, a separate update will be sent about these highway works.

HS2 officers and contractors are working closely with our Hampton-in-Arden colleagues to ensure that this necessary work is carried out smoothly, to limit the impact within Hampton-in-Arden.