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Dear Sir/Madam

M25 junctions 16 to 17 vegetation clearance - HS2 enabling work

Connect Plus and Connect Plus Services work on behalf of Highways England to manage, operate and maintain the M25 motorway network. We are writing to let you know that our contractors Jackson Civil Engineering will be carrying out works on behalf of High Speed Two Ltd (HS2). This work will include vegetation clearance either side of the M25 carriageway, between Hornhill Road and Shire Lane, and Hornhill Road and Chalfont Lane. This work forms part of the site investigation works for the High Speed Two rail project. As the HS2 hybrid Bill has not yet received Royal Assent, all work of this nature is carried out through agreement with landowners.

Red and white dotted areas indicate the extent of vegetation clearance during this phase of work



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The vegetation clearance work will begin on **Monday 6 February** and is scheduled to be completed by the **end of February 2017.** The work will take place during the hours of 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. No evening or weekend working is expected.

At times, the work will generate some noise that may disturb you. Noise levels will be monitored to ensure work is carried out in a way that minimises disturbance. Works vehicles will access the site via Hornhill Road.

This work will be done in a two-stage clearance process. The first stage will involve cutting the existing vegetation back to a height of 300mm above ground level. This will enable our ecologists to identify any nesting reptiles.

If nesting reptiles are found, the necessary precautions will be taken to protect these species. Once the first stage work and nesting protection is complete, a second stage of clearance will be undertaken to bring remaining vegetation down to ground level.

All work will be completed before bird nesting season begins in March.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the HS2 enquiries helpdesk on 020 7944 4908 or by emailing <u>HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk</u> quoting the above reference number.

I hope this information is useful and would like to thank you for your cooperation whilst this work is carried out.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of **Connect Plus (M25) Limited**

Tim Jones Chief Executive