



HS2 – HIGH SPEED RAIL (Crewe to Manchester) Bill

THIS WORKING DOCUMENT IS A SUMMARY OF THE DETAILED IMPACTS OF THE HS2 SCHEME AS IT PASSES THROUGH PICKMERE. IT IS BASED ON THE DRAFT HYBRID BILL FOR THE SCHEME, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT ACCOMPANIED THE DRAFT BILL. THE DOCUMENT IS PREPARED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PICKMERE PC SIMPLY AS AN AID TO DEALING WITH THE PROPOSALS.

1. THE HYBRID BILL

This serves to empower HS2 Ltd to construct and maintain works for Phase 2b (Crewe to Manchester) of HS2 with further provisions for works and highways.

It includes the following (amongst others):

- Compulsory acquisition of land (including airspace and sub-soil)
- Extinction of Rights over Land (PROW's)
- Temporary possession and use of land
- Planning
- Deregulation (overhead lines / water / street works / noise)
- Traffic management

HS2 has designated our section of track as “MA03 from Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath”

The Bill (p48) describes the following **ROADWORKS** in Pickmere

- Work 1/82 Diversion of gas main close to Pickmere Lane and Flittogate Lane
- Work 1/83 A diversion of Flittogate Lane
- Work 1/83A An access road carrying Pickmere Lane over Waterless Brook
- Work 1/83B A temporary diversion of Flittogate Lane
- Work 1/84 A realignment of Pickmere Lane
- Work 1/85 A realignment of School Lane and Frog Lane
- Work 1/86 A temporary bridge over Waterless Brook
- Work 1/87 A temporary bridge over Tabley Brook (Aston-by-Budworth)

The Bill (p113) describes alterations to **FOOTPATHS**

- Footpaths Pickmere 8/1, 9/1, 9/2 and 4/1 to be stopped up (with alternatives provided in substitution) see also p125

N.b. There are similar provisions made for adjoining parishes which will also affect travel to and from Pickmere notably:

- Linnards Lane (Wincham)
- A556 Chester Road
- Footpaths 15/2 and 15/1 (Plumley)
- Flittogate Lane
- Footpaths 1/1, 3/1, 4/1 (Tabley Inferior)
- Budworth Road
- Frog Lane
- Feldy Green Lane
- Colliers Lane
- Footpath 10/1 (Aston by Budworth)
- Bridleway 17/1 (Aston by Budworth)
- M6 Motorway including J19 on and off slip roads

- Old Hall Lane

Acquisition of land for particular purposes in Pickmere (p147), including:

- Provision of environmental mitigation works
- Worksite and access for construction
- Utility works
- Provision of railway infrastructure and access
- Protective works to watercourse

Schedule 8 Land where powers of acquisition are limited to acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants (p177)

- Provision of access for construction and maintenance

Schedule 12 Highways: Restrictions on powers to use subsoil and acquire land (p187)

Schedule 16 Temporary possession and use of land (p201), for purposes including:

- Diversion or installation of or works to utilities apparatus
- Worksite and access for construction
- Creation of new public right of way

2 THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (M13) Non-technical Summary (p95)

Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area – OVERVIEW

“The area is predominantly rural in character with agriculture being the main land use. The main settlements are Knutsford, Pickmere and High Legh. There are a number of villages in the area including Tabley, Mere and Little Bollington and several isolated farms in the area. Leonard’s and Smoker Wood, an ancient woodland, is located in the south of the area”.

In this area the Proposed Scheme will require

- The demolition of 10 residential properties.
- The demolition of 7 commercial properties (including farm outbuildings).
- Permanent closure, realignment or diversion of **11 roads and 9 public rights of way**.
- **One main construction compound and 14 satellite construction compounds.**
- **3 of these compounds will be retained for railway systems following civil engineering works**
- The main compound will provide temporary accommodation for 155 workers.

Mitigation measures (p96)

- Woodland habitat creation to replace ancient woodlands and to provide connectivity between habitats.
- Provision to maintain vehicle and pedestrian access to Cheshire Showground during construction of the proposed scheme

3 VOLUME 2: COMMUNITY AREA REPORTS MA03 PICKMERE TO AGDEN AND HULSEHEATH

(p18) 2.1.18 *“Notable community facilities within the village of Pickmere include the Pickmere and Wincham Methodist Church and the Red Lion public house” – (n.b. no mention of Village Hall, Grade 2 listed buildings or Pickmere Lake)*

2.1.24 under “Recreation, leisure and open space” includes the Cheshire Showground, but no mention of Pickmere Lake.

(p19) 2.1.29 “changes to the route of the Proposed scheme comprising”

- Changes to the Public Right of Way network
- Introduction of footpath Pickmere 9/1 underbridge
- Introduction of Frog Lane realignment
- Replacement of Tabley Inferior Footpath 3 and 4 accommodation overbridge with Cheshire Showground North and South access diversion
- Replacement of Pickmere Lane overbridge with B5391 Pickmere Lane realignment
- Introduction of Budworth Road auto-transformer station

(p24) The Route of the proposed scheme through the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area will be approximately 10.6km long extending from Lostock Gramam to Broomedge

(p24) PICKMERE EMBANKMENT TO ARLEY BROOK VIADUCT

2.2.15 Key Features:

- Pickmere Embankment, 2.5km in length and up to **12m in height**
- Landscape mitigation to east and west of the route
- Two areas of woodland habitat creation along western and eastern sides of Pickmere embankment 100m and 50m north of Smoker Brook
- A balancing pond for railway drainage within the area of woodland habitat creation 50m east of Pickmere Embankment (access by new access track off A556).
- 9 ecological mitigation ponds to the east and four ecological mitigation ponds to the west of the Pickmere embankment.
- Realignment of Footpath Tabley Inferior 1/1
- Diversion of an underground National Grid 900mm high pressure gas pipeline for 1.3km to relocate the gas pipeline away from the proposed scheme
- New access from A556 to Pickmere telecommunications site and provision of 15m railway telecommunications mast.
- Realignment of Footpath Tabley Inferior 3/1 increasing length of journey by **866m**
- Diversion of North and South accesses to Cheshire Showground
- Diversion of 300mm Tata Chemicals gas pipeline
- Realignment of Footpath Pickmere 9/1 increasing journey length by **248m**
- Balancing pond for railway drainage
- Woodland habitat creation east of Pickmere embankment
- Diversion of Flittogate Lane increasing journey by **372m**
- Woodland habitat west of Pickmere embankment
- **Construction of Arley Brook viaduct 201m in length and 11m high**
- **Realignment of School Lane**

- **Permanent closure of Budworth Road**
- **Realignment of Pickmere Lane**
- Balancing pond for Highways drainage
- Creation of wetland habitat
- Replacement floodplain storage area adjacent to Arley Brook viaduct to reconnect Tabley Brook and Waterless Brook / Arley Brook with the floodplain.
- **Realignment of Frog Lane**
- Modification to junctions of Budworth Road / Frog Lane and Frog Lane / School Lane
- Permanent decommissioning and diversion of minor utilities for Openreach, Scottish Power overhead power lines and UU Water main.

Furthermore:

(p.34) 2.2.18 “closure of Budworth Road where it crosses the Proposed Scheme, with access to properties retained on both sides of the route. Users will be diverted along Frog Lane realignment, School Lane realignment and the B5391 realignment increasing journey length by 3km

Budworth Road auto-transformer station including a railway telecommunications mast up to 25m in height.

(p.35) closure of existing Heyrose Farm South access to the south of Heyrose Farm where it crosses the Proposed Scheme with access to properties retained on both sides of the route. Users will be diverted along Old Hall Lane, the B5391 Pickmere Lane realignment, Frog Lane realignment and Budworth Road increasing journey length by 3.5km

(p.55) LOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS

There are six located east and west of A556 between Linnards Lane and J19 of M6

- M6 Viaduct South Satellite Compound
- M6 Viaduct North Satellite Compound
- Arley Brook Viaduct Satellite Compound
- Budworth Road Satellite Compound
- Pickmere Lane Satellite Compound
- Smoker Brook Viaduct North Satellite Compound

None of these compounds will have worker accommodation (that is provided at A50 Warrington Road main compound).

All 6 above compounds **will be established in 2027 and have an anticipated “life” of between 3 years (Budworth Road) to 6 years 3 months (M6 South).**

They will have between 50 and 70 workers each on average with peak times between 90 and 220 workers.

4 compounds are just for Civil Engineering and 2 (Arley Brook and M6 South) for Civil and Railway operations.

Smoker Brook viaduct north satellite compound

(p60) 2.3.35 DEMOLITIONS to create the Pickmere Embankment will be required at Flittogate Farm – one residential property and one commercial property comprising nine farm buildings

Purpose:

- To manage the construction of Pickmere Embankment **which will take 2 years 6 months to complete**
- Footpath Tabley Inferior 1/1 realigned through accommodation underbridge – **1 year, 6 months to complete**
- Permanent diversion of 900mm high pressure gas line – 1 year to complete
- Permanent diversion of minor utilities including a level 3 communication cable

Pickmere Lane satellite compound

(p.61) 2.3.41

- 6 temporary material stockpiles east and west of the route
- **Accessed from B5391 Pickmere Lane, School Lane and a site haul route.**
- No demolitions needed
- Will manage the construction of the Arley Brook Viaduct which **will take one year and 6 months to complete**
- Will manage the construction of Footpath Pickmere 9/1 underbridge which **will take 1 year 9 months to complete**
- Permanent diversion of Flittogate Lane
- Permanent realignment of Pickmere Lane and new junction with Flittogate Lane
- **Permanent realignment of School Lane (1 year to complete). During construction the road will be closed and traffic diverted via Budworth Road and Pickmere Lane increasing journey length by 2.3km**
- **New junction of School Lane and Pickmere Lane**
- **Temporary realignment of Footpath Tabley Inferior 3/1 for 1 year increasing journey by 1.2km**
- **Temporary realignment of Footpath Pickmere 9/1 for 1 year and 6 months increasing journey by 345m**
- Manages the construction of the foundations and building of the Pickmere Telecommunications site for 1 year 6 months.
- Permanent diversion of Tata 300mm gas pipeline will take 9 months
- Diversion or decommissioning of minor utilities including Openreach telecommunication cables, Scottish Power overhead power line and UU water main.

(p.62) 2.3.50 Arley Brook Viaduct satellite compound

- **To manage civil engineering (3 years 3 months) and railway operations (1 year 3 months).**
- To provide a temporary material stockpile
- Accessed from Budworth Road
- Requires demolition of 2 residential properties on Pickmere Lane - Barrhill and Waterless Brook Cottage
- Will manage the construction of Arley Brook Viaduct which **will take 1 year and 6 months to complete**
- Will manage the construction of Restricted Byway Tabley Superior 4/1 accommodation underbridge which **will take 1 year 6 months to complete.**
- **Temporary realignment of Flittogate Lane for 1 year 6 months**



- **Permanent realignment of Frog Lane for 6 months and traffic diverted via School Lane and B5391 Pickmere Lane increasing journey time by 3km**
- **1 year to build an auto-transformer station on Budworth Road and installation of equipment a further one year 3 months.**
- Decommissioning and diversion of minor utilities and Scottish Power overhead cables.

Further details of the other compounds are explained from p.63 2.3.59 which include the demolition of Windmill Nursery and Windmill House, Cow Lane Cottage and Heyrose Farm for the Budworth Road auto-transformer and the site compounds at J19 of M6 are for the M6 Mere Viaduct

NB - the M6 between J19 and J20 will be subject to lane width restrictions over three years with “short duration off-peak” motorway closures and diversions of up to 9.5km via A556 and M56.

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