

HS2

Works update

21 July 2023

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HS2

Social Value Projects



Local village support

- Litter picking
- Tree donations
- Hedgerow planting
- Benches, noticeboards, signs
- Construction team volunteering (specialist skills & support)



West Northants Food Larders

Race the Trace Fundraising

- £3,105 raised by construction staff
- Race the Trace is EKFB's yearly a keep fit & charity fund raising initiative.



Race
the
Trace



Our Community Larders are a sustainable solution providing food and household goods to those facing hardship.

Chipping Warden Site Safari

Pupils learnt about the diggers, excavators and specialist machinery being used to build the new railway.

They made notes and drew pictures on activity sheets, which were developed to enhance the learning programme.

Part of the launch of *Cones and High Speed Rail* form part of an extensive programme of skills, education, and employment initiatives that EKFB is delivering in the local area.



Helmdon Community Foundation

Reading Room Improvement Project - HS2 CEF funding: £47,650

The project is to renovate Helmdon's village hall, which is called The Reading Room, into a facility that can cater for the leisure, educational and social needs of the village. The Reading Room currently hosts a wide range of community activities, social clubs and essential services such as a post office. The project will improve and update the building's interiors, heating system and accessibility, which will benefit existing users as well as accommodate new community activities and users.

HELMDON
READING
ROOM



Commemorative Bench

A commemorative bench has been donated locally to Evenley Parish.

We have also recently sponsored some local Village Fetes.



"Oh my goodness, thank you. I don't know what to say, this is delightful news. Thank you very much indeed."

Turweston Chicken Run

Our teams ensured the new temporary diversion of Oatleys Road was open in time for this annual event.

- £500.00 sponsorship
- Some of the delivery team took part in the race itself while others were marshals along the route.



St. Peters Church

Race the Trace Fundraising

- Funds raised - £2485
- Only Grade 1 listed building in Brackley



"Thank you so much for this wonderful news. We are most grateful to you and your colleagues for raising such a large sum for St Peter's."

Brackley Allotments

This Spring, we donated 3,200 hedgerow plants to the Brackley Allotment Association's Egerton site and Castle site to help replant dying hedgerow. We are also assisting them with the replacement of some fencing and repairing a stone wall. Our team will be carrying out repairs to the wall this Saturday.



"Many thanks again, Brenna. We will be excited to see the results of the work by Henge and the team".

“Thank you again for all your help with the site. It's more than we could've hoped and dreamed for”

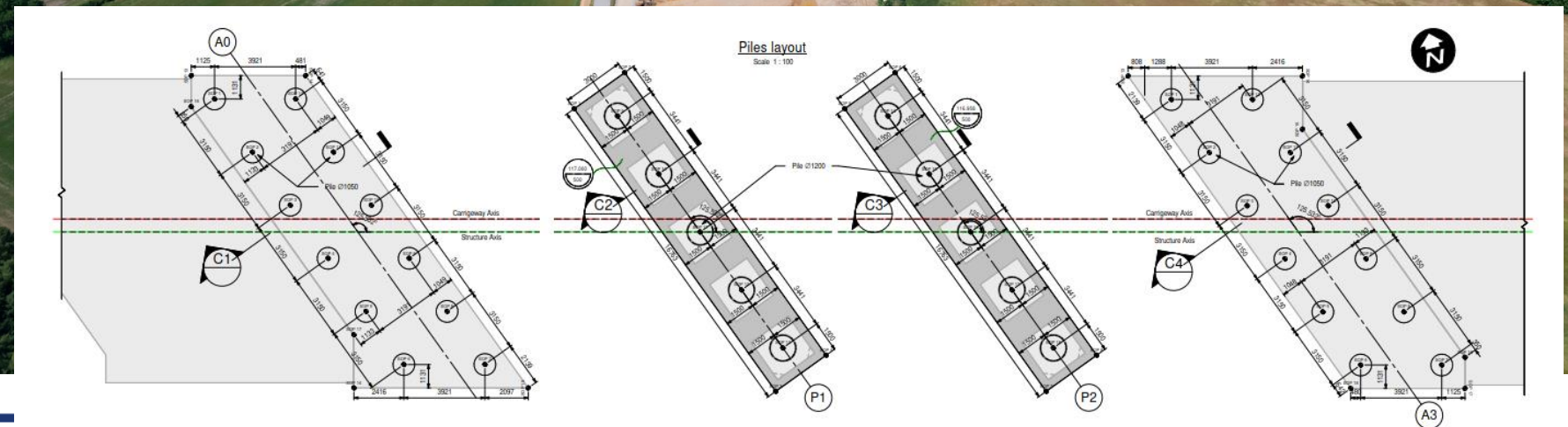
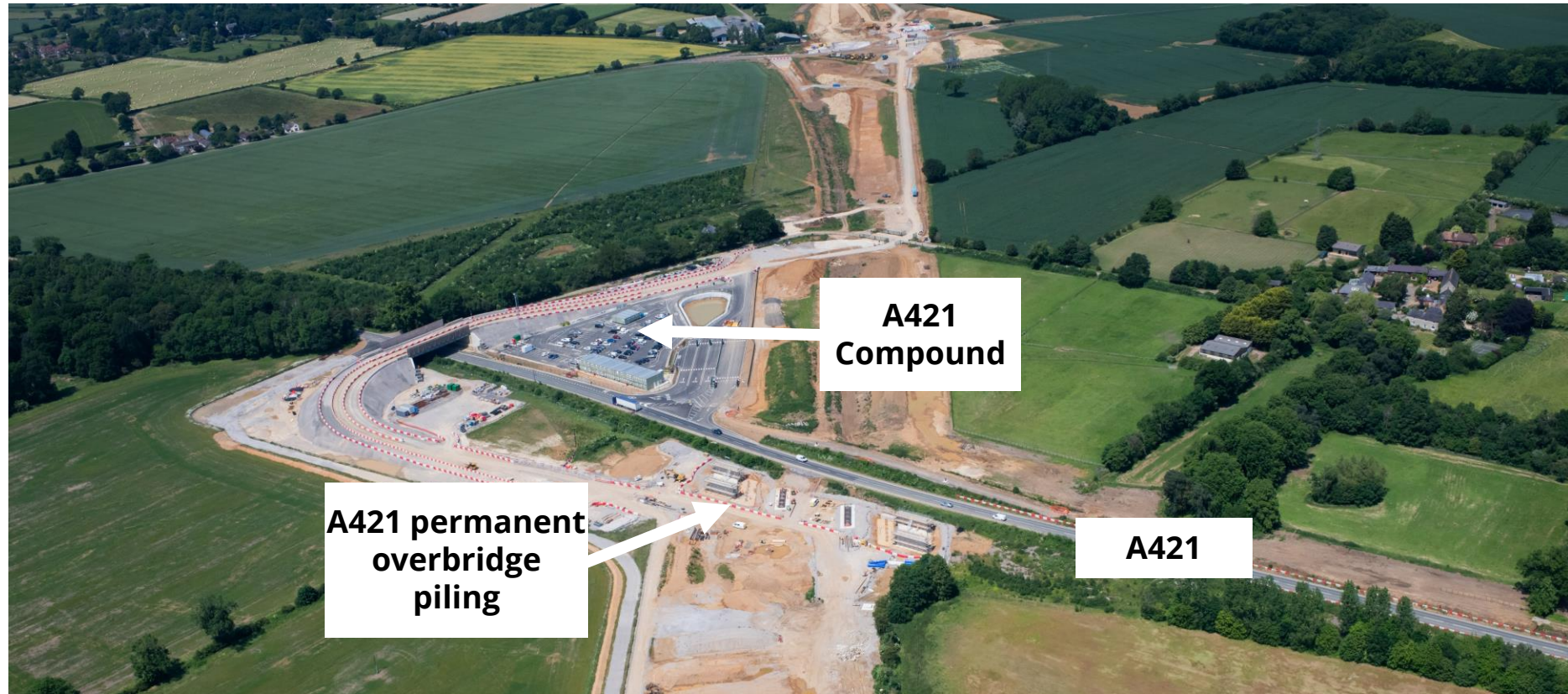
“A huge thank you for all the hard work that went into our forest school. It looks amazing! We couldn't have done this without all of your support and help so thank you again”



A421

Current Activity

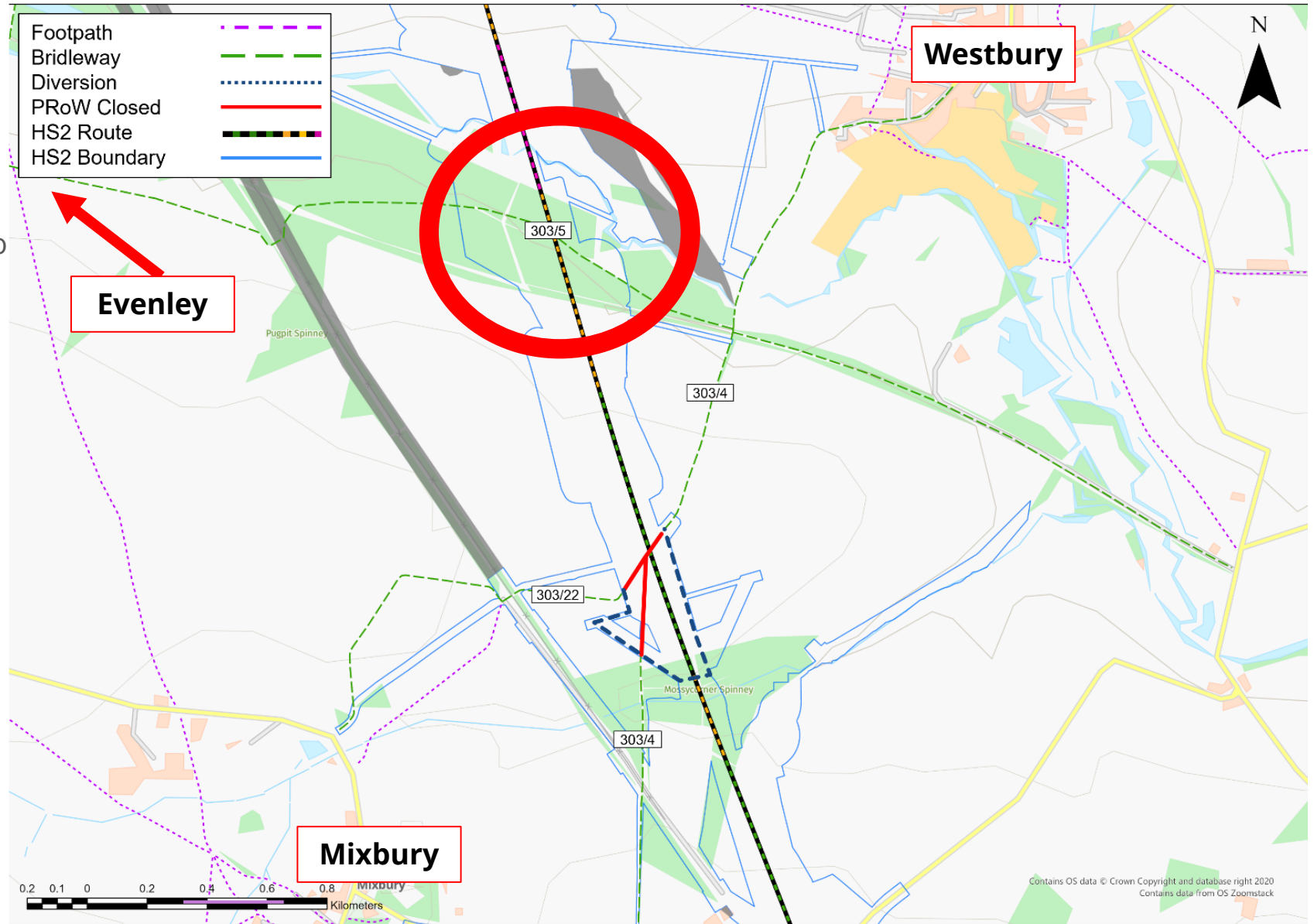
- Construction of the A421 compound is complete.
- 24 piles installed at the abutments A0 and A3
- 10 piles installed for the piers P1 and P2
- A0 & A3 wingwalls foundation slabs poured, A0&A3 Wingwalls poured



Footpaths

Current Activity

- Westbury 'circular ride'
- Bridleway 303/5 will need to close towards the end of the summer 2023 to allow the construction of the Westbury Viaduct.
- We will provide a diversion route using the existing 303/4 bridleway crossing and construct a temporary route to the west of the HS2 line.
- The bridleway known as 303/4 crosses the route of the HS2 railway.
- A temporary diversion is in place while we construct a new permanent realignment that will be constructed over the new railway .



A422

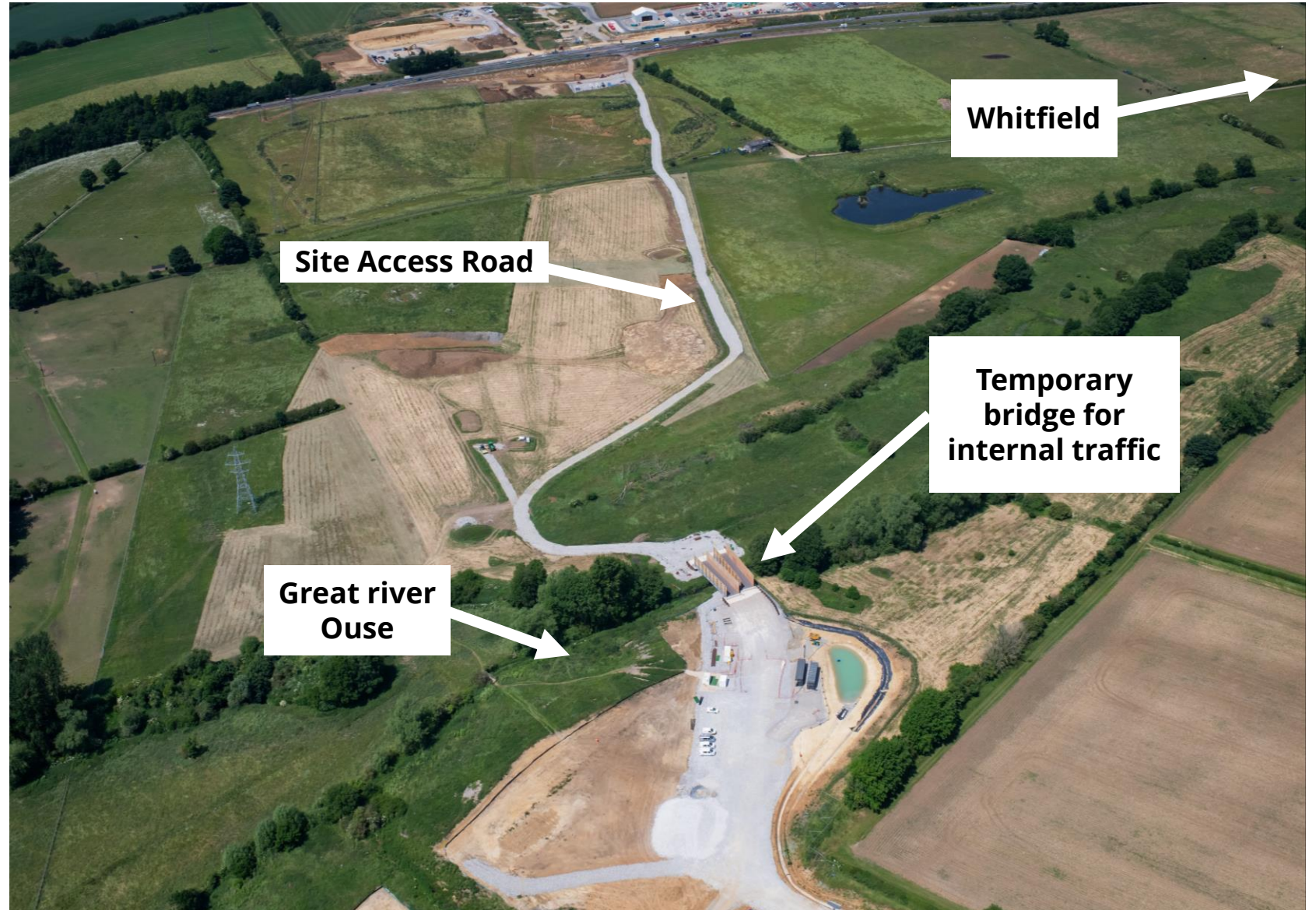
Current Activity

- Construction of the A422 temporary bridge is complete.
- Carrying out utility diversions.
- Full weekend closure and opening of the temporary road and bridge – Proposed September 2023.
- AWN will be issued once confirmed.



A43 to Turweston

- Construction of the site access road from the A43.
- The temporary bridge for construction access is now operational, completes our access from the A422 compound.
- Preparation for the temporary great river Ouse diversion, to support the permanent design



External Communication Examples

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434

HS2 Update

A43 Overbridge Brackley | Summer 2023



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk.

Building HS2 near Brackley

Our newsletters are an important tool used to update local communities on the progress of the HS2 project. This newsletter has been created to specifically update the local communities on our work constructing the A43 Overbridge, near Brackley. It includes the latest information on upcoming construction activities and expected timelines.

The A43 Overbridge will carry traffic over the new High Speed Railway Line. The overbridge will be located between the Brackley BP roundabout and the A43 junction for Syresham.

Our preparatory works for the overbridge have involved utility diversions, extensive earthworks, temporary road and footpath the sole use of our construction teams as they travel up and down the project.

Throughout the spring of 2023, we have been preparing for the main construction phase of the new temporary diversion.



Figure 1: The image above details the location of the temporary diversion that will be constructed this year for a section of the A43 near Brackley.

This has included the installation of temporary narrowed lanes and a reduction in the speed limit on this section of the A43. The new temporary diversion is expected to become operational in early 2024.

At the end of April, we began introducing periodic overnight closures of the A43, on both the southbound and northbound sides.

Update Continued

Where possible, to minimise disruption, these overnight closures will be reduced to single lane closures.

Throughout the summer and into autumn, our activities will focus on earthworks, which will involve excavating approximately 11,000 cubic metres of material from the north side of the A43. This material will be temporarily stockpiled and eventually reused as part of the final landscaping designs for HS2.

Once we carry out our main earthworks for the temporary diversion, we will then begin installing drainage. Following the completion of the drainage works, we will begin constructing the new road, which will involve surfacing works, white lining and the installation of road signage. After the road is finished, the local authority will conduct a thorough road safety audit before it is opened for public use.



In order to safely tie in the new temporary diversion into the existing road network, we will require two 57-hour full road closures of the A43. To reduce disruption as much as possible, the northbound closure and the southbound closure will take place on alternate weekends. These closures are expected to take place in late 2023. Once dates are confirmed we will update the public two weeks in advance of the closures.

In addition to our formal Advance Work Notices, the road closure information will also be communicated through traditional

road signage as well as electronic signage. These signs will be located in strategic locations and placed in a safe location.

Once the temporary diversion is operational, we will then be able to safely begin construction on the new A43 Overbridge, which is expected to be completed in late 2025.

We will continue to collaborate with National Highways and update local communities on the progression of our works. These works are currently subject to consents.

Should you have any questions about our works you can contact the HS2 helpdesk 24-hours a day.

Contact us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

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Minicom 08081 456 472

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website www.hs2.org.uk

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Notice of overnight road closures, A43, Brackley BP roundabout to the Syresham junction

June 2023 | www.hs2.org.uk

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What are we doing?

This spring, we will begin construction on a temporary diversion of a section of the A43. This diversion is required so that we can build the new A43 Overbridge that will carry traffic over the HS2 railway line. We will soon be installing narrowed lanes on the northbound side of the A43, along with road safety barriers. These narrowed lanes will remain operational into winter.

In order to carry out these works safely, there will be overnight closures of the A43. The lay-bys on the southbound side of the A43 will also be closed from Friday 28 April for approximately five weeks, allowing us to coordinate our plant and machinery for the overnight closures. The lay-by located opposite Ilets Farm will remain closed for the duration of our works while we build the A43 Overbridge. For the safety of road users and our workforce there will also be speed restrictions on this section of road.

Once the narrowed lanes and safety barriers are installed, the main works to construct the temporary diversion will commence.

We will also be delivering plant and material to our works sites on the A43 as well as carrying out some localised vegetation clearance. To do this safely, there will be overnight closures of the A43 on some weekends. We will continue to collaborate with National Highways and update local communities on the progression of our works.

When will these works take place?

The A43 northbound will be fully closed overnight, from the Brackley BP roundabout to the Syresham Junction, from 8pm to 6am, on the following dates:

- Sunday 18 June and Sunday 2 July

The A43 southbound will be fully closed overnight, from the Brackley BP roundabout to the Syresham Junction, from 8pm to 6am on the following dates:

- Saturday 17 June and Saturday 1 July

Notification



Duration of works

The A43 southbound will be closed overnight on:
Saturday 17 June
Saturday 1 July

The A43 northbound will be closed overnight on:
Sunday 18 June
Sunday 2 July

Overnight working hours:
Saturdays and Sundays
8pm – 6am. Our contractors may be on site for one hour's start-up and shutdown either side of these times.

What to expect

Overnight full road closures of the A43.

Speed restrictions on this section of the A43. These dates may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control, such as weather.

These works are subject to consents. **What we will do**
Respond promptly to any complaints and take appropriate action.

Notice of overnight road closures, A43, Brackley BP roundabout to the Syresham junction

www.hs2.org.uk

Where will the works take place?

The map below, shows the section of the A43 that will have overnight road closures from the Brackley BP roundabout to the Syresham junction. The diversion route is via the A421, A422 and A5.

In addition to this notice, the road closure information will also be communicated through traditional road signage as well as electronic signage. These signs will be located in strategic locations and placed in a safe location. We would remind all road users to plan their journeys, allow more time and follow the signed diversion routes.

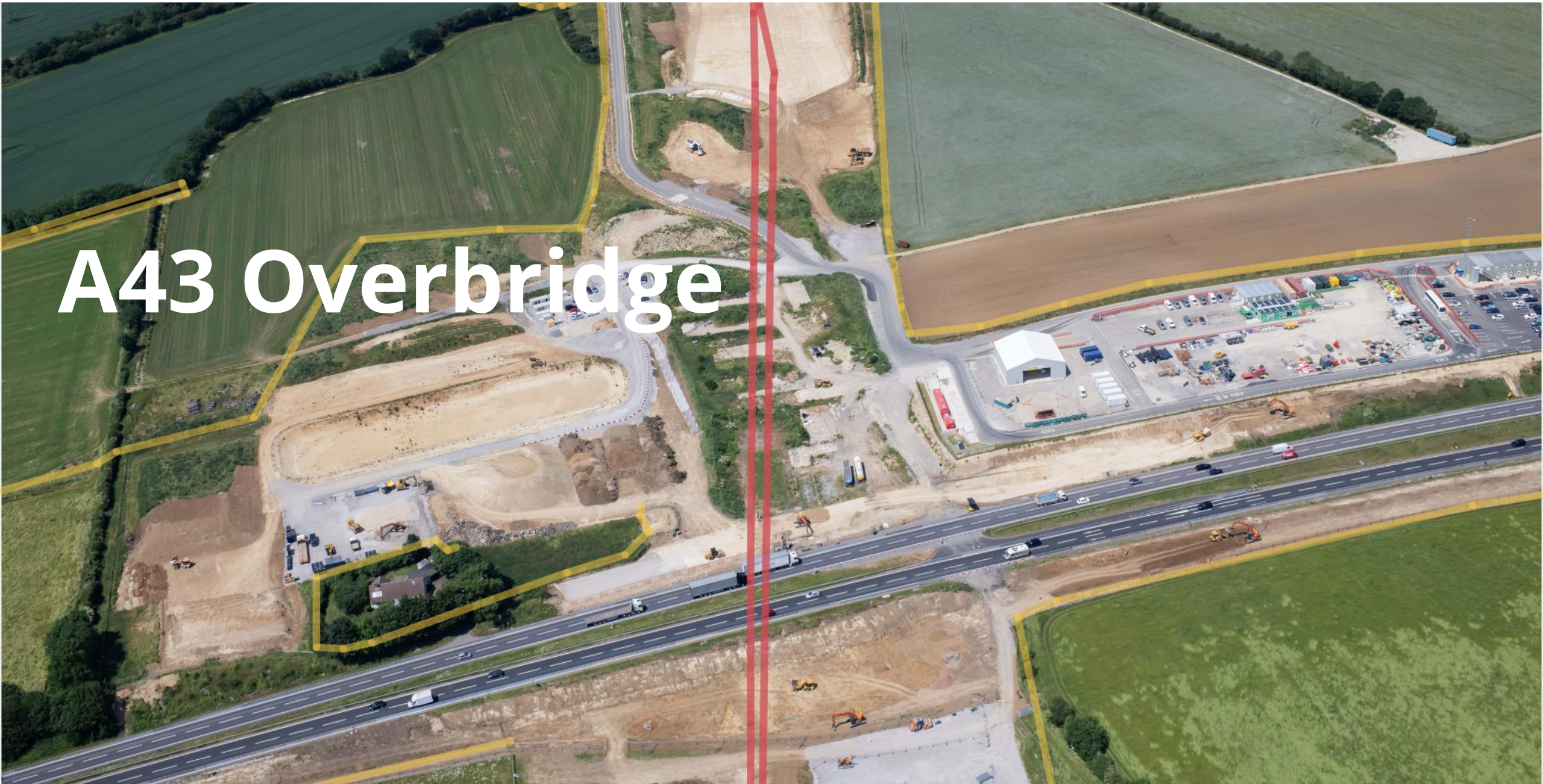
For the safety of road users and our workforce there will also be speed restrictions on this section of road. Periodic overnight lane closures will continue along this section of the A43, northbound and southbound, allowing us to progress our works for the temporary diversion of the A43.



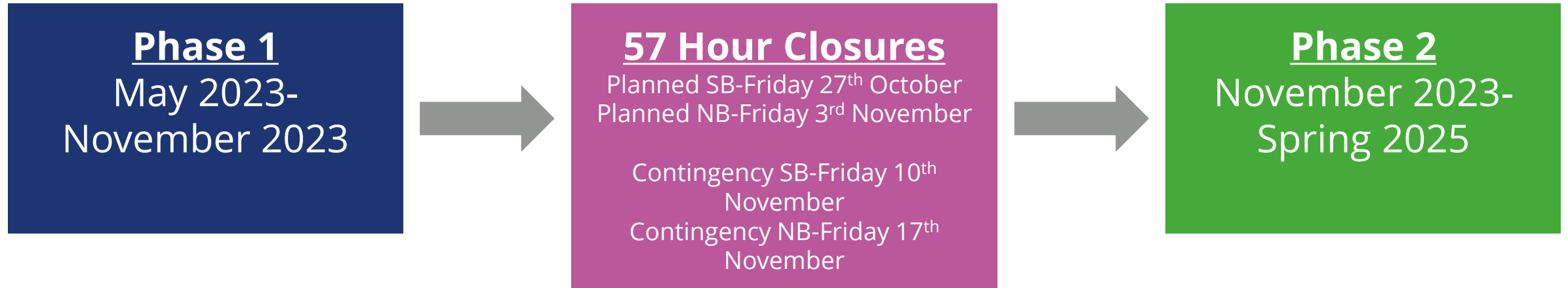
Newsletter Update

Advance Work Notice

A43 Overbridge



Scheme Overview – Subject to consents



Construction of temporary diversion route

- Installation of open cut drainage connections
- Tie in pavement detail between the temporary diversion route and the existing A43
- Realign exiting A43 onto the temporary diversion route

Construction of the permanent bridge – Top-down method.

We will look to host an online A43 sub meeting for the 57-hour closures.

A43

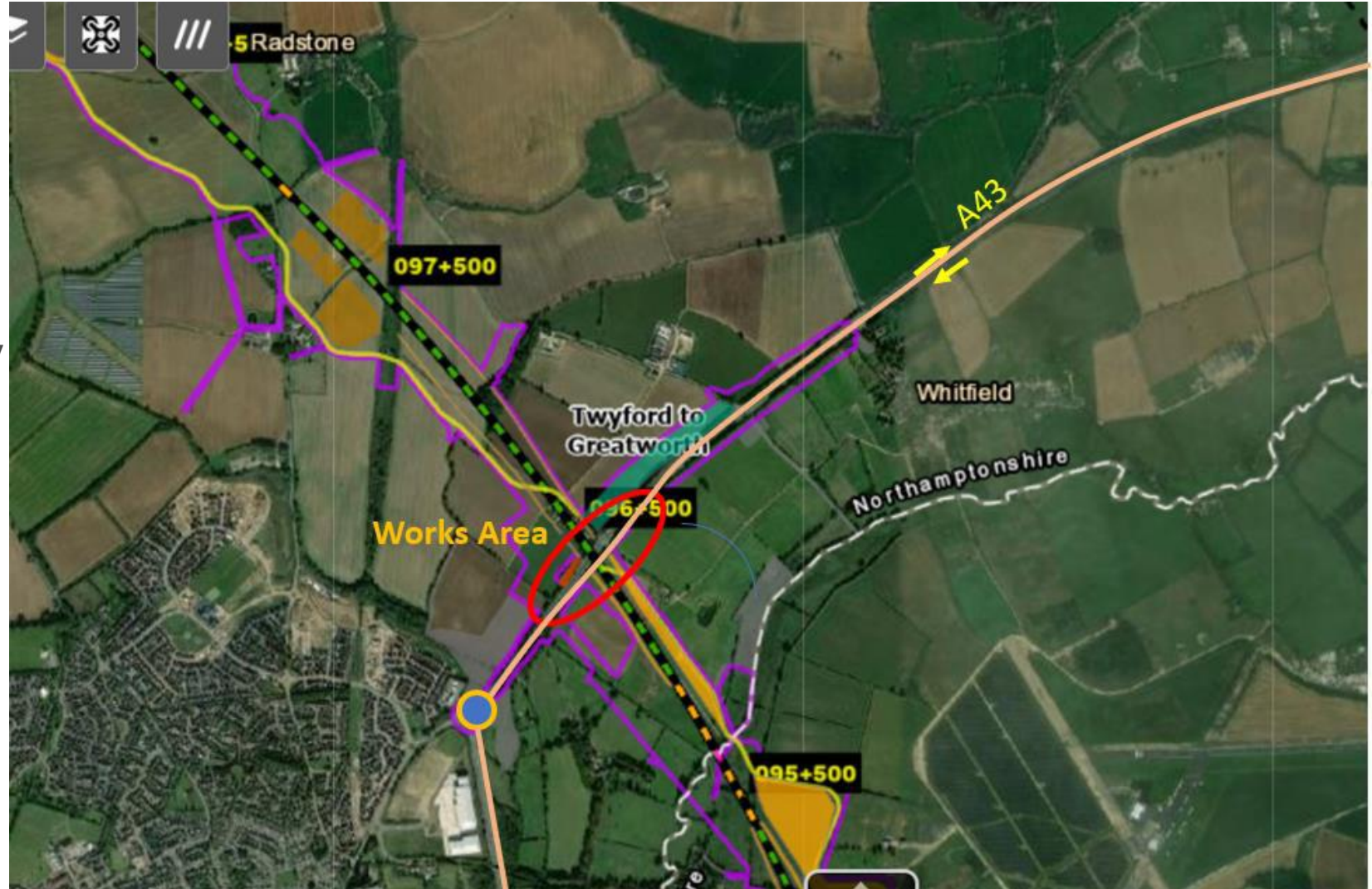
Current Activity

The **A43 northbound** will be closed **overnight** between:

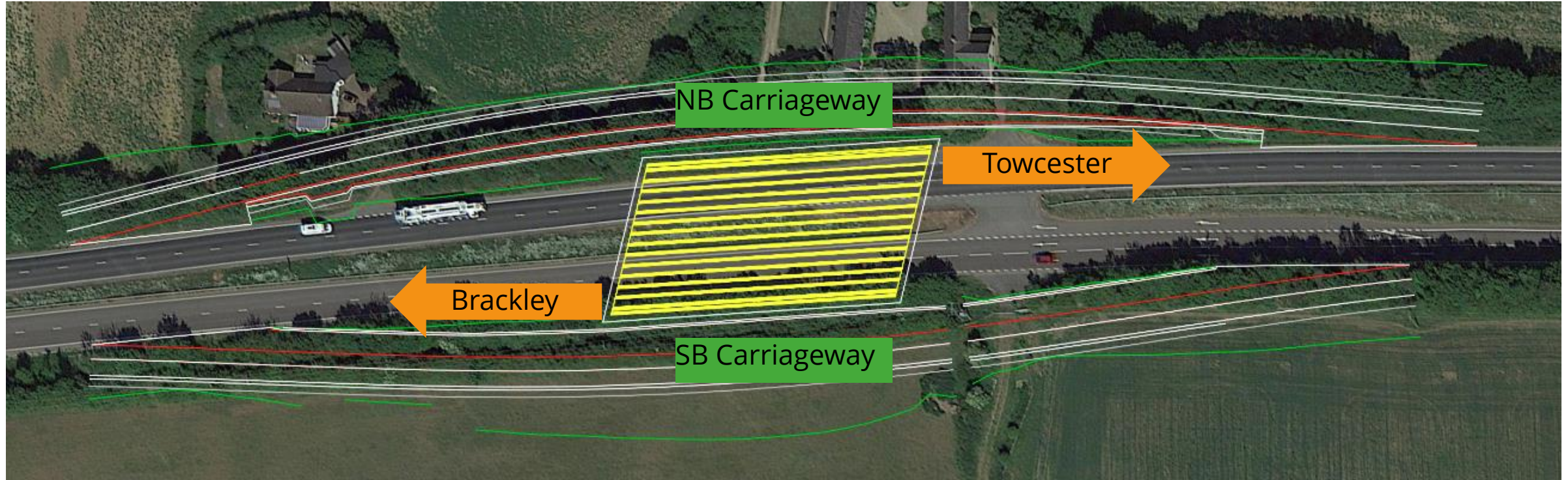
- 8pm and 6am :
 - **Monday 7 August to Saturday 12 August**
 - **Wednesday 6 September to Wednesday 27 September (weekdays)**

The **A43 southbound** will be closed **overnight** between:

- 8pm and 6am:
 - **Monday 14 August to Wednesday 6 September (weekdays)**
- Closures will not take place on Friday 25 August and Monday 28 August over the bank holiday weekend.



Scheme Location Overview

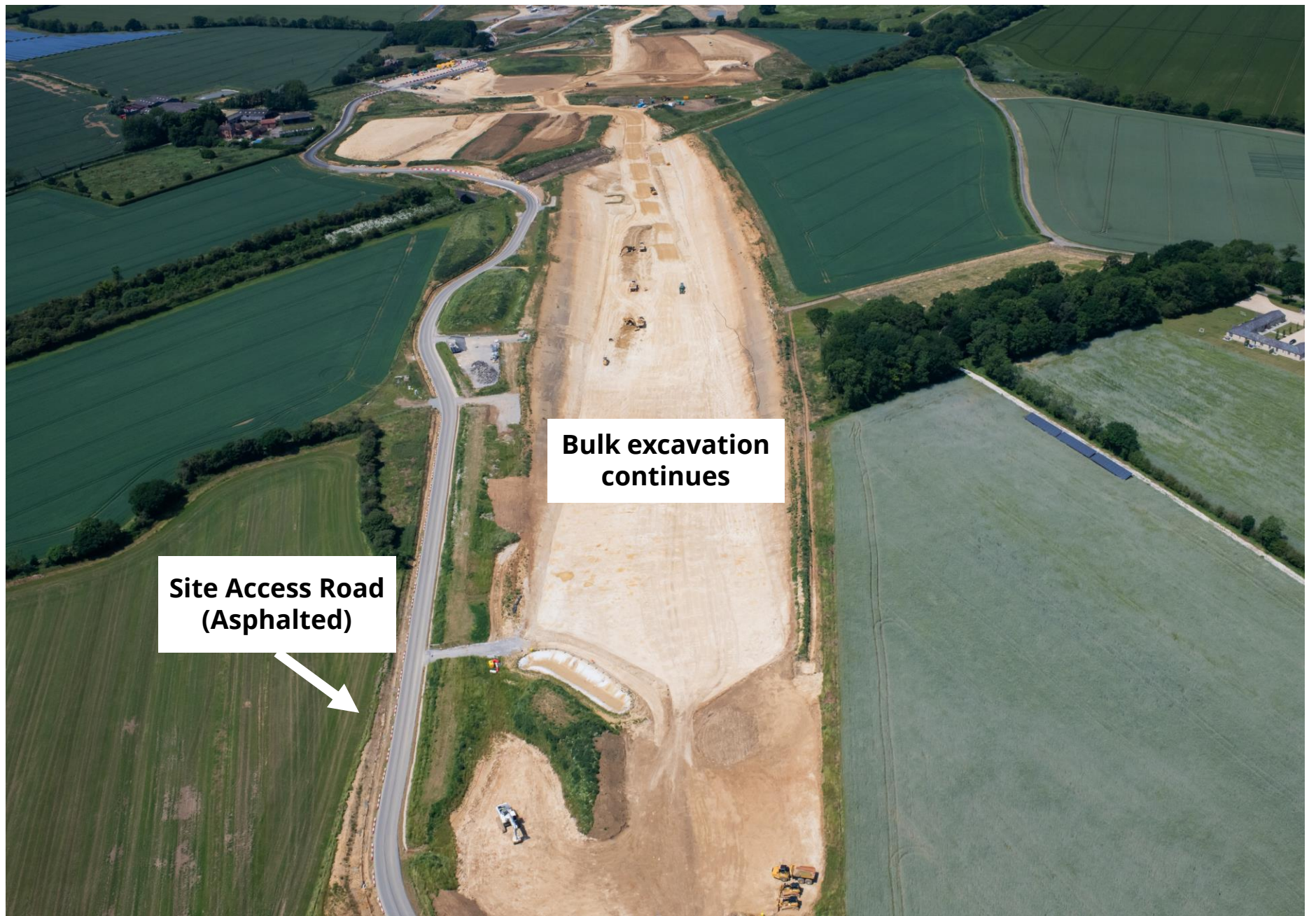


Radstone

Radstone Rd Area Current Activity

Earthworks:

- Bulk excavation continues
 - Currently 10M deep
- Temporary ponds



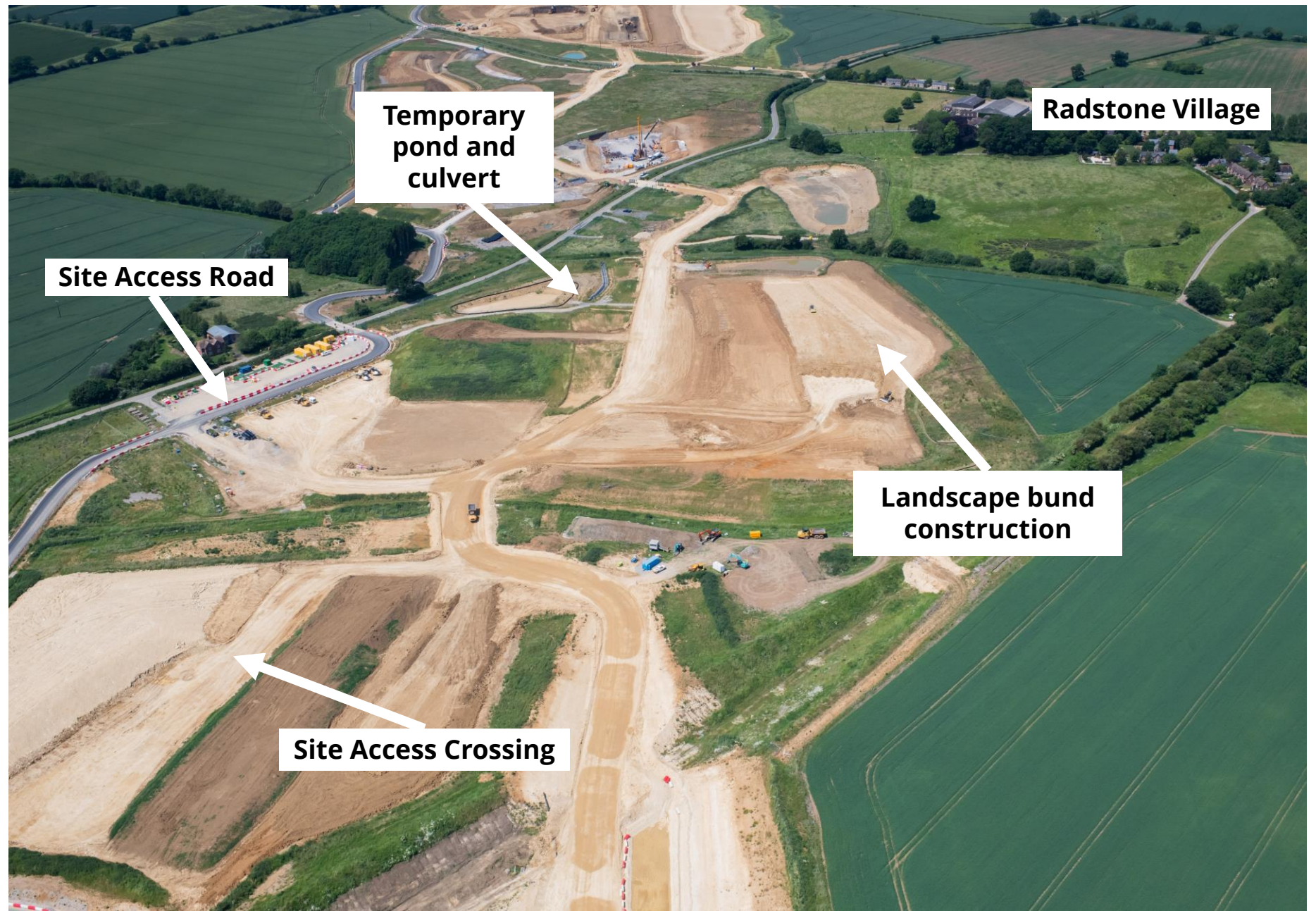
**Bulk excavation
continues**

**Site Access Road
(Asphalted)**

Radstone

Radstone Rd Area Current Activity

- Earthworks:
- Construction of the temporary pond and Brackley culvert.
- Construction of the permanent landscape bund by Radstone village.
- Bulk excavation on the cutting and movement of material continues

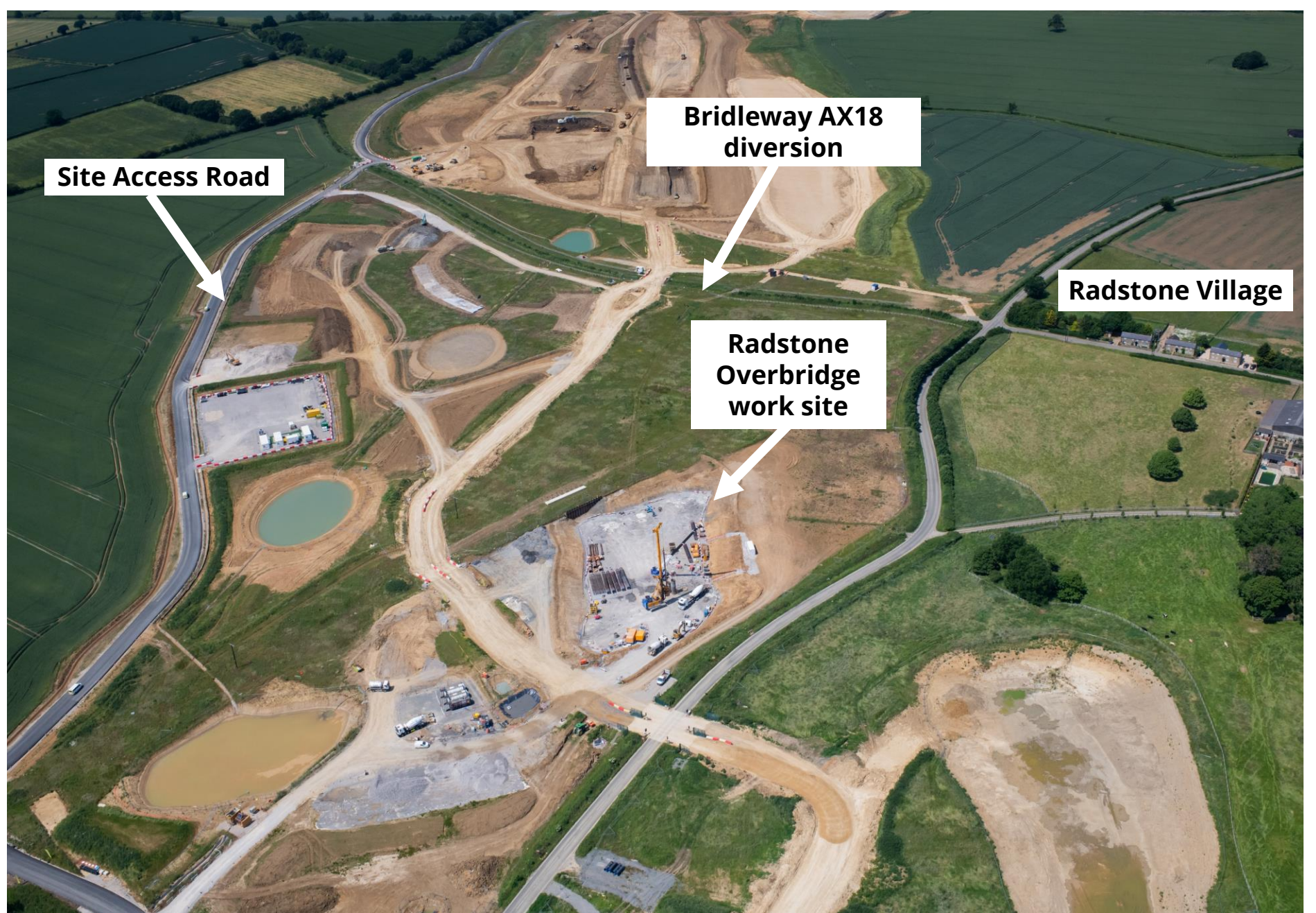


Radstone

Radstone Rd Area

Current Activity

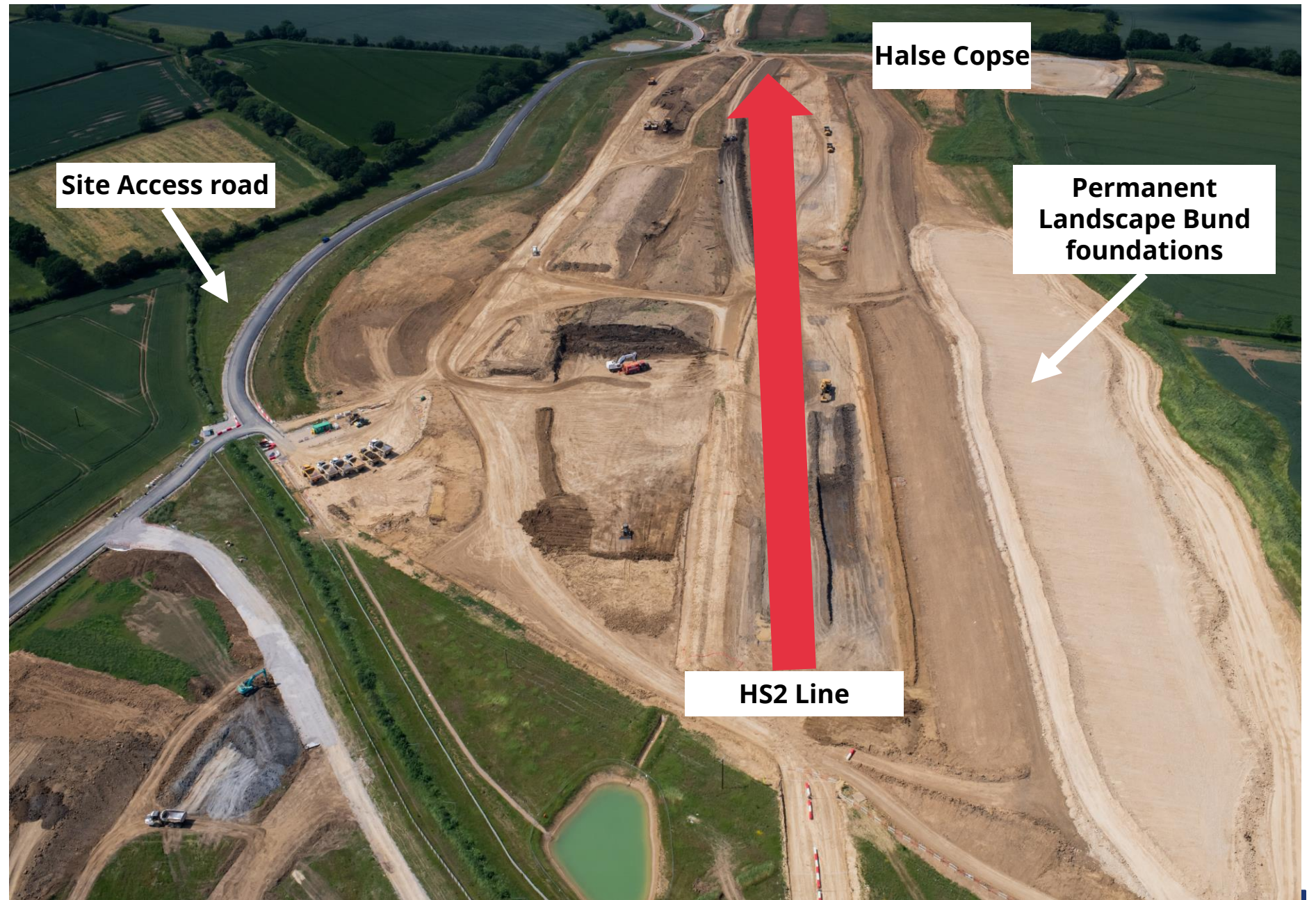
- Radstone overbridge piling update:
 - 65 piles out of 99 completed. Completion end of August.
- Bridleway AX18 temporary diversion parallel to existing alignment.
- Bulk excavation – Continues



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Halse Copse to Radstone Area 2023 Activity

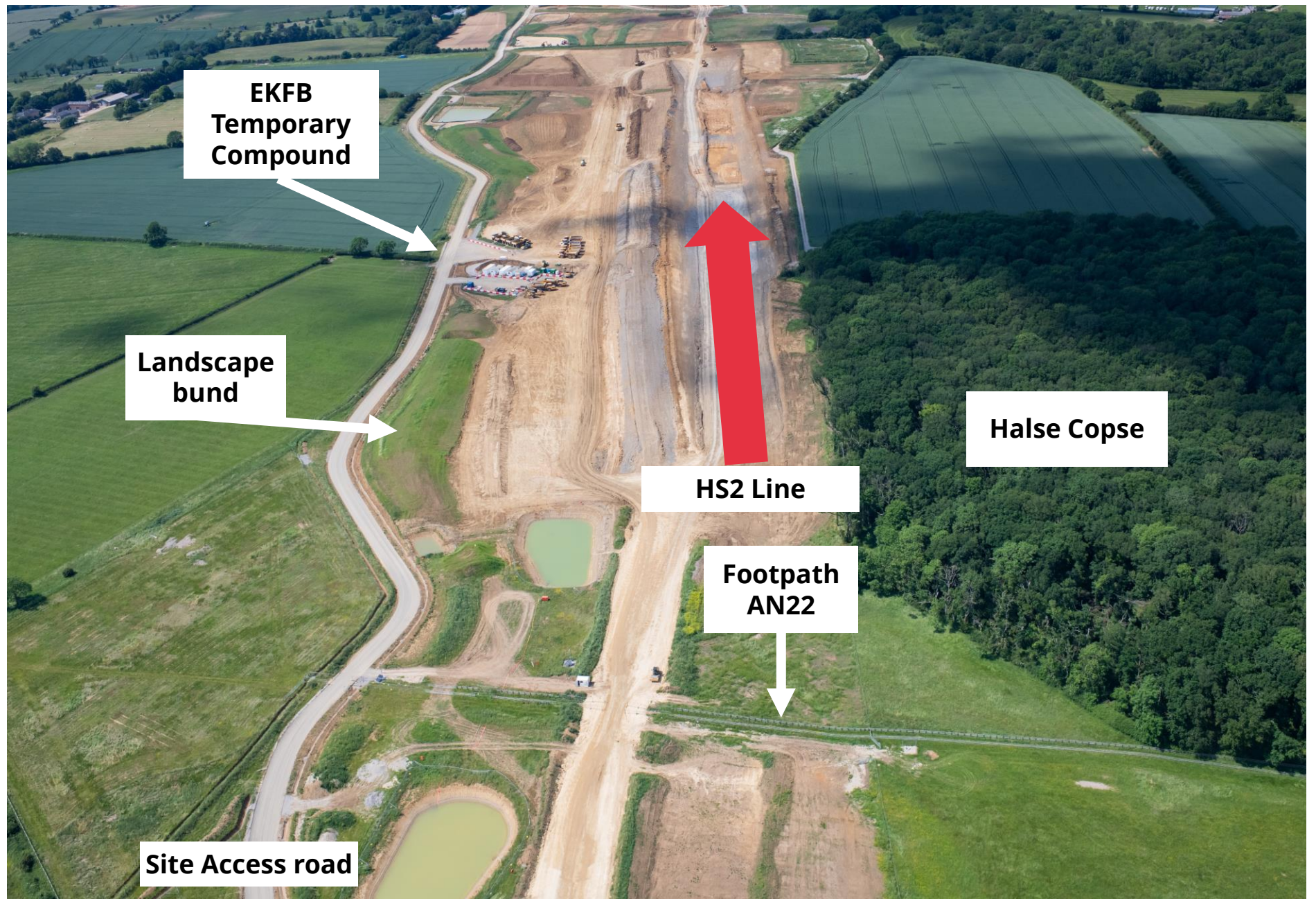
- Earthworks:
 - Permanent landscape construction continue
 - Move stockpile to Greatworth



Halse

Halse Copse Area 2023 Activity

- Earthworks;
 - Bulk excavation & landscape bunds continue.
- Preparation for the AN22 footpath overbridge – Early 2025



Greatworth South Cutting

Angelic Studios

Temporary Planting for visual screening, highlighted in yellow
Planting to create a visual screening of site access road and construction area.

We aim to plant 50 pot grown trees, each 2-3 meters in height. Proposed to begin planting week commencing 15 May waiting for confirmation.



25 x *Quercus robur* 10L (English Oak)

- Flower and leaf buds of English oak are the food plants of the caterpillars of purple hairstreak butterflies.



25 x *Populus nigra* 10L (Black Poplar)

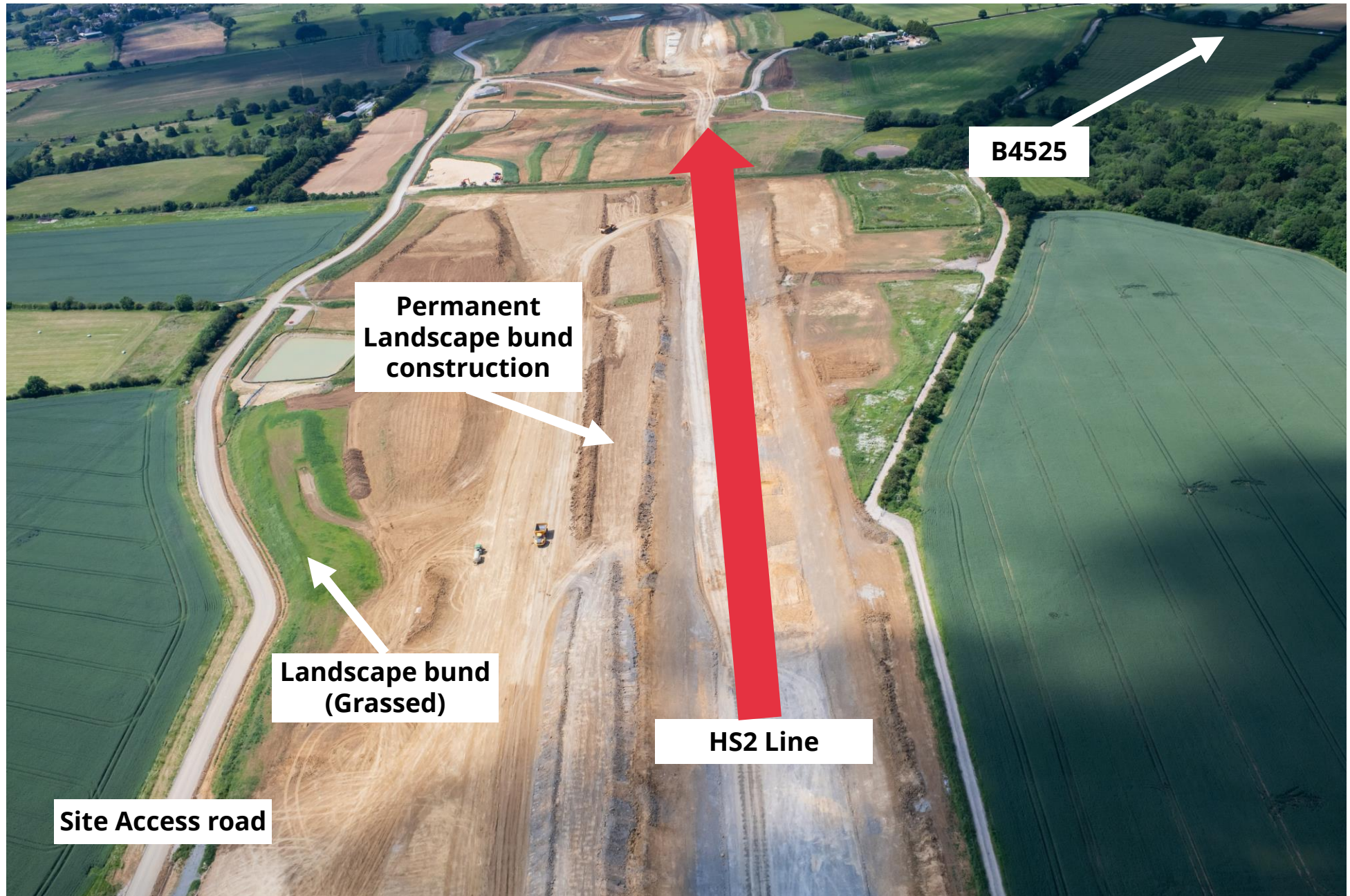
- Black poplar is the food plant for the caterpillars of many moths, including the hornet, wood leopard, poplar hawk and figure of eight



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Cutting Area 2023 Activity

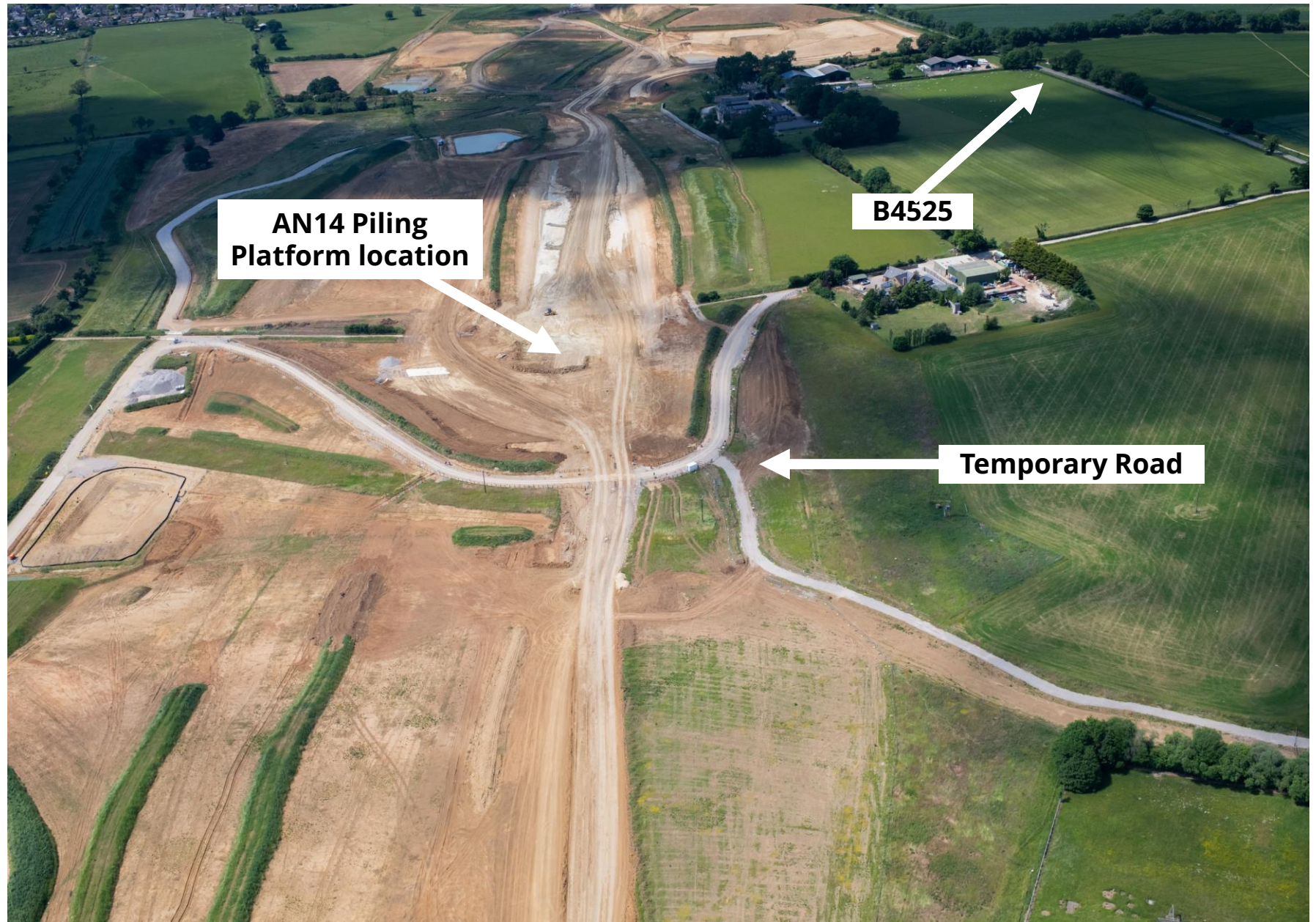
- Temporary Landscape bunds constructed, which have now germinated to support with visualisation.
- Excavation of the cutting and creation of permanent landscape bunds.
- The permanent bund will be 5 meters high.



Halse

2023 Activity

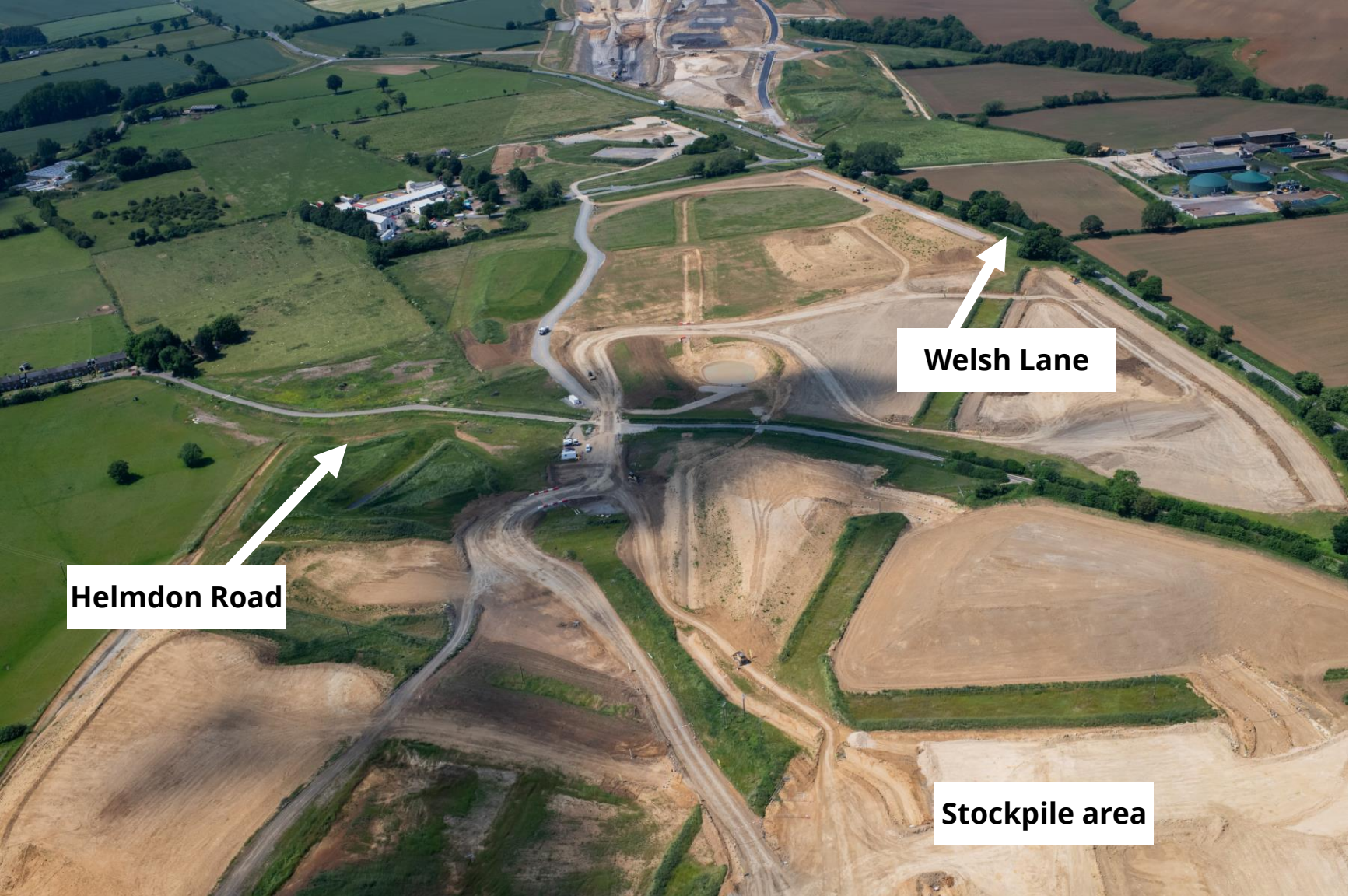
- AN14 Accommodation overbridge preparation:
- Earthworks to prepare the cutting.
- AN14 piling platform has been completed
- Due to mobilise late August 2023
- AN14 has eight piles to support the structure and will take four weeks.



Greatworth

Helmdon Road Area

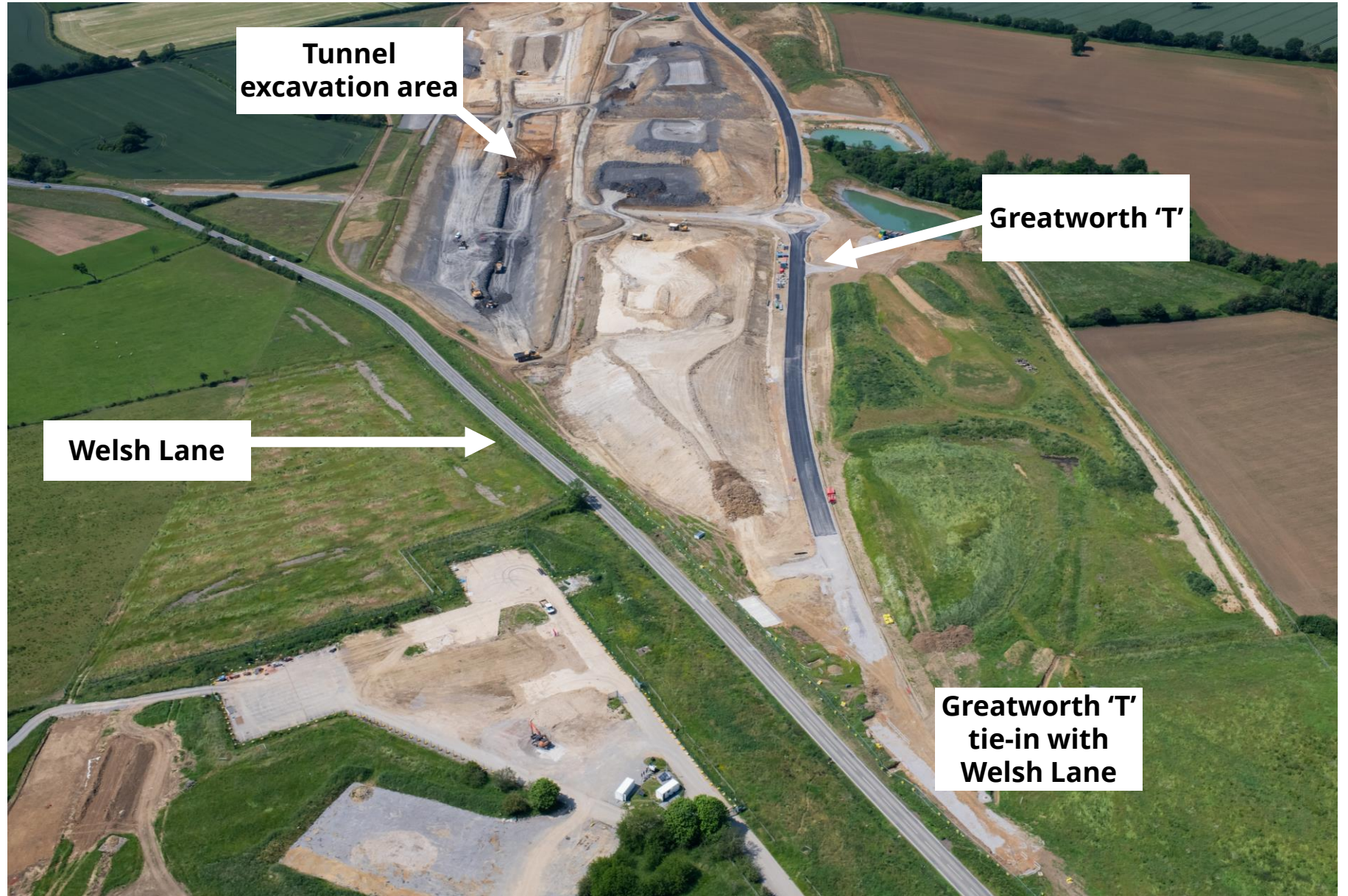
- Stockpile area
- Closure from Q1 2024
- Tunnel excavation 2024



Greatworth

2023 Activity

- Greatworth T Tie-in for Welsh Lane temporary traffic lights August 2023
- Tunnel Excavation north of Welsh Lane
- Tunnel Segment installation in Autumn 2023



Greatworth Temporary Road

Tie-in to the existing highway, 2023 Activity

- **August** - Sulgrave Road for tie-in (full road closure).
- **August** - Welsh Lane temporary traffic lights.
- **September** - Greatworth T phase 1 to open

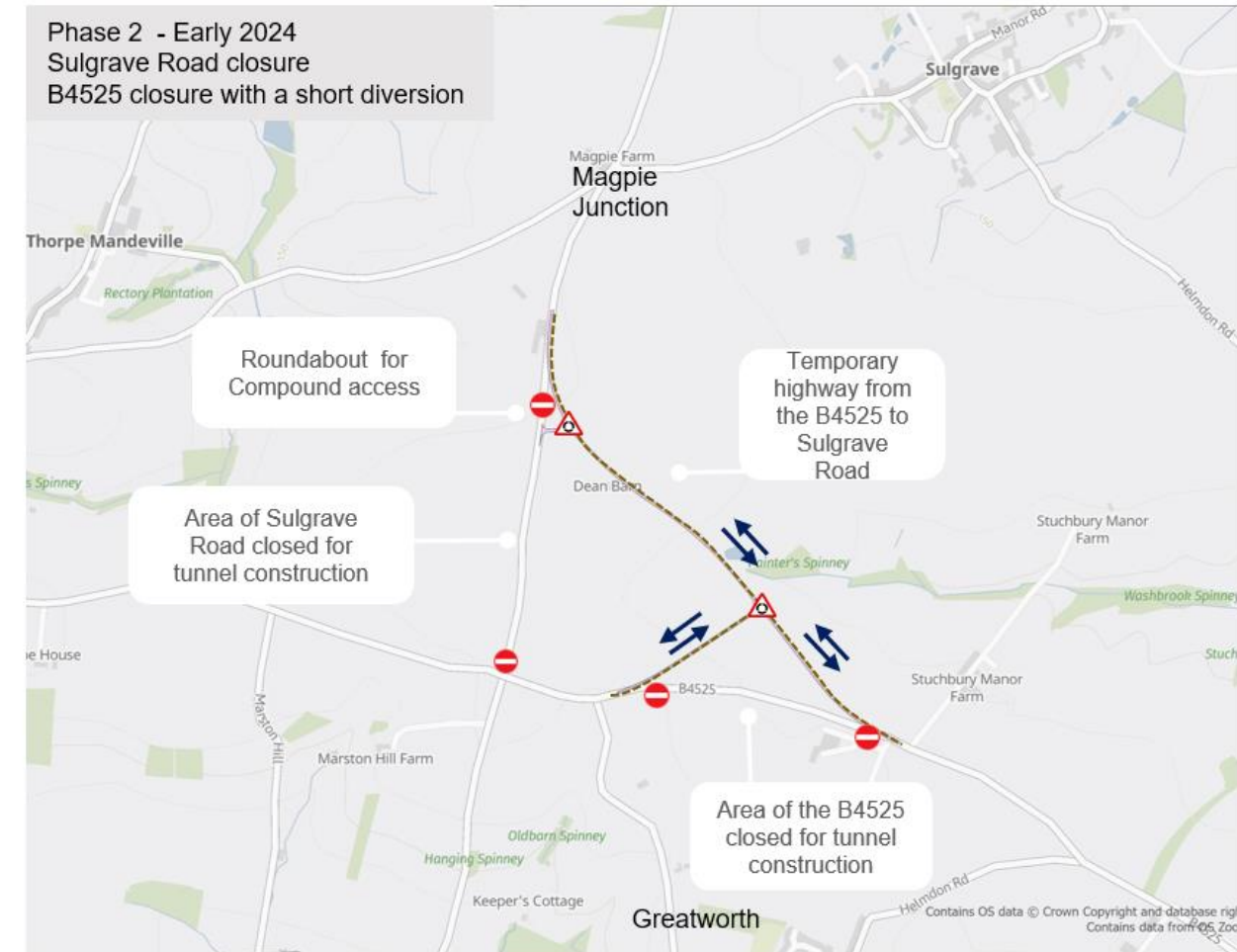


Greatworth T layout

Phase 1 – September 2023



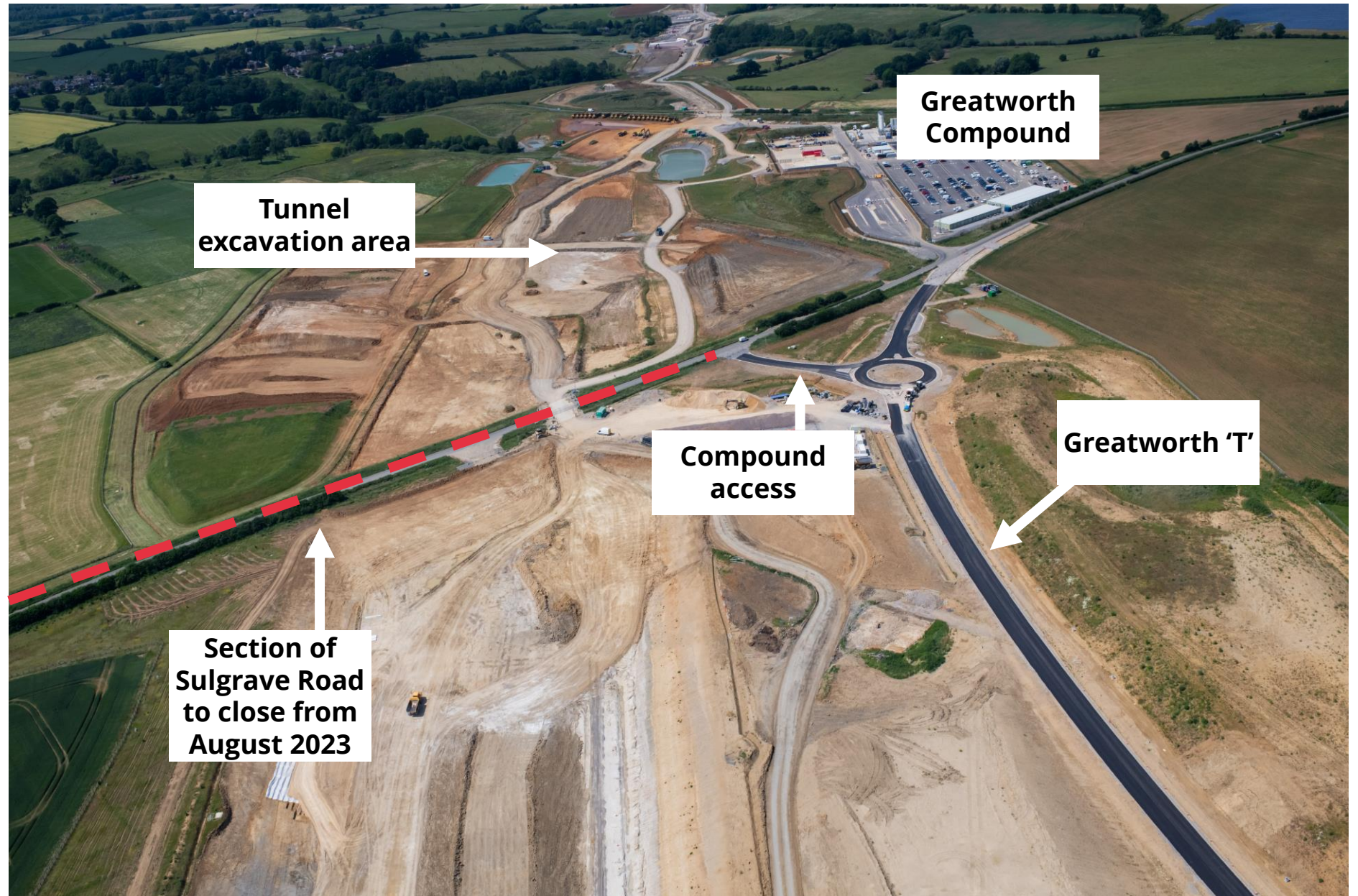
Phase 2 – Early 2024



Sulgrave

2023 Activity

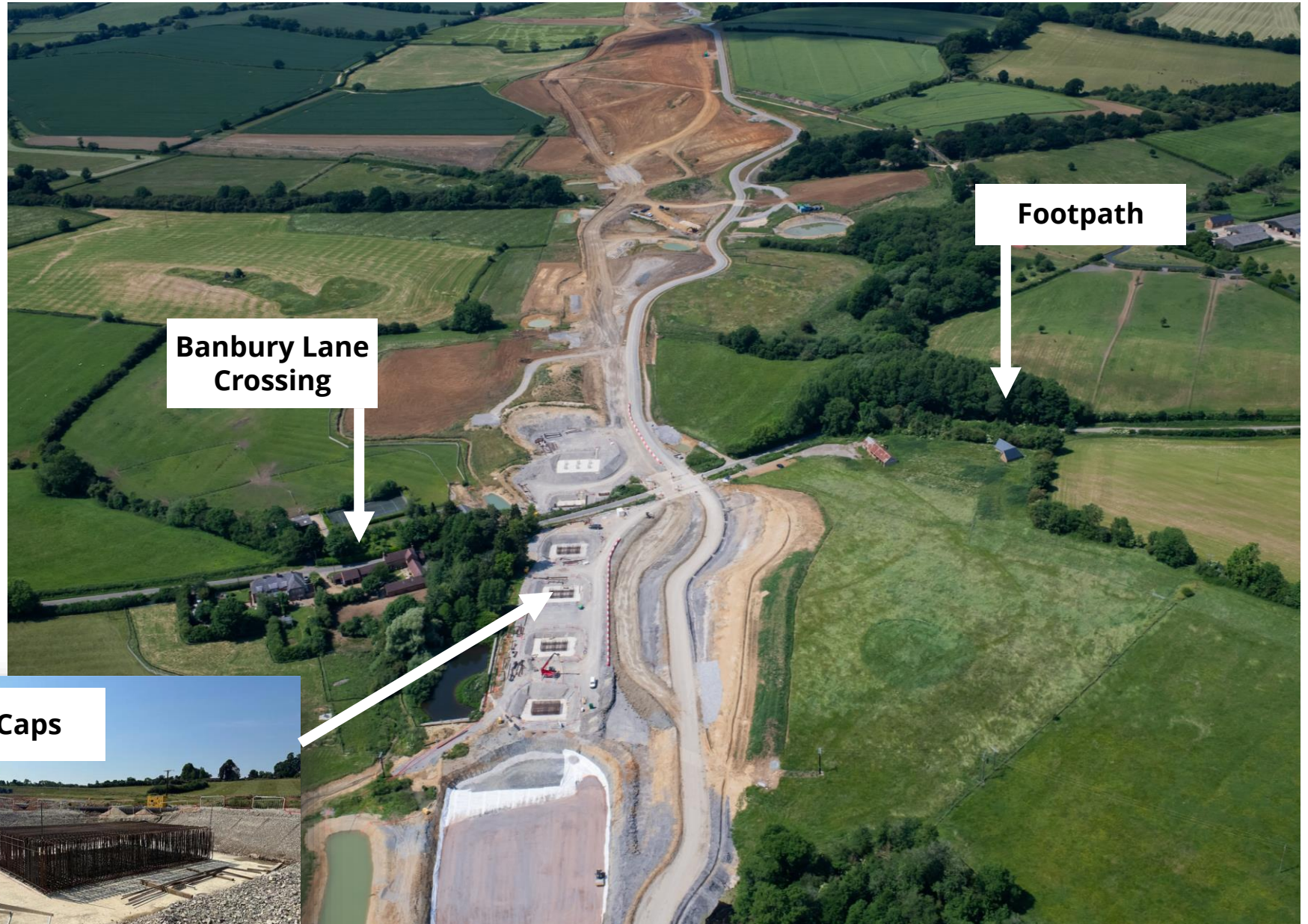
- Greatworth T
- Tunnel excavation
- Tunnel segment delivery to Greatworth Compound (August 2023).



Lower Thorpe

Viaduct Area 2023 Activity

- Piling
- Drainage improvement
- Utility diversions
- Viaduct construction
- Earthworks
- Diverted utility connections



Pile Caps

A361 Chipping Warden

Backfilling with earth:
September 2023 – Spring 2024

Realigned A361 construction:
April 2024 – October 2024

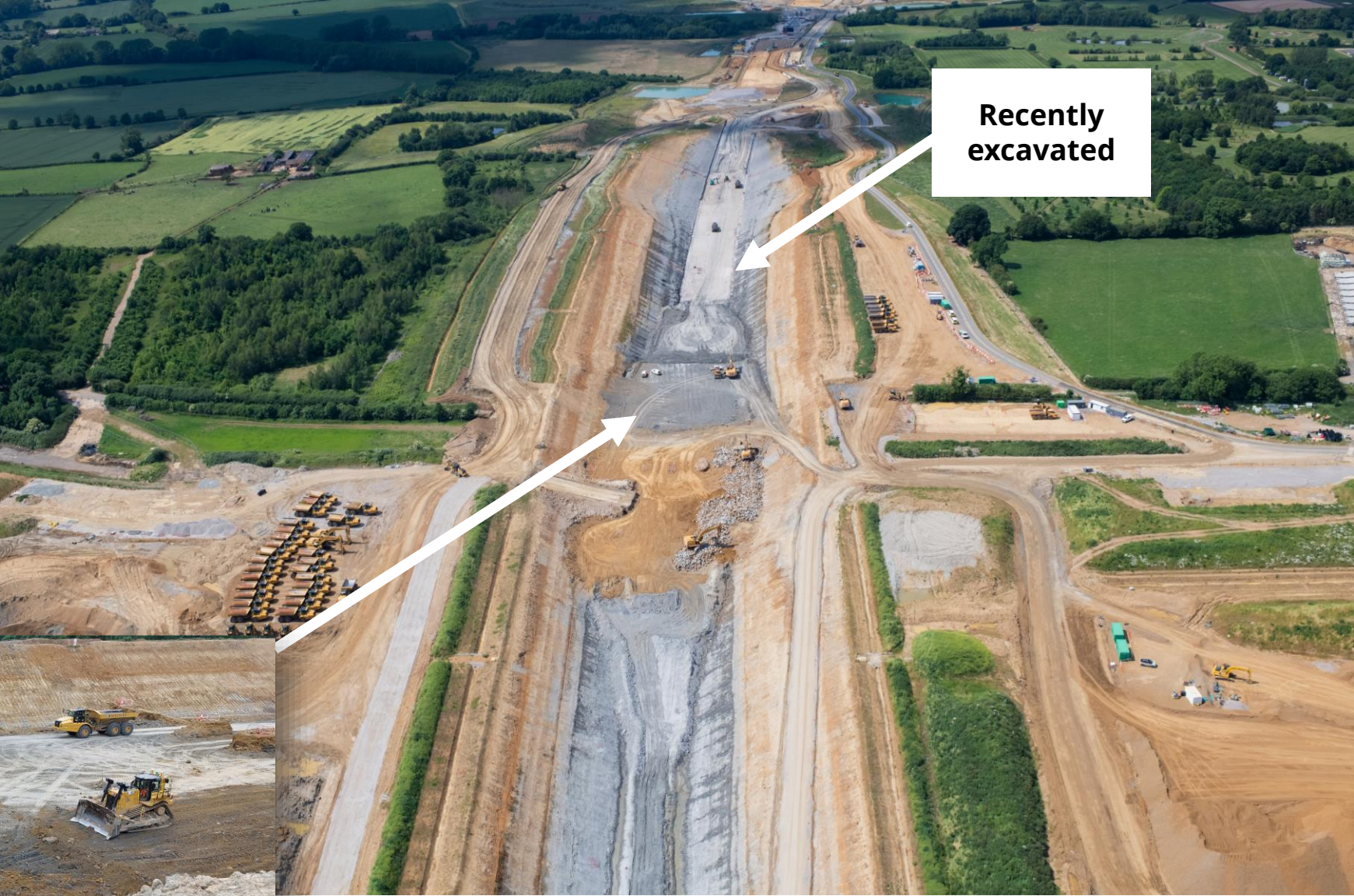
Highway open to traffic:
Autumn 2024



Aston Le Walls

2023 Activity

- Ongoing tunnel construction
- Preparations for precast installation

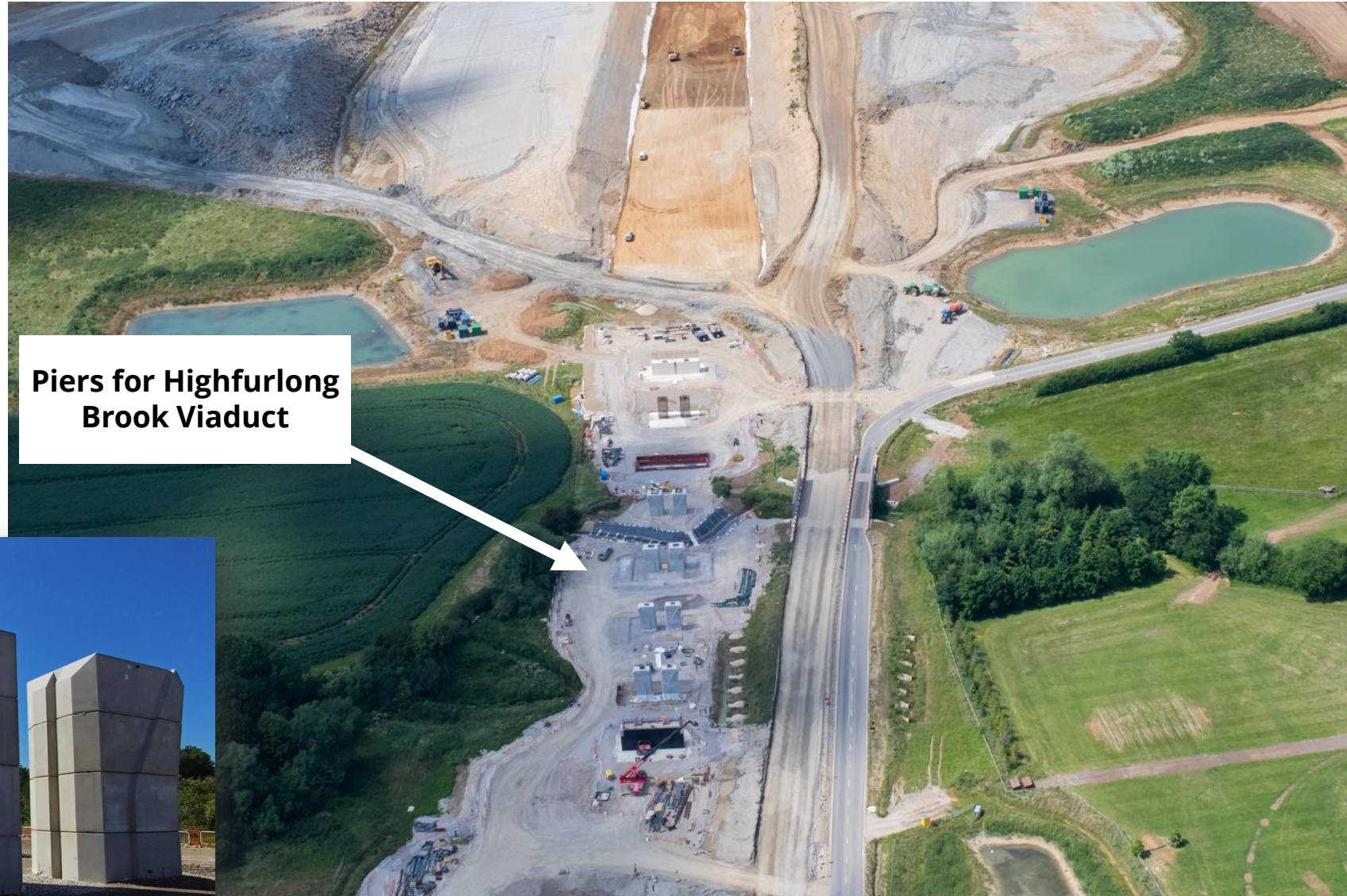


Highfurlong Viaduct

2023 Activity

- Beam installation

Precast concrete beam sections: delivery in late July - August



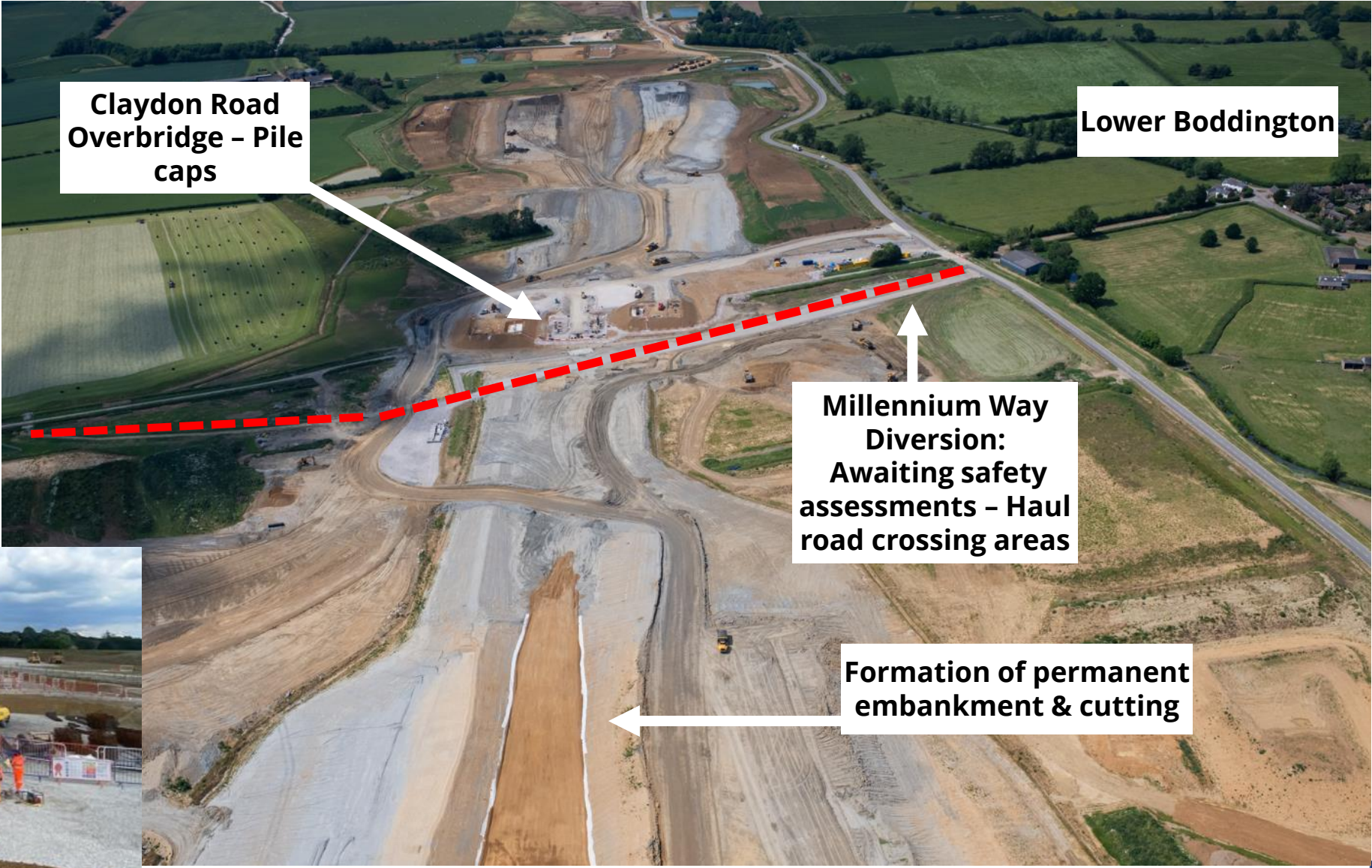
Piers for Highfurlong Brook Viaduct



Boddington Area

2023 Activity

- Claydon Overbridge
- Piling
- Millennium Way footpath (installed)

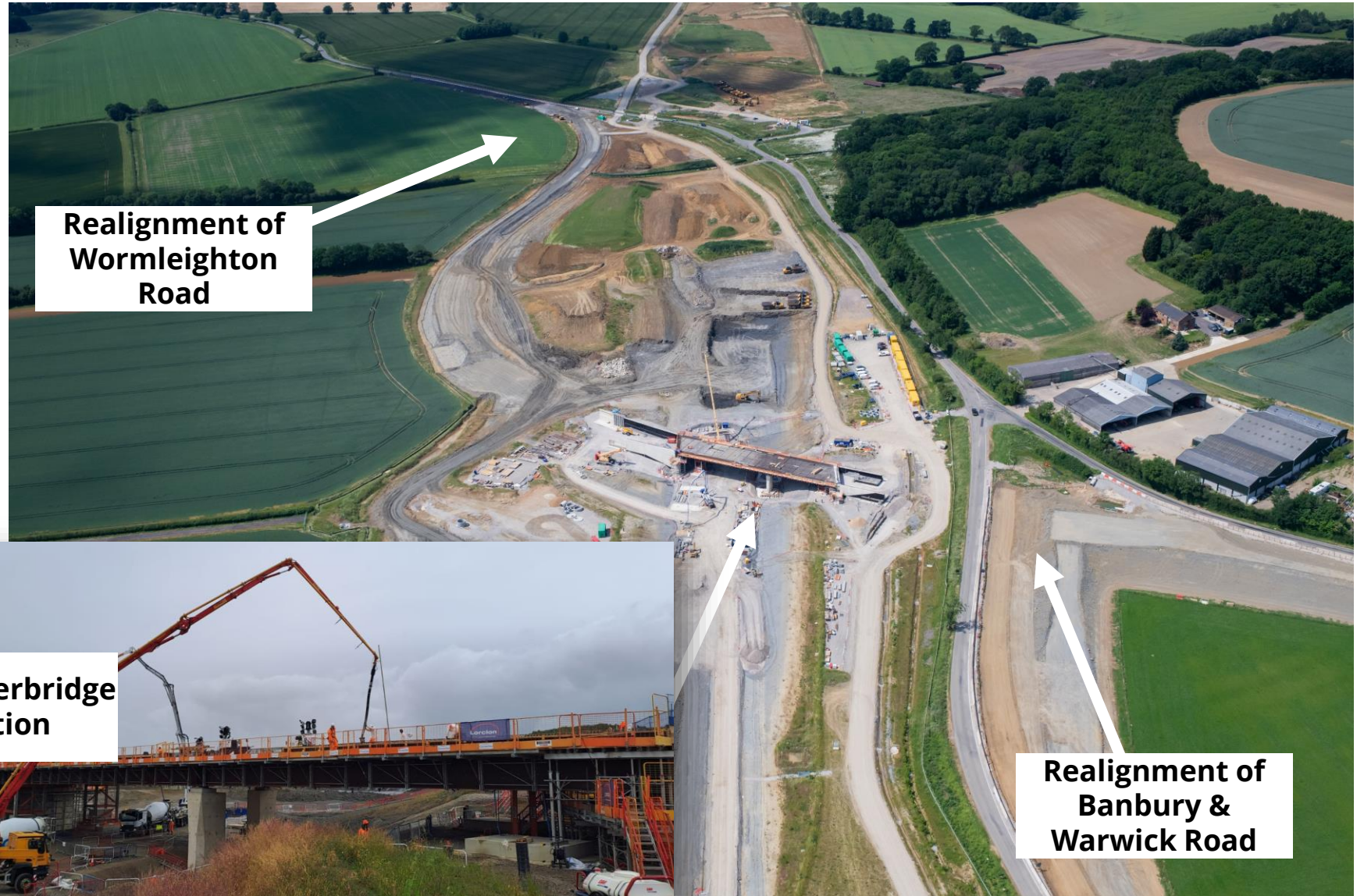


Northamptonshire / Warwickshire Border

Banbury Road

2023 Activity

- Bridge construction
- Highway realignment
- Tie-in works:
 - Wormleighton Road
 - Banbury Road
 - Stoneton Lane



Realignment of
Wormleighton
Road

Banbury Road Overbridge
Deck completion

Realignment of
Banbury &
Warwick Road

Highway connections

Banbury Rd
Wormleighton Rd



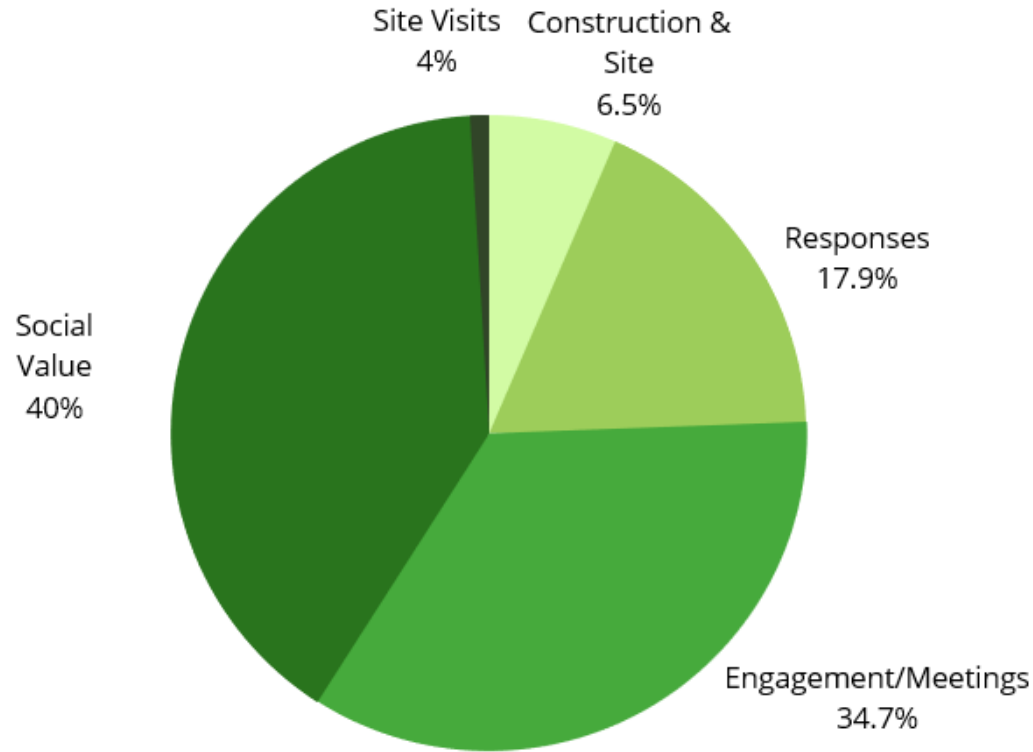
Complaints -last quarter Breakdown by category (EKFB -Wide)

- Traffic & Transport
- Noise & Vibration
- Report of Observation/Improvement
- Community Relations
- Ecology
- Other
- Programme of Works





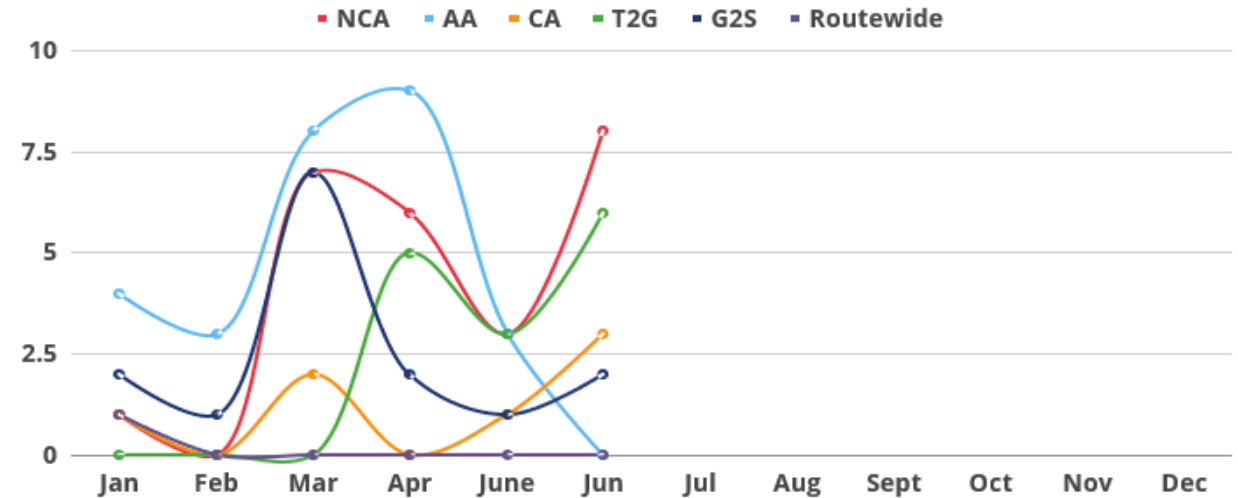
Compliments



I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your time and informing the residents of Tunweston of the update. I think it was well received

Number of compliments received to date: **430**

Compliments received in June: **19**



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