

Align JV
Align Compound
South Portal
Chalfont Lane,
WD3 9XN

Telephone: 08081 434 434
Minicom: 08081 456 472
Email: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
www.hs2.org.uk

Mr. Ian Thynne
Planning Services
Civic Centre
High Street
Uxbridge
UB8 1UW

28-January-2026

HS2 Ref: LBH.PS.10041
Our ALIGN Ref: ALJ-TP-1043
Our Letter Ref: 1MC05-ALJ-TP-CRO-CS01_CL01-000130

Dear Mr Thynne

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) ACT 2017
LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON: COLNE VALLEY VIADUCT GROUNDWORKS SOUTH –
SAVAY LAKE MAINTENANCE ACCESS ROAD AND ANGLERS’ CAR PARK
CONSULTATION ON INDICATIVE MITIGATION**

Further to our request for the approval of Plans and Specifications (Paragraph 3) for the Colne Valley Viaduct Groundworks South - Savay Lake Maintenance Access Road and Anglers’ Car Park and under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 ‘the HS2 Act’; this letter provides information regarding the indicative mitigation to be carried out as part of the Scheduled Works that are contained within the application boundary, namely:

Work No. 2/1 - A railway (19.27 kilometres in length), partly on viaduct and partly in tunnel, commencing by a junction with Work No. 1/61 at its termination, continuing north-westwards and terminating at a point 530 metres north of the junction of footpath LMI/17/2 with footpath LMI/17/1; and

Work No. 2/1 includes viaducts over Newyears Green Bourne, Harefield No.2 Lake, the Grand Union Canal, Savay Lake, Moorhall Road, Korda Lake, Long Lake, the River Colne and the A412 Denham Way (North Orbital Road) and shafts at Chalfont St. Peter, Chalfont St. Giles, Amersham, Little Missenden [and Chesham].

This planning submission for plans and specification contains a number of elements of mitigation for the wider works in the Colne Valley, namely habitat creation, water resources/flood risk, highways and landscape, which will be part of future Bringing in to Use applications for the Scheduled Work identified above.

Much of the information below was provided at the time of the previous Groundwork South Plans and Specification and Site Restoration scheme submissions. However, this letter has been updated to reflect the smaller application extent, to focus on the area subject to this resubmission, and include the area around the new car park.

The proposed mitigation for the wider Scheduled works being delivered as a part of this consent, or previously delivered by other consents, is summarised below for the key topic areas that have elements of their mitigation delivered through the permanent design consented under Schedule 17 to the HS2 Act.

Ecology and Habitats

The previously agreed plans set out clearly the habitat typologies, species mixes and habitat features to be delivered. In addition, the previously agreed landscape drawings show how habitat features will be incorporated into the overall site and the locations of them.

Landscape

Landscape mitigation was broadly identified within the HS2 ES Community Forum Area 7 map-book being comprised of either woodland and/or scrub mitigation. The designs set out on the approved landscape planting and seeding drawings have sought to provide this mitigation where possible and where not constrained by other parameters of the design. The drawings submitted herewith this resubmission remain consistent with this.

By way of comparison to the original Environment Statement drawings:

- native broadleaf woodland and woodland edge is proposed adjacent to the viaduct (with appropriate offsets so as not to impact the future operation and maintenance of the viaduct), with grassland mixes beneath the viaduct where woodland planting is not possible. This broadly replicates the proposals set out in the ES.

The landscape design and proposed planting is considered sufficient to deliver the mitigation envisaged at the HS2 ES stage and will, in time, mature to provide generally filtered and transient glimpses of the viaduct from public highways and footpaths when they are not immediately adjacent to its alignment.

Flood Risk

This proposed application would not cause any increases in flood risk. Earthworks associated with this application have already been approved under Schedule 17 to the HS2 Act. The proposed contours which are set out in this plans and specifications submission are a refinement of those previously submitted, reflecting the amended layout of the maintenance access track to include a car parking area for users of Savay Lake.

Highways

These works remain unchanged from the previously approved application.

Noise

This consent application does not contain any specific measures for the purposes of the mitigation of noise. The predominant noise mitigation through the application area will be delivered by noise barriers on the viaduct and embankments themselves. The efficacy of these was previously demonstrated in the Noise Demonstration Report contained in the application for the Colne Valley Viaduct itself (LBH Reference: 74320/APP/2019/3187).

Consultation Response

Following consultation, ALIGN JV, believe the mitigation within this application adequately mitigates the effects as required under Paragraph 9(4)(b).

Should the Council have any comments, please send them to us by the same deadline as set out for the determination of the Schedule 17 Plans and Specifications application under the HS2 Act.

Comments on the proposed mitigation will be taken in account as part of future Scheme of Mitigation and Bringing in to Use applications for the Scheduled Work identified above.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Hampson
Town Planner
ALIGN JV