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Dear Resident, Owner or Occupier,

Department for Transport – Work within the land east of Highfield Lane, Sevington Inland Border Facility

We are committed to support biodiversity enhancement as part of the overall development of the Inland Border Facility at Sevington. This would be achieved through a landscaping scheme on the land east of Highfield Lane. In order to support this, we must first undertake further archaeological investigations in the form of soil strip, map and sampling works from the beginning of June 2022.

Mechanical excavators will be used to strip topsoil from selected areas of the site. Archaeological features within these areas will then be mapped and manually excavated by archaeologists. Up to 15 archaeologists and two machine operators will be working within the site at any given time. Once any archaeological features present have been investigated and recorded, the soil will be replaced and returned to pre-excavation conditions.

Following the Strip, Map and Sample works described above, a contractor will commence moving of the temporary stockpile material into final positions, in order to implement the biodiversity enhancement scheme. These works will include the use of excavators and dump trucks and will be followed by planting and seeding across the field.

The noise level from plant will be comparable to that of farm machinery, such as a tractor and will be intermittent. Work will be undertaken in standard daylight working hours and we expect the archaeological works to last up to 8 weeks, and the stockpile moving works approximately 4 weeks. The planting should be finalised in the next appropriate planting season from November 2022.

The works will be undertaken on private land. Although there is a Public Right of Way (PRoW) crossing the site, public should not attempt to leave the PRoW to access the site. The PRoW will remain open and accessible during these works. Barriers will be in place to ensure the health and safety of the public using the PRoW.

You can find more information about the landscaping scheme on the IBF website at www.inlandborderfacilities.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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