

In your area

Lea Marston to Tamworth | LA01



High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's planned new high speed railway. High Speed Two Limited is the company responsible for developing and promoting the UK's new high speed rail network. In July 2017, the Government confirmed the route for the next phase of HS2: Crewe – Manchester and West Midlands – Leeds (Phase 2b).

Introduction

This information has been produced by HS2 Ltd to update you about the route from Lea Marston to Tamworth. It includes:

- a summary of the proposed route in your area and how the design has developed since July 2017;
- what we are currently working on and what we will be consulting on later in the year;
- the benefits that HS2 will bring to your area;
- how to find out more about the project; and
- how to get in touch with us.



The route of the proposed scheme from Lea Marston to Tamworth

The Lea Marston to Tamworth community area covers approximately 8.5km of the route. This is the beginning of the Birmingham to Leeds leg of Phase 2b of HS2. The line follows the M42 corridor to the east, passing the communities of Lea Marston, Marston and Kingsbury. On the approach to Kingsbury, the route passes over Kingsbury Water Park, adjacent to the M42. The route then crosses over A51 Tamworth Road and the M42 and continues to the west of the motorway, passing through the hamlet of Whateley, under Whateley Lane. The route passes under Overwoods Road, to the east of Wilnecote, towards junction 10 of the M42 and under the A5.

Main and satellite compounds are located at Kingsbury, south of Bodymoor Heath Road, A51 Tamworth Road, Whateley and at junction 10 of the M42 in order to facilitate construction of the line at these points. There is a viaduct crossing Kingsbury Water Park and the M42 near A51 Tamworth Road before going into a deep cutting at Whateley and the Swallowhurst development site at Tamworth before going into a cut-and-cover tunnel under the A5 at junction 10.

Design development

Since the community information events in September 2017, we have continued to develop our design for the railway, which will be included in the working draft Environmental Statement that you will have an opportunity to give feedback on later this year.

We have also produced detailed maps showing the evolving design that includes construction compounds, road realignments and public rights of way. These show our work in progress and are likely to be refined or changed before we publish them as part of a consultation later in the year. To view the maps, please visit www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/building-the-line/phase-2b/mid-2018-information-events.

In response to feedback from communities and local authorities, we are looking at options for constructing the proposed scheme under the A5 and the M42 motorway at Junction 10. We are currently considering a number of ways in which a tunnel could be constructed with minimal interruption to the operation of the motorway.

There will be a permanent realignment of Bodymoor Heath Road where it meets with the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal to just before the junction with Coton Road. The A51 Tamworth Road will be realigned to pass under the proposed scheme, while Whateley Lane and Overwoods Road will both be realigned in order to pass over the proposed scheme.



HS2 offers the biggest opportunity for our region in a generation. Of course, it puts us at the heart of a national high speed rail network which hugely boosts our connectivity. But there are so many other benefits. It provides us with the opportunity to transform our transport links within our region, to make the most of HS2. Our vision is that nobody in the West Midlands will be more than 40 minutes away from a HS2 station by public transport.

Andy Street
West Midlands Mayor

Independent research has shown that HS2 Phase 2 will create about 74,000 jobs during and post-construction and be worth about £4bn GVA to the East Midlands and South Yorkshire within ten years of services starting.

Scott Knowles
Chief Executive at
East Midlands Chamber
of Commerce

An autotransformer feeder station, which is a piece of infrastructure needed to power the railway, is proposed north of Marston Lane in Kingsbury and an autotransformer station is proposed north of Holt Hall Farm in Whateley.

Environmental Impact Assessment

As part of the development of the Phase 2b proposed scheme, we are carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment that will identify the likely significant effects of the construction and operation of the railway and the means to reduce or avoid such effects. This will be reported in our Environmental Statement, which will accompany the hybrid Bill that we expect to deposit in Parliament in late 2019.

For the purposes of reporting the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment the Phase 2b route has been divided into 26 'community areas', of which Lea Marston to Tamworth is one (reference LA01). The working draft and formal Environmental Statement will have a detailed report for each community area. This will include an assessment of the local environment and likely significant effects of the proposed scheme, suggested methods of reducing or avoiding those effects, and the proposals for monitoring our impact during construction and operation.

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process, we are carrying out surveys to better understand the current local environment including noise conditions and ecology. We have also been engaging with local authorities, parish councils and other statutory bodies to collect information and local knowledge. More information about our survey work can be found online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-environmental-surveys-being-carried-out-by-hs2

Future consultations

Later in the year, we will consult on a working draft of the Environmental Statement. This will be an opportunity to see and comment on our work in progress. Parliament does not require us to consult on a draft of the document; however we believe it is important for communities and stakeholders to have a formal opportunity, to understand the progress of our work and provide feedback at this stage.

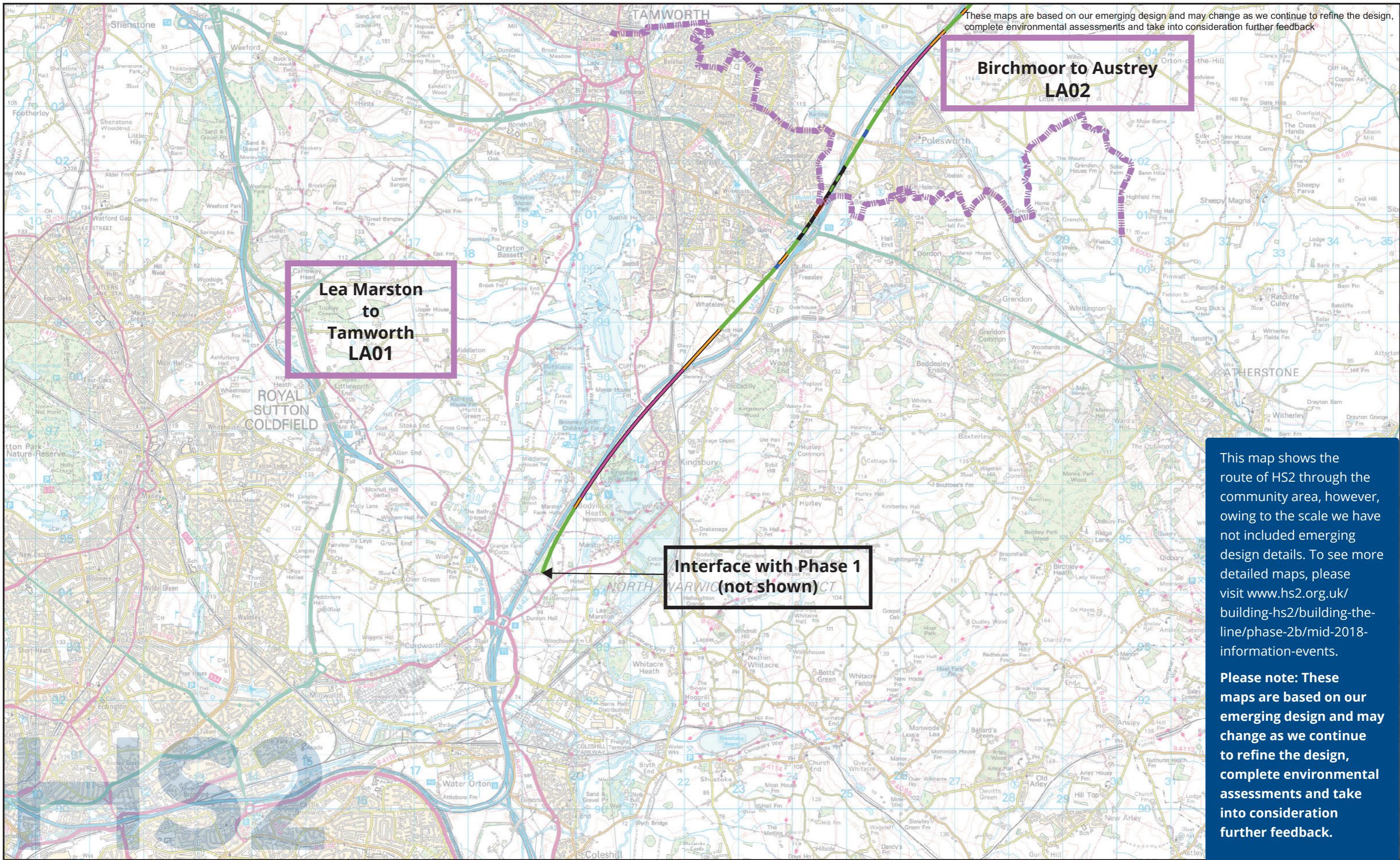
This will also be accompanied by the working draft Equality Impact Assessment, which identifies people with protected characteristics that may be disproportionately affected and any action that may be necessary to limit such effects. Feedback to these consultations will be considered in the development of the proposed scheme presented to Parliament.



National College for High Speed Rail

The newly opened National College for High Speed Rail will play a key role in generating the workforce of the future, designing and building the UK's new high speed rail network and future infrastructure projects including HS2. With state-of-the-art facilities in Birmingham and Doncaster, the college offers courses and apprenticeships in all elements of the rail industry whether leaving school, wanting to up-skill, or take a new career direction. HS2 alone is set to create 25,000 new jobs, including 2,000 apprenticeships, and careers in this industry are set to become more and more sought after.

If you would like further information, or to apply, visit the college website www.nchsr.ac.uk/ call the college on 0330 120 0375 or email on enquiries@nchsr.ac.uk



These maps are based on our emerging design and may change as we continue to refine the design, complete environmental assessments and take into consideration further feedback

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LA02**

**Lea Marston
to
Tamworth
LA01**

**Interface with Phase 1
(not shown) CT**

This map shows the route of HS2 through the community area, however, owing to the scale we have not included emerging design details. To see more detailed maps, please visit www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/building-the-line/phase-2b/mid-2018-information-events.

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- Phase 2b Route**
- At Grade
 - Bored Tunnel
 - Cut And Cover Tunnel
 - Cutting
 - Embankment
 - Viaduct
 - Box Structure
 - Depot
 - Green Tunnel
 - Retained Cut
 - Retaining Wall
 - Station
 - Tunnel Portal
 - Underground Box

Legend

- Community Area Boundary



**High Speed Two Phase 2b
Community area map June 2018**

**Lea Marston to Tamworth
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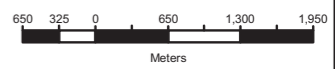
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The benefits of HS2 in your region

- HS2 will offer faster, more frequent and more reliable travel between cities and regions of the UK and will increase capacity on our congested railways. Journeys between the East Midlands and Birmingham will take just 20 minutes on HS2 services, bypassing congested roads and slow existing rail links.
- HS2 will add substantial new capacity and free up extra capacity on existing commuter lines into Birmingham, so helping the city build on its developing role as a financial, banking and professional services centre that has already attracted HSBC UK and Deutsche Bank to the city.
- HS2 will allow businesses across the Midlands to collaborate with supply chains and research partners, draw on a deeper pool of skills, access new sources of finance and support networks, and secure new customers in regions across Britain.
- Expanding the catchment areas for Birmingham and East Midlands airports will provide a wider choice of international destinations for global businesses based in the Midlands, such as Rolls Royce, Jaguar Land Rover, Toyota and JCB.
- Over 520 companies in the Midlands have already been awarded work on HS2, either directly or through its supply chain, and HS2 Ltd has engaged with more than 1,400 businesses in the Midlands on potential opportunities.
- 140 businesses from across the Midlands, 73% of which were small and medium-sized enterprises, met with HS2 Ltd's direct contractors at our largest supply chain engagement event to date in May 2018.
- HS2 will also provide fast, frequent and reliable services from the East and West Midlands to the HS2 station at Old Oak Common in West London, from where Heathrow Airport will be a short interchange away.
- HS2 will also offer graduates greater opportunities to build a career in the Midlands by providing fast, frequent and reliable access to job opportunities in a broader network of places without the need to relocate.



Factsheets

HS2 Ltd has published factsheets that explain how we intend to manage areas of concern and minimise impacts on the environment.

These factsheets can be found online at: www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/building-the-line/phase-2b/mid-2018-information-events

What is HS2?

HS2 is the largest infrastructure project in Europe and the most advanced railway ever built in the UK. It is a catalyst for growth – revitalising the country, creating new opportunities for jobs and skills, regenerating towns and cities, and bringing the nation closer together. It will increase capacity on our railways and improve connectivity between eight of Britain's ten biggest cities. It will run between London and Birmingham (Phase One) from 2026, extend to Crewe (Phase 2a) by 2027 and then link to Manchester, Leeds and further north from 2033 (Phase 2b). Once completed HS2 will travel to over 25 stations and serve 30 million people across Britain.

Why do we need HS2?

The future prosperity of the UK depends on a modern, strong and growing economy which enables us to compete on the international stage. Good rail links are essential for a strong economy, making it easier to import and export goods, for people to do business and to get to work.

HS2 will not only reduce journey times, it will provide more capacity for local, regional and freight services on the current network, relieving congestion and providing better travel options. By transforming journey times, HS2 will bring more opportunities within closer reach for employment, business, leisure and education.

What is the process for building HS2?

We have legal powers from Parliament to construct Phase One and must now gain approval to build the route from the West Midlands to Leeds and Manchester (Phase Two). On 17 July 2017 the Secretary of State for Transport confirmed the route for Phase 2b, and we are now preparing the documentation, known as the Phase 2b hybrid Bill, ready for submission to Parliament in 2019.

Submitting a hybrid Bill to Parliament is how the Government gains permission to build this nationally important infrastructure. As part of the Parliamentary process we will consult with the public on various aspects of the proposals. This is a real opportunity for communities to get involved and contribute to helping design the railway. In addition, people whose property or interests are specially and directly affected by the Bill can petition the Parliamentary committee considering the legislation, which can result in changes to the Bill.



Next steps

2017 – 2019

Carry out Environmental Impact Assessment

Late 2018

Consultation on the working draft Environmental Statement and working draft Equality Impact Assessment

2019

Deposit hybrid Bill for Phase 2b route and consult on final Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment

2022

Gain Royal Assent for the Phase 2b hybrid Bill

2023

Start of construction period of Phase 2b

2033

Start of train services on the Phase 2b route

Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed and making sure that if you are affected by the Government's plans, you understand what to expect (and when), and how we can help.



Community engagement

We have a local engagement team which covers your area. If you would like to speak to them, please contact us using the contact details provided here. We have published a Community Engagement Strategy, which sets out our approach to community engagement and what it means for those who either live or work within the communities along the line of the new railway. You can read it by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-ltds-community-engagement-strategy

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route. You can read it by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. The Residents' Commissioner's reports are published at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at:
residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find our guide to property schemes by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

You can also find out if you are eligible for compensation at:

www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2



Contact us at HS2

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