

# Solihull

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3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Solihull.

The document is a forward look of construction activities planned in the next three months.

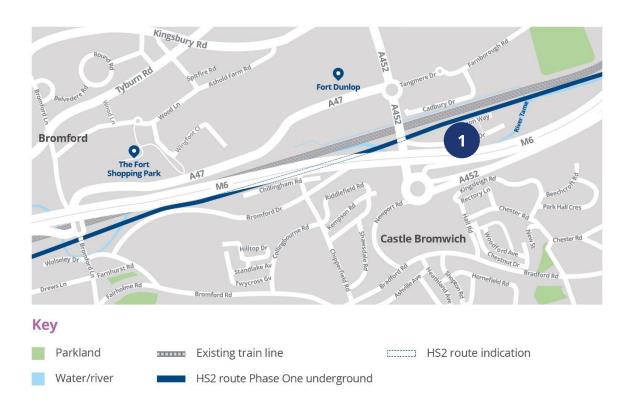
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The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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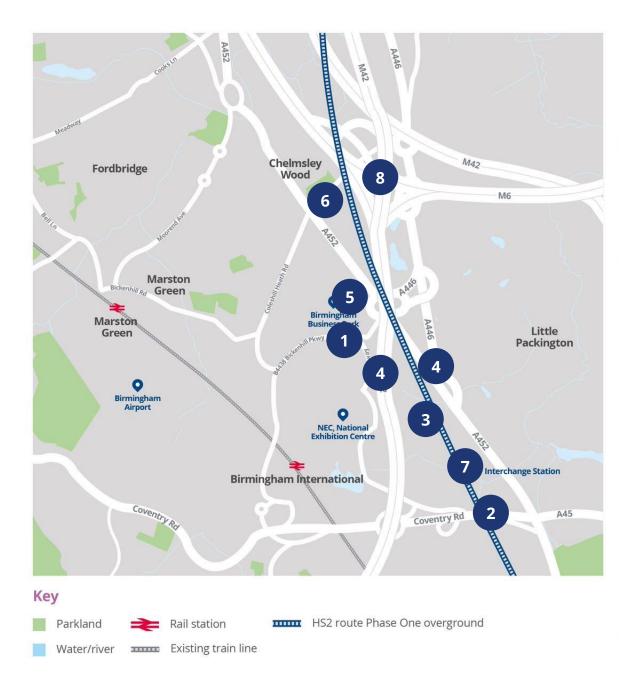
## Map 1



### Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing – Spring 2021	Set up of the HS2 site at Castle Bromwich Business Park - Temporary cabins will be delivered and set up to create site offices and welfare facilities for construction workers.
		As we set up the site, we will also install site lighting, walkways and vehicle routes.
		During site set up we may also need to excavate concrete from the foundations of the former site buildings.
Location 1	March 2021 – September 2021	Construction of supporting walls – We will start to construct the retaining walls that will support the tunnel shaft. The tunnel shaft is a building which will be used as an entry and exit point to the tunnel for maintenance and emergencies. It will also keep the tunnel ventilated.
		The retaining walls will be made of concrete and be built in deep excavated trenches. The trenches will be dug to approximately 66 metres before backfilling with reinforcement and concrete.
		As we excavate to construct the retaining walls, we will also be improving the soil that we excavate to reduce the effects from the site's historic activities. Where necessary this may involve taking unsuitable soil off-site to specialist soil treatment facilities.

### Map 2



### Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Present – December 2020	To ensure that the local road network is fit for purpose when the future HS2 Interchange Station is operational, we are remodeling and improving the existing network and creating new routes on HS2 land. To do this, we will continue to carry out works and traffic measures on and around Northway Island for the remainder of 2020.  Until the end of 2020, single lane closures will be located on short sections of the B4438 and Northway, where we are developing new pedestrian footpaths, kerb lines and central reservations. Road users will begin to travel on a new section of the remodelled and improved road network near the Holiday Inn Express NEC from 7 December.  Temporary 24-hour traffic lights are also installed on a short section of the A452 Chester Road until mid-December 2020, where we are carrying out earth works.  Throughout our works, different stretches of the road network will be affected for different durations of time. Works will be phased to avoid overburdening the road network.
Location 2	December 2020	To safely facilitate vegetation clearance, a daytime single lane closure will be installed on the A45 Coventry Road service road, from Tuesday 1 December for two weeks, Monday to Friday. Nearby businesses will remain accessible throughout our works.
Location 3	Ongoing	To take traffic over the future railway route, we are continuing to construct two highways bridges on HS2 land surrounded by the A452 Chester Road, A45 Coventry Road and M42 – the site of the future HS2 Interchange Station. No traffic measures are required to complete these bridges.

Location 4	Present – March 2021	Four connecting highways bridges will link the remodeled and improved road network with existing routes in the Interchange area. The first of these new bridges spanning the M42 was successfully installed in August 2020. We then successfully installed a second bridge over the A446 Stonebridge Road in October 2020.  Following the bridge installations, we will carry out various activities to complete this programme of works. Some of these works will take place off-line, alongside the carriageways, and no traffic measures will be required.  From late 2020 to March 2021, single lane closures will be installed along different sections of the M42, A446 Stonebridge Road and A452 Chester Road to safely complete activities such as drainage works and the reinstatement of street lighting (M42 only). Works will be phased to avoid overburdening the network.  Specific dates for traffic measures in early 2021 will be confirmed at www.hs2insolihull.co.uk before commencement.
Location 5	January 2021 – March 2021	In early 2021, we will continue to carry out single lane closures on a short section of the B4438 on the approach to Northway Island, and begin works into Birmingham Business Park off Northway Island, as part of the remodeling and improvement of the existing road network.
Location 6	Dec 2020 – June 2021	Site set up for bridge works crossing the Coleshill Heath Road and M6.
Location 7	Ongoing - 2025	Importing/stockpiling of construction materials for future use in the main works construction. Creating internal haul routes. Earthworks, drainage and road construction for the new interchange network (A452, A446, M42). Preparation for bridge works for the A45.

Location 8	Ongoing – June 2021	Construction of a satellite compound with a material testing laboratory and machinery workshop.
Area-wide	Ongoing – December 2021	<ul> <li>Ground Investigation Surveys – we will be undertaking several different types of surveys these include:         <ul> <li>Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys for utility location identification</li> <li>Surveys to check existing ground levels.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Surveys of water bodies where structures will be built.</li> </ul>

### Map 3



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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing – 2025	Delivery of office units to Park Lane Compound. Installation works for mobilisation in January.
Location 2	January 2021 – 2025	BBV will be moving into the compound off the Aston Martin Roundabout and utilise this area for material deliveries/storage and parking.

# **Our Community Commitments**

Our aspiration is to be a good neighbour every single day, by respecting the people and communities we impact and being sensitive to their needs, earning our social licence to operate.

In order to build the railway, we must earn the trust and credibility to do so. We need to demonstrate that we understand local concerns, and that we have taken all reasonable steps to address issues that have been raised, whilst continually looking to lessen the impacts of the project.

Through our Community Engagement Strategy and Residents' Charter we have identified ten Community Commitments which we will use as the basis for measuring our success, and that of our suppliers, in how we deliver the new railway.

#### We will:

- 1. Continue to build respectful, long-term relationships with communities and actively encourage our workforce to listen to local concerns and be considerate and accountable for their actions at all times.
- **2.** Work with communities to develop local two-way engagement and communication programmes, ensuring they are accessible and tailored to local needs.
- **3.** Make sure communities are made aware in advance of any activities taking place in their area.
- **4.** Operate a Freephone Community Helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- **5.** Make health and safety a priority for communities and our workforce.
- **6.** Respect the wellbeing of communities, minimising disruption to their lives with local mitigation plans and activities, ensuring we meet the standards set out in the Code of Construction Practice.
- 7. Leave a positive and sustainable legacy for the communities in which we operate.
- **8.** Respond to questions and complaints quickly and efficiently, with an acknowledgement within two working days, and responding within a maximum of 20 working days if we cannot answer the query straight away.
- **9.** Promote awareness of all our property schemes so that anyone who may be eligible has all the information they need and is aware of the support available to them.
- **10.** Display the Residents' Commissioner and Construction Commissioner's contact details on all relevant materials, along with the HS2 Helpline information and complaints procedure.

The Code of Construction Practice forms part of the Secretary of State's Environmental Minimum Requirements for the construction of the railway from London to the West Midlands. It sets out the standards and responsibilities to protect communities and the environment during construction. A copy of the Code can be found online here: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/593592/Code\_of\_Construction\_Practice.pdf

# **Keeping you informed**

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

#### **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.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residentscharter

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. Find reports at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltdresidents-commissioner

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

#### **Construction Commissioner**

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

#### **Property and compensation**

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property Find out if you're eligible for compensation at: www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

#### Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

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