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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.

The dates and information included in the forward look are subject to change as the programme develops. These will be updated in the next edition of the forward look.

The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

If you have any queries about the information in this forward look, the HS2 Helpdesk is available all day, every day on **08081 434 434** or by emailing **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

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Map 1 – Interchange Station Area



Key

	Parkland		Rail station		HS2 route Phase One overground
	Water/river		Existing train line		

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing during 22	<p>We are remodelling and improving sections of the existing road network in the Interchange Station area and creating new routes on HS2 land. These road improvements will ensure that when the future station is operational, the local road network is fit for purpose.</p> <p>The direction of travel for road users around Northway Island has permanently changed. Depending on your direction of travel, you may be redirected from Northway Island, along a short section of the B4438, and back. Direction of travel along the B4438, A452, A446 and Northway remain unaffected, and you will still be able to access all routes in the area.</p> <p>Clear directional signage will be in place for road users throughout this programme of works.</p> <p>Until summer 2022, on occasion, temporary, off-peak single lane closures will be installed around the longabout, on the way to the NEC, and along short sections of the B4438 and Northway.</p>
Location 2	March – May 2022	<p>To undertake roadside landscaping and construction activities along the A446 carriageway, we'll install a temporary off-peak single lane closure along a short section of the A446 southbound from Tuesday 1 March to Tuesday 31 May, between 9.30am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.</p> <p>This lane closure will not be in place every day during this period, but instead will be installed when required by our programme to avoid overburdening the road network.</p> <p>The A446 southbound single lane closure will be removed from 6am on Thursday 14 April to 9.30am on Tuesday 19 April, and Monday 2 May, to ease traffic flow during the public holidays.</p>

Location 3	April 2022	<p>As part of our programme to remodel and improve the road network in the area, a series of temporary weekend road closures will be installed on and around Northway Island. Our final weekend road closures will be installed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 8pm on Friday 1 April through to 4am on Monday 4 April along short sections of the B4438 southbound and A452 northbound • From 8pm on Friday 8 April through to 4am on Monday 11 April along short sections of the B4438 northbound and A452 northbound and southbound. <p>Clear directional signage will be in place for road users throughout this programme of works.</p>
Location 4	Spring 2022	<p>When the future HS2 Interchange Station is operational, four new highways bridges will connect the current road network to new routes we are creating. The first of these new highways bridges was safely installed in August 2020 over the M42.</p> <p>To monitor this bridge before ownership is handed over to the highways authority, we'll install temporary, overnight lane or road closures along short sections of the M42 northbound and southbound, for several evenings in the coming months. Dates are to be confirmed.</p>
Location 5	Spring 2022	<p>We will be undertaking environmental works in the area including fence installation and some vegetation clearance.</p> <p>During Spring 2022 we are programmed to carry out extensive utility works in the area between Hampton-in-Arden and Meriden removing replacing and diverting services in preparation for the construction of the River Blythe Viaduct.</p> <p>To undertake roadside landscaping and construction activities along the A446 carriageway, we are likely to install a temporary off-peak single</p>

		lane closure along a short section of the A446 northbound. Dates are to be confirmed.
Location 6	Spring 2022	To undertake landscaping activities along Diddington Lane, we are likely to install temporary traffic measures along the lane. Dates and Traffic Management type are to be confirmed.
Location 7	Spring 2022	Access to into Heath Park is complete allowing for the construction of a new site compound and welfare facilities.
Location 8	Ongoing	Throughout Spring 2022 we will continue to progress our rigid inclusion work at Pool Wood this is to strengthen the ground to support an embankment that the railway will sit on.
Location 9	Spring 2022	As the dryer seasons approach, we will recommence the earthworks to prepare the ground for the construction of The Interchange High-Speed Railway Station. This will entail deliveries of large volumes of aggregate to the site.
Location 10	Spring 2022	We will be preparing for the installation of the first of three bridges that will take the railway over the A45 and its associated slip roads. This will include building new construction compounds the removal of street furniture and installation of new crane platforms.

Map 2 – Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



Key

- Parkland
- Water/river
- Rail station
- HS2 route Phase One overground
- Existing train line

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing until June 2022	<p>Works to complete the roundabout on the A452 Kenilworth Road at Park Lane, Balsall Common will continue.</p> <p>There will be a series of traffic measures along the A452 between the Aston Martin roundabout and the Beefeater roundabout, including 24-hour single lane closures to maintain traffic flow during most of our works with occasional overnight road closures. Works include road tie-in works, installing drainage, re-instating the central reservation, resurfacing, lighting etc. There will also be some minor vegetation clearance works in this area.</p>
Location 2	April 2022	We are undertaking environmental works in the area including vegetation clearance.
Location 3	Spring 2022	Where we have not been able to remove vegetation due to ecological constraints, we will be returning to some sites over the course of the new few months.
Location 4	Spring 2022	We will commence the earthworks that will be visible from the A452 Kenilworth Road near the Aston Martin Roundabout.
Location 5	Spring 2022	We will commence the earthworks around Park Lane including deliveries of large amounts of materials to be used for future earthworks.
Location 6	Spring 2022	We will continue to prepare for the construction of a bridge to take the new railway over the West Coast Main Line. This will include lowering the existing overhead powerline gantry's and necessitate a full closure of the West Coast Mainline over the Easter weekend.

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-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. Find reports at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-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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