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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 at construction activities planned for the next three months.

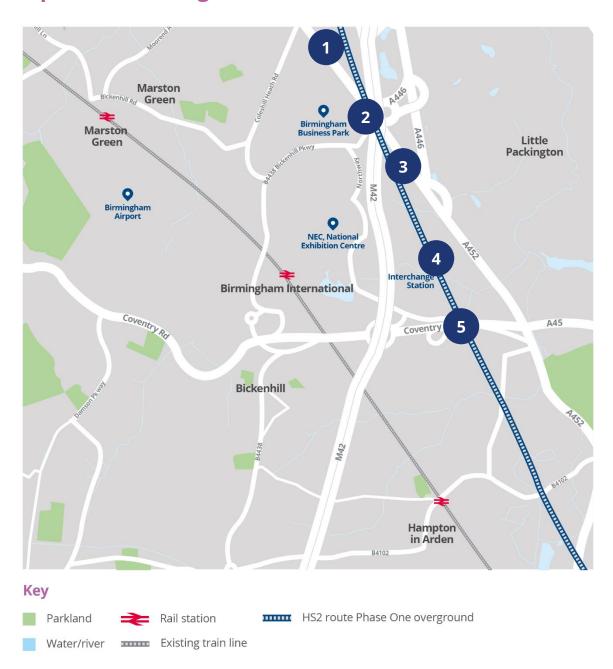
The dates and information included in the forward look are subject to change as the programme develops. These will be updated in the next edition of the forward look.

The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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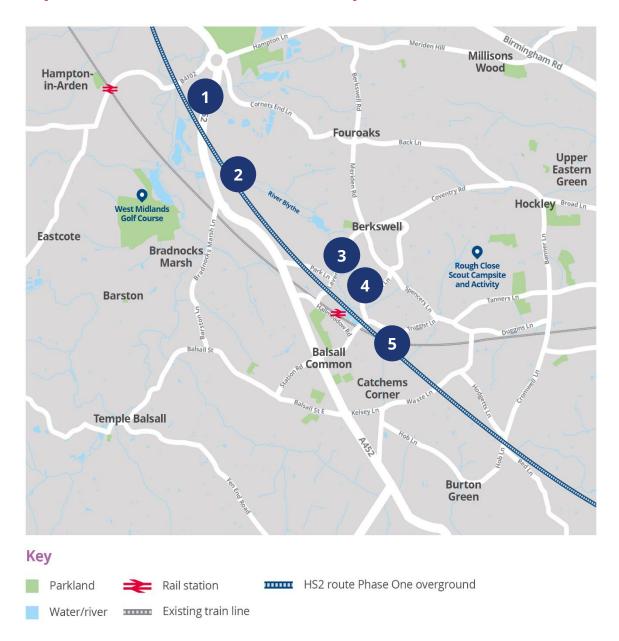
Map 1 - Interchange Station Area



Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2022	Our access into Heath Park is complete enabling the mobilisation of a new site compound and welfare facilities. We are conducting a series of sequential works by Coleshill Heath Road that began in mid-August and will be completed by the end of the autumn.
		Our work will ensure that the new railway can pass over the M6 via an embankment on part of Heath Park. This will require us to divert several utilities, including electricity and telephone cables, to guarantee continued supply.
		Our construction of the embankment will be done during the day to avoid disturbance at night. The roadworks to move the utilities will be carried out at night to minimise disruption to everyone's journey times. The roadworks will be phased:
		Phase One – Night-time closure of Coleshill Heath Road until 26 September 2022.
		Phase Two - Temporary traffic lights on the roundabout at the junction of Coleshill Heath Road and A452 Chester Road (Heath Park Island) from 27 September until 10 October 2022. There will also be some traffic lights on the approach to the roundabout adjacent to Heath Park.
		Phase Three – Lane closure on Heath Park Island from 4 October until 10 October 2022.
		Phase Four - A452 Chester Road full closure between Northway Island and Heath Park Island from 11 October until 17 October 2022.
		Phase Five – Temporary traffic lights on a section of the A452 near Heath Park Island from 18 October until 7 November 2022.

Location 2	Ongoing during 2022	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. 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. The 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.
		Clear directional signage will be in place for road users throughout this programme of work. 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.
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2022	We will continue to build the embankment at Pool Wood. The new railway will be on this embankment and cross a bridge over the M6. There will be material deliveries to transport soil from cuttings near Hampton in Arden.
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2022	Earthworks will continue to prepare the ground for the construction of the new HS2 Interchange Station. This will entail deliveries of aggregate to the site and bulk excavation of Bickenhill Cutting.
Location 5	Ongoing throughout 2022	We will be preparing for the installation of the first of three bridges that will take the railway under the A45 and its associated slip roads. The first of these bridge structures 'Eastway bridge' is due to be completed in Autumn 2022. We will be commencing piling work on the north side of the A45 to prepare for another bridge structure. This will involve Saturday work to ensure the work is completed as soon as possible.

Map 2 - Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



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Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2022	A new site compound on Meriden Road next to the existing River Blythe bridge to facilitate the construction of a new viaduct over the floodplain.

Location 2	Ongoing throughout 2022	We will continue the earthworks visible from the A452 Kenilworth Road near the Aston Martin Roundabout. The earthworks will enable the provision of a new road in this location. The road will go over the new railway and the old road will be dismantled.
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2022	A temporary gas pipe will be installed on Lavender Hall Lane this autumn. This will require a temporary sixteen-week full road closure. We will confirm the dates once they are available.
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2022	We will reopen Park Lane and install a safe plant crossing to connect our haul roads. The crossing will be managed by traffic lights. We will continue the earthworks around Park Lane including deliveries of large amounts of materials to be used for future earthworks
Location 5	Autumn 2022	We will continue the construction of a bridge to take the new railway over the West Coast Main Line.

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

Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

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