

HS2

Solihull

Winter 2022/23

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.

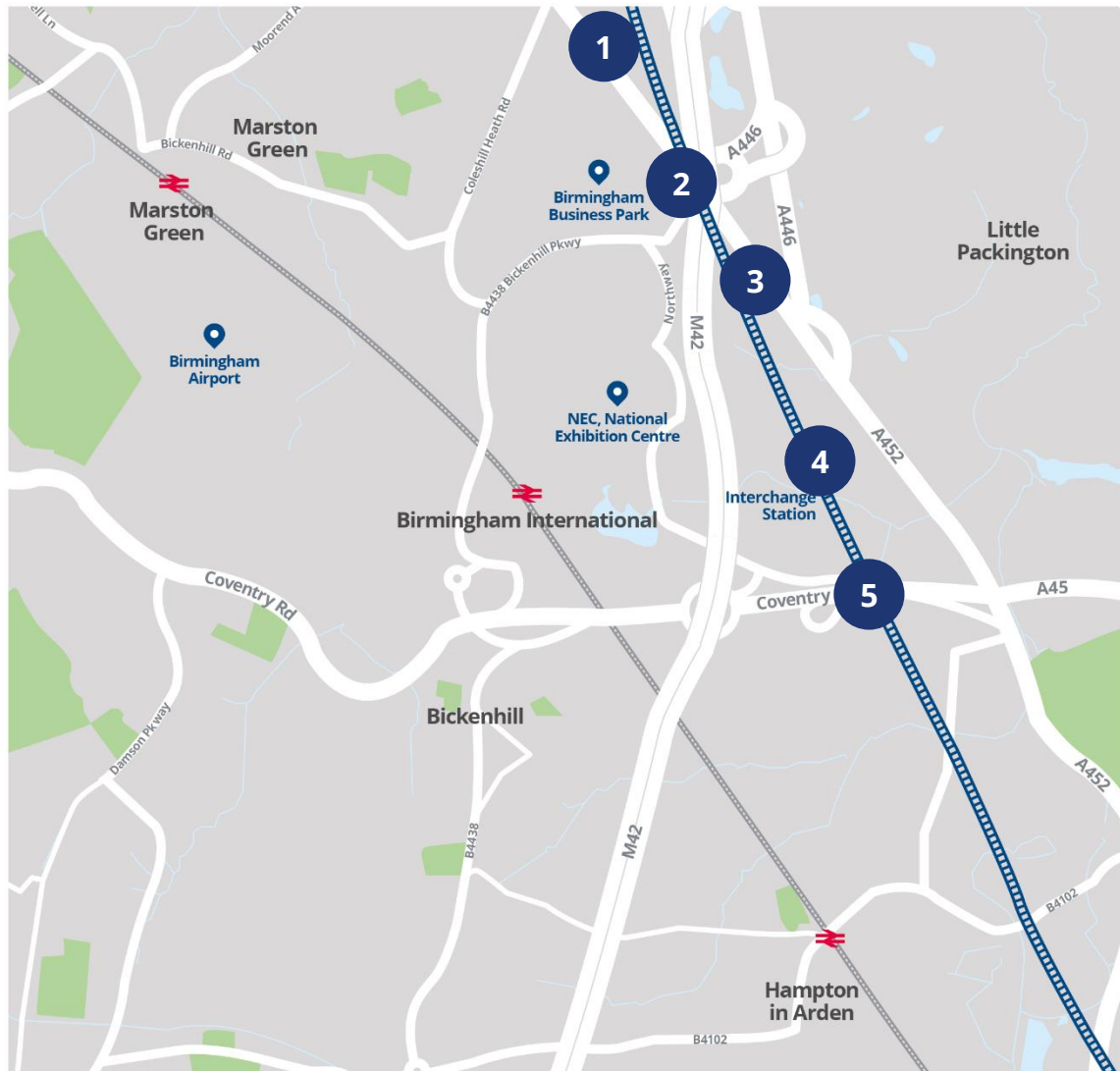
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The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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Map 1 – Interchange Station Area



Key

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

		<p>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.</p> <p>Clear directional signage will be in place for road users throughout this programme of work.</p> <p>We are installing a new mini roundabout by Quartz Point Business Park. This work will involve removing Northway Island in the first three months of 2023.</p> <p>We will be introducing a temporary road layout to provide access and egress to Melbicks Garden Centre once the new roundabout currently being constructed on HS2 land is finished in the first three months of 2023.</p>
Location 3	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>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. We will be transporting soil from cuttings near Hampton in Arden.</p>
Location 4	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>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.</p> <p>Note that we will be scaling down the quantity of earthworks we deliver this winter because the weather means we cannot use some of our plant machinery as normal.</p>
Location 5	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We have delivered all four 'Eastway bridge' beams over a series of night-time closures. The 'Eastway bridge' is one of three that will take the railway under the A45 and its associated slip roads.</p> <p>We have begun significant piling work on the north side of the A45 to prepare for a service road bridge structure.</p>

Map 2 – Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
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Location 1	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>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.</p> <p>We are operating a new plant crossing on Meriden Road to enable the use of haul roads which takes construction vehicles off local roads, reducing any disruption to the local community.</p> <p>We are additionally scoping out suitable locations to set up office and welfare space to prepare to build the River Blythe Viaduct during the first half of 2023.</p>
Location 2	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We will continue the earthworks visible from the A452 Kenilworth Road near the Aston Martin Roundabout. The earthworks will enable the realignment of the A452 Kenilworth Road to allow us to build the railway underneath it. The old road will be dismantled.</p> <p>Note that we have stopped earthworks in this location for the winter because the weather means we cannot use some of our plant machinery as normal.</p> <p>We have begun ground improvement works, including setting up rigid inclusions, to prepare to build the Marsh Farm Viaducts.</p> <p>We are delivering access to our River Blythe Viaducts construction site from the northbound A452 Kenilworth Road slip road. This will reduce the number of construction vehicles using Meriden Road, reducing any disruption to the local community.</p>
Location 3	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We are delivering a temporary road alignment on Lavender Hall Lane to enable us to install a temporary gas pipe and build a new permanent bridge and road alignment. The permanent bridge and road realignment will take several years to complete.</p>
Location 4	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We will continue the earthworks around Park Lane including deliveries of large amounts of materials to be used for future earthworks.</p>

		<p>Note that we will be scaling down the quantity of earthworks we deliver this winter because the weather means we cannot use some of our plant machinery as normal.</p> <p>We are planting vegetation on the new roundabout at Park Lane along the A452 and will be undertaking some resurfacing works on Park Lane.</p>
Location 5	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We delivered preparatory works in the summer to enable us to use Hallmeadow Road as a delivery route for construction materials. We are currently introducing safety improvements, including installing new parking bays for displaced parking spaces creating double yellow lines and a footpath alongside the parking bays. We expect to finish this work in January 2023.</p> <p>In 2023, we are intending to, and subject to agreements being finalised, building a new access off the Station Road roundabout and a new haul route to go around Annora House and connect to our Carol Green Overbridge site.</p> <p>This work is subject to final approval from decision-making authorities.</p>
Location 6	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We will be able to start building the Carol Green Overbridge after a railway possession this Christmas where the existing overhead powerlines are being lowered. The bridge will take the new railway over the West Coast Main Line.</p> <p>We are carrying out piling works to enable us to build the Carol Green Overbridge abutments on either side of the existing railway. We will continue building the bridge abutments throughout 2023.</p>
Location 7	December 2022 and throughout 2023	<p>We are continuing deliveries of materials to Waste Lane Compound for the construction of the Burton Green Tunnel and other nearby construction assets.</p> <p>We are continuing preparatory works to realign Waste Lane and build the new bridge over the Kenilworth Greenway.</p>

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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