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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 at construction activities planned for the next three months.

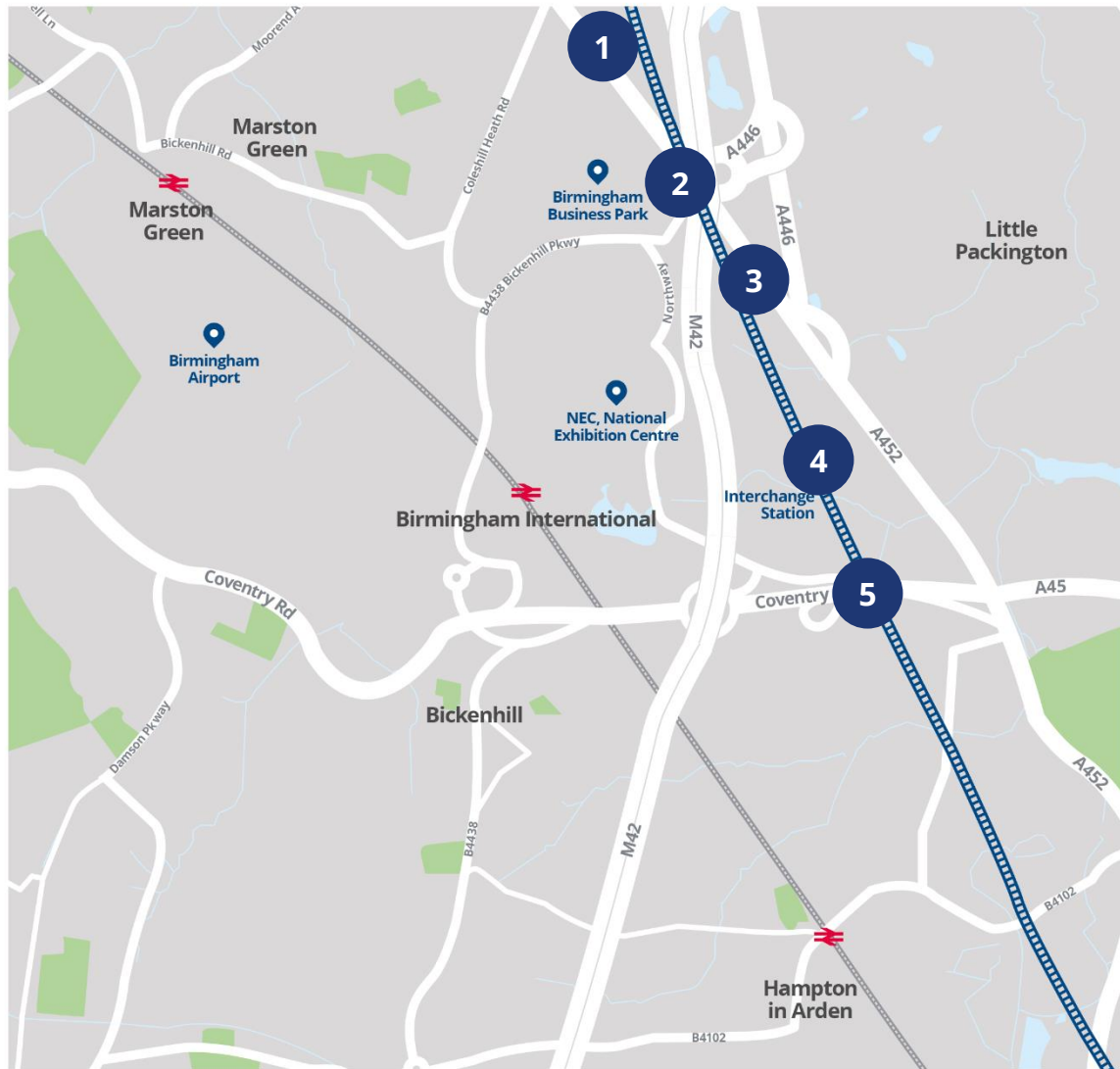
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The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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Map 1 – Interchange Station Area



Key

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

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our new site compound at Heath Park • Building the embankment to support the bridge over the M6 from March 2023 until spring 2025. We will be working over weekends to complete the work as quickly as possible • Note that we will be scaling up our delivery of earthworks this spring because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal • Introducing a one-way traffic management system on Coleshill Heath Road with a diversion route in one direction from April 2023 to May 2023. Note that our work will not impact the Yorkminster Road bus route • 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 from 8pm to 6am to minimise disruption to everyone's journey times
Location 2	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Later this year, Northway Island, the roundabout over the M42, will be dismantled. We have built a new roundabout on HS2 land, which is now partially open, to ensure highway connections remain open as far as possible to minimise disruption to journeys

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing a new smaller roundabout by Quartz Point Business Park once we have dismantled the large roundabout on the M42 in August 2023 • Maintaining access to Melbicks Garden Centre and Quartz Point Business Park during construction • Signposting clear directions for road users throughout our programme of work
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to build the embankment at Pool Wood for the next few years. 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
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving utilities from the end of March 2023 until May 2023 • Delivering earthworks to prepare the ground for building the new HS2 Interchange Station. We will be delivering large volumes of aggregate to the site and bulk excavating Bickenhill Cutting
Location 5	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HS2 railway will travel under the A45. Consequently, we will need to reconstruct the A45 onto a series of new bridges. We are currently building the Eastway Bridge • We are undertaking preparatory work for the new bridge for the service road to the south of the A45. We will be continuing work throughout 2023

Map 2 – Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



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

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish setting up office and welfare space to build the River Blythe Viaduct Planning to host a River Blythe Viaduct Key Design Element feedback event in Hampton-in-Arden in May 2023 Operating a plant crossing on Meriden Road to enable the use of haul roads which takes

		<p>construction vehicles off local roads, reducing any disruption to the local community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the River Blythe floodplain from construction impact as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) by frequently sampling the water, supporting wildlife habitats and diverting the river into a culvert
Location 2	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished setting up the 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. Our construction vehicles will cross the A452 Kenilworth Road, but we will be using a fleet of road sweepers to keep the area clean and safe • We are delivering earthworks that can be clearly seen from the A452 Kenilworth Road, adjacent to Sixteen Acre Wood, to form an embankment that will carry the realigned Kenilworth Road onto a bridge that will pass over the new railway. We will then re-join the new road to the existing road at a new roundabout that we will be constructing near Marsh Lane. We are providing most of the material used to build the new embankment from a deep cutting that we have cut between Park Lane and Marsh Farm. This means we will reduce the amount of material moved by road • Note that we will be scaling up our delivery of earthworks this spring because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal • We are delivering ground improvement works, including setting up rigid inclusions, to prepare to build the Marsh Farm Viaducts
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be 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.

		<p>The permanent bridge and road realignment will take several years to complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have delayed our start date to deliver a temporary road alignment on Lavender Hall Lane after we discovered dormice which is a protected species. We are creating alternative habitats, so we can safely translocate them
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporarily reconnected Public Right of Way M214 through our worksite. We will be building a new permanent footbridge over Park Lane Cutting for PRow M214 in the future. We have clearly signposted directions between Park Lane and Berkswell • Continuing to excavate the 16-metre deep cutting near Park Lane compound. We are transporting all the excavated soil to create the new embankment visible from the A452 Kenilworth Road • Exploring opportunities for early planting at Park Lane Cutting and by the new Park Lane road alignment
Location 5	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Hallmeadow Road as a delivery route for construction materials. We have nearly finished introducing safety improvements, including installing new parking bays for displaced parking spaces, creating double yellow lines and a footpath alongside the parking bays. Our works were delayed while waiting for utility contractors to safely remove telegraph cables from the grass verge We expect to finish this work in March 2023 • Building a new access off Station Road roundabout from March 2023 until Summer 2023. We will need to divert utilities and change ground levels to deliver this work. Once finished, fewer of our construction vehicles will need to access our Carol Green Overbridge site through the centre of Balsall Common, helping to reduce construction traffic in the area. Note that we may need to

		temporarily relocate the bus stop in this location
Location 6	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to host an information event in Balsall Common to explain what is happening in this location in Spring 2023 or Summer 2023 • Continuing to build the embankment to support Carol Green Overbridge which will take the new HS2 railway over the existing West Coast Main Line (WCML). Our work here will last for the duration of the project. You can view our progress from the Kenilworth Greenway • Delivering 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
Location 7	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to deliver materials to Waste Lane Compound to build the Burton Green Tunnel and other nearby construction assets • Realigning Waste Lane over a new bridge to the north of the existing humpback bridge. We will install a new footpath on the realigned road to connect to the Kenilworth Greenway. We are undertaking preparatory work for the road realignment now and will begin delivering the main structure in the latter half of 2023

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.

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 are 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

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