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Solihull

Summer 2023

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.

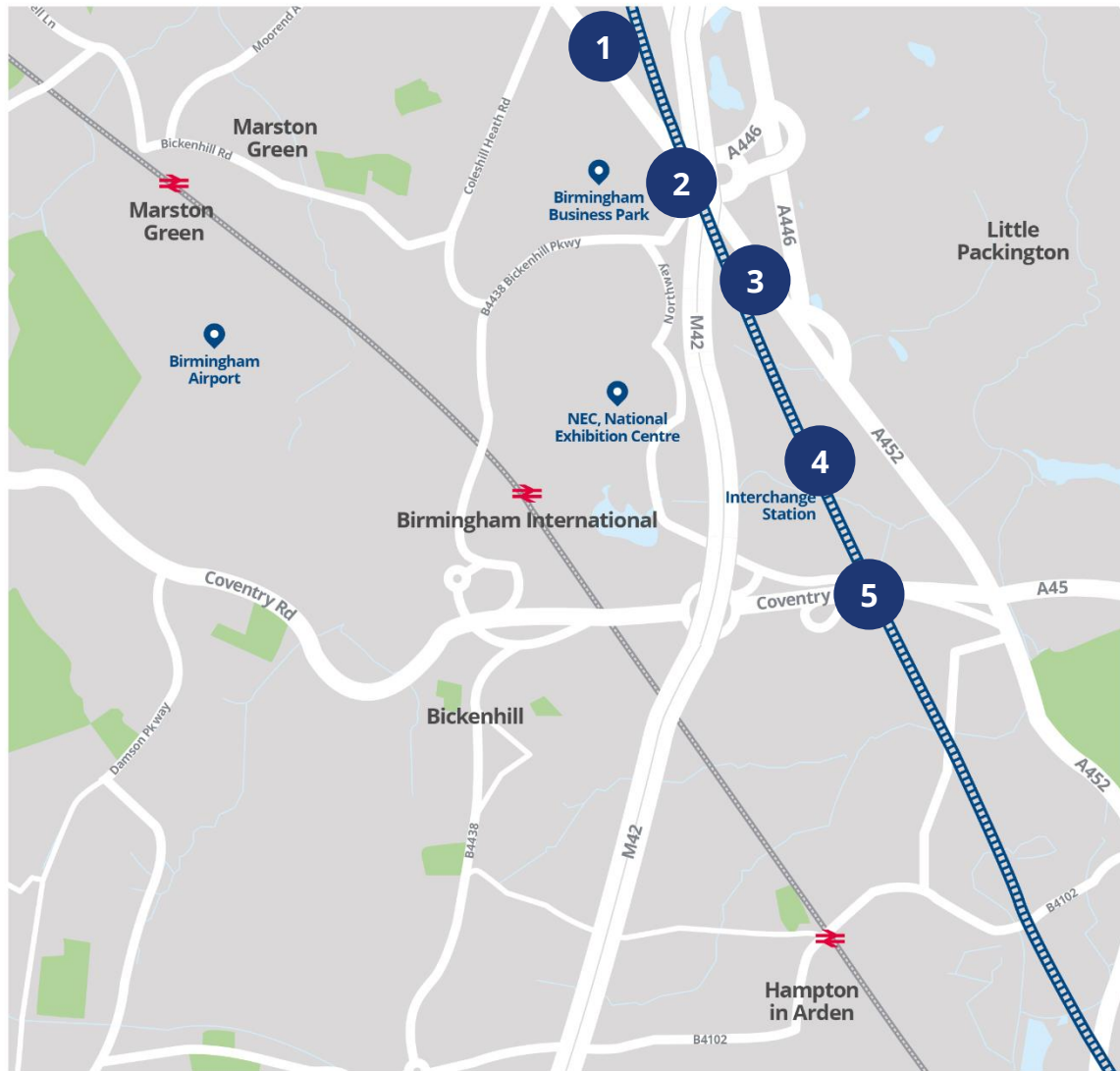
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The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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Map 1 – Interchange Station Area



Key

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

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 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 in the summer because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal • Introducing a four-week full closure on Coleshill Heath Road with a diversion route in the summer to deliver utility works. 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 road will be closed 24 hours a day and we are undertaking roadworks during the day from 8am to 6pm
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 • Transferring the road network to its new permanent alignment during the summer. Demolishing the south bridge of the Northway Island on the M42 in August • Installing a new smaller roundabout by Quartz Point Business Park and dismantling the large roundabout on the M42 in August 2023

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining access to Melbicks Garden Centre and Quartz Point Business Park during construction • Signposting clear directions for road users throughout our programme of work • Installing traffic management at the front entrance of Birmingham Business Park to tie in the new carriageway with the old one. Once complete, traffic will enter and exit the business park on a brand-new T-junction onto Chester Road • Providing dedicated safe pedestrian routes across the motorway between Birmingham Business Park and Melbicks Garden Centre during the Summer
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a concrete recycling centre where material is crushed into a product that we can reuse on the project
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving utilities • 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 • Note that we will be scaling up our delivery of earthworks this summer because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal
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 and expect to complete it first. We are additionally building the service road bridge adjacent to Bickenhill Recycling Centre. 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"> Continuing to prepare the area around the River Blythe Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) to construct the River Blythe Viaduct. This include building a temporary Bailey bridge Finished setting up office and welfare space to build the River Blythe Viaduct

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to host a River Blythe Viaduct Key Design Element feedback event in Hampton-in-Arden in June 2023 • Operating a 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 • Protecting the River Blythe floodplain from construction impact as an 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"> • 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 • Building the new bridge for the A452 realignment throughout 2023 • Delivering piling works to build the Marsh Farm Viaducts until Summer 2023 • Implementing traffic management along the A452 throughout 2023 to help us realign the A452 • Note that we will be scaling up our delivery of earthworks this Summer because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Lavender Hall Lane until June 2023 for utility diversions and 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 • Diverting traffic on the A452 Kenilworth Road via Meriden in Summer 2023

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 Planting vegetation on the new roundabout at Park Lane along the A452 and will be undertaking some resurfacing works on Park Lane Note that we will be scaling up our delivery of earthworks this summer because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal
Location 5	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In June 2023, our vehicles will be able to access the haul road at the bottom of Hallmeadow Road enabling us to bring materials to the south side of our West Coast Mainline site. The additional access will enable reduce unnecessary delays to our programme Progressing with Carol Green Overbridge works. Building north and south abutments in preparation for installing the bridge deck beams in August 2023 Starting earthworks to build the new railway between the West Coast Mainline (WCML) and Waste Lane this Summer
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 Summer 2023

Location 7	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to deliver materials to the 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 delivering preparatory work for the road realignment now and will begin delivering the main structure in the latter half of 2023
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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 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

Contact Us

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