

# HS2

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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.

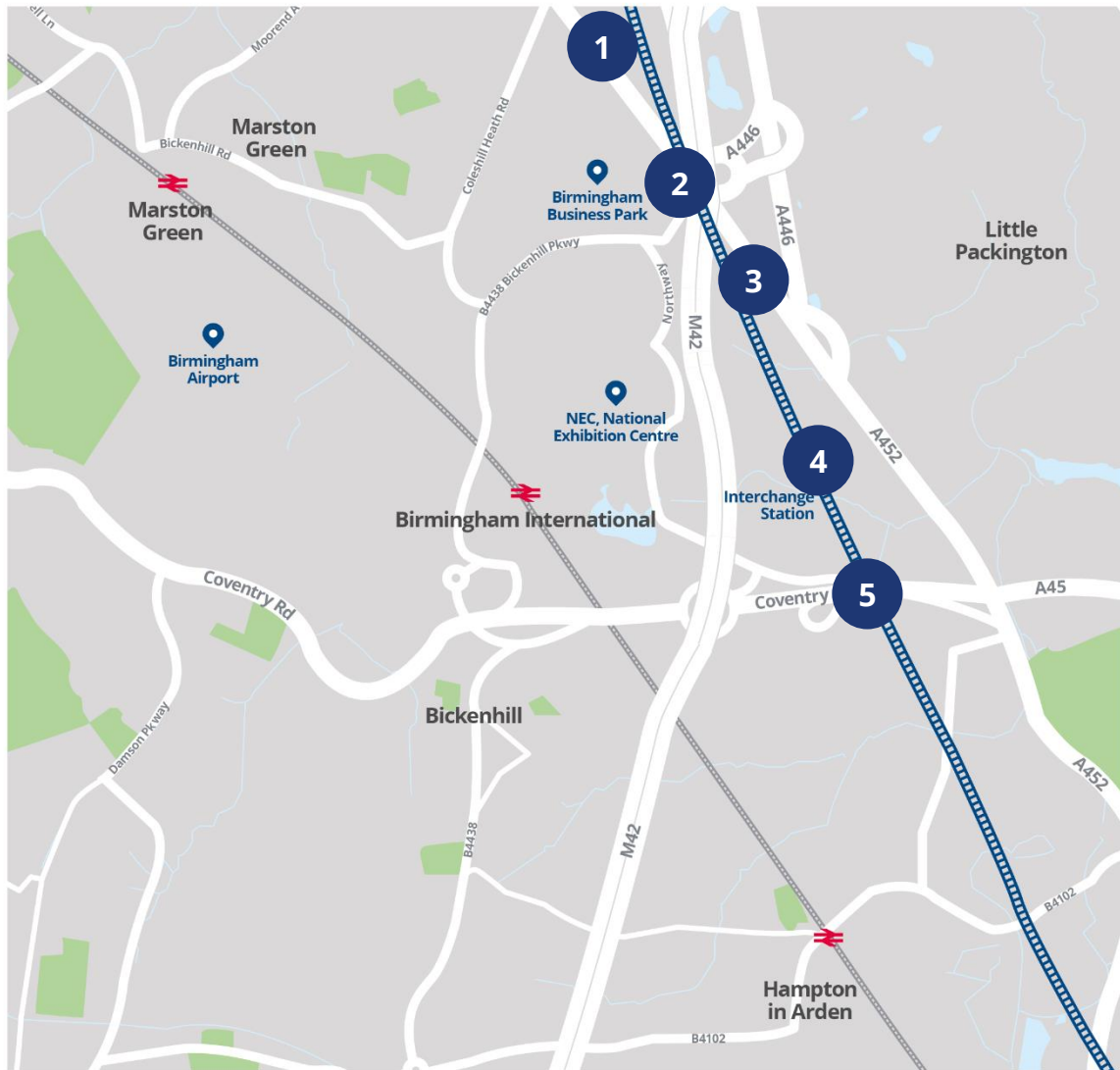
The dates and information included in the forward look are subject to change as the programme develops. These will be updated in the next edition of the forward look.

The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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## Map 1 – Interchange Station Area



### 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
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using our new site compound at Heath Park</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
	Ongoing throughout 2023	
<b>Location 2</b>	November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the successful bridge demolition, BBV will be building a roundabout at the end of Biddles Loop (A446 slip road). This will tie-in the existing road network with the brand-new road junction</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Signposting clear directions for road users throughout our programme of work</li> <li>• Providing dedicated safe pedestrian routes across the motorway between Birmingham Business Park and Melbicks Garden Centre during the Summer</li> </ul>
	Ongoing throughout 2023	

<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a concrete recycling centre where material is crushed into a product that we can reuse on the project</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving utilities</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• We will be reusing materials excavated by Skaska to create the new junction of the M42. This will reduce waste and minimise the number of lorries carrying aggregate on the road network</li> </ul>
<b>Location 5</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HS2 railway will travel under the A45. Consequently, we will need to reconstruct the A45 onto a series of new bridges. We have completed work on the Eastway Bridge and we are currently constructing the new A45 service road (adjacent to Bickenhill Recycling Centre). We will be continuing work throughout 2023</li> <li>• This Autumn, we will be required to move several utilities which are in the verges of the current Eastway. This will require the closure of the Eastway loop for a period of four weeks</li> <li>• Access for residence on Middle Bickenhill Lane will be maintained. The DHL depo will also remain accessible</li> </ul>

## Map 2 – Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>Protecting the River Blythe floodplain from construction impact as a Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by frequently</li> </ul>

		<p>sampling the water, supporting wildlife habitats and diverting the river into a culvert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piling works for the River Blythe Viaduct commenced in August and will continue throughout Autumn 2023 as will rigid inclusion works at River Blythe Embankment.</li> <li>• As the new railway heads north beyond the viaduct, it will enter a deep cutting on its way towards the A45. This will require the realignment of Diddington Lane. Before doing so, there are utilities which will need to be diverted, requiring series of road closures on Diddington Lane. There will be a footpath diversion which will be in place throughout Autumn 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Building the new bridge for the A452 realignment throughout 2023</li> <li>• Piling and pile cap works to build the Marsh Farm Viaducts ongoing, expected to be complete by end of 2023</li> <li>• Implementing traffic management along the A452 throughout 2023 to help us realign the A452</li> <li>• Enabling works to commence for Mercote Hall Lane Overbridge including top soil strip and temporary works platforms.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Lavender Hall Lane from the end of August through to September for utility diversions and delivering a temporary road</li> </ul>

		<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverting traffic on the A452 Kenilworth Road via Meriden in 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Note that we will be scaling up our delivery of earthworks because the weather means we can use our plant machinery as normal</li> <li>• Piling works ongoing for Balsall Common Viaduct and will continue through Autumn 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Location 5</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout the Autumn, BBV will be utilising the new haul road access at the bottom of Hallmeadow Road enabling us to bring materials to the south side of our West Coast Mainline site. The new access will reduce unnecessary delays to our programme</li> <li>• Starting earthworks to build the new railway between the West Coast Mainline (WCML) and Waste Lane this Summer</li> </ul>
<b>Location 6</b>	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progressing with Carol Green Overbridge works. Building north and south abutments in preparation for installing the bridge deck beams</li> <li>• Truggist Lane will need to close 24/7 for a full four-week closure starting in October. This will facilitate piling work for the Balsall Common Viaduct. We will also use this closure to undertake safety surveys on the low bridge</li> <li>• Beechwood Culvert temporary watercourse diversion and installation of permanent solution ongoing throughout Autumn 2023</li> </ul>



<b>Location 7</b>	Ongoing throughout 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 next year</li> <li>• Permission was recently granted for BBV to use Waste Lane and Kelsey Lane as a lorry route. We have worked with Solihull council on a package of traffic calming measures in this area which we will start in September. This will require some daytime road closures (not lasting more than two weeks)</li> <li>• Beechwood embankment dig and replace and rigid inclusions works ongoing</li> </ul>
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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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