

HS2

Birmingham

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3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Birmingham.

The document includes:

- A forward look at construction activities planned in the next three months
- Works to be aware of that will take place in the next 12 months, but may not yet have been confirmed

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.

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Map 1 – Park Hall Nature Reserve



Key

■ Parkland	▬▬▬▬▬ Existing train line
■ Water/river	▬▬▬▬▬ HS2 route Phase One underground (subject to consents)






Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout Winter 2023	<p>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavating 'trial holes' • Identifying existing underground utilities using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys • Surveying existing ground levels • Surveying water bodies • Surveying bats and great crested newts
Location 2	Ongoing throughout Winter 2023	<p>We are delivering preparatory work for tunnelling at the east portal which started in the spring. Works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with surface plant installation • Assembling the second Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) inside the open cut <p>Tunnelling started in July 2023 and is continuing. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning the first drive which will include on surface logistic activities (deliveries of

		<p>concrete segments and various consumables for the TBM and surface plants, muck away operations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering the parts of the second TBM and assembly • Delivering of the parts of the second STP and assembly
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Map 2 – Castle Bromwich/Bromford



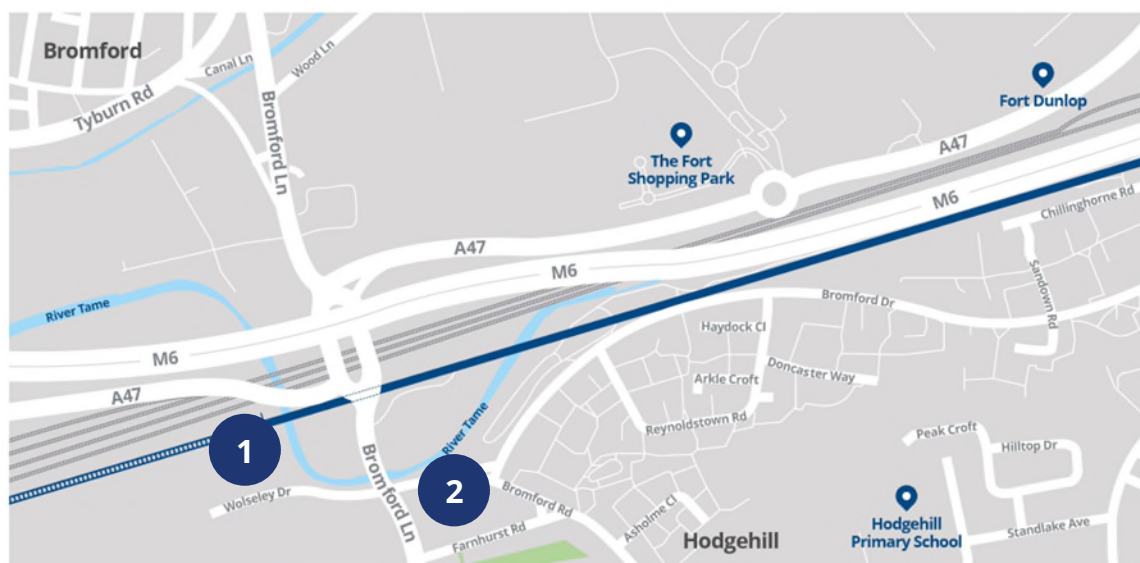
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	Parkland		Existing train line		HS2 route indication
	Water/river		HS2 route Phase One underground		

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavating 'trial holes' • Identifying existing underground utilities using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys • Surveying existing ground levels • Surveying water bodies
Location 2	Ongoing throughout 204	We will continue to divert existing utilities before starting the tunnelling works.
Location 3	Ongoing throughout project	<p>We are continuing the construction of a diaphragm wall for the tunnel shaft. As we undertake this work, we will also be improving the soil that we excavate. Where necessary, this may involve taking unsuitable soil off-site to specialist soil treatment facilities.</p> <p>We will start to construct the retaining walls that will support a future tunnel shaft at this location. The tunnel shaft will be used as an entry and exit point</p>

		<p>to the tunnel for maintenance and emergencies. The retaining walls will be made of concrete and be built in deep excavated trenches</p> <p>We are delivering work to build the M6 Viaduct throughout 2024, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to diver utilities throughout 2024 <p>Throughout the project, we will undertake monitoring of the M6 Viaduct. We will be installing and maintaining monitoring equipment with our subcontractors</p>
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing surveys to identify hazards prior to deep excavation works Building reinforced concrete working platforms on the site to construct the Bromford Tunnel Intermediate shaft. These will facilitate our cranes and diaphragm wall equipment Improving the soil that we excavate. Where necessary, this may involve taking unsuitable soil off-site to specialist soil treatment facilities
Area Wide	Ongoing throughout 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to divert existing utilities before starting the tunnelling works. This will include gas, electricity cables and water pipes, in and around the Bromford area. There may be some traffic management associated with these utility diversions

Map 3 – Bromford



Key

 Parkland	 Existing train line	 HS2 route Phase One overground
 Water/river	 HS2 route Phase One underground	 HS2 route indication

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We will be constructing the diaphragm wall which will support the Bromford Tunnel West Portal. We will build the diaphragm wall by excavating the ground with large machinery in a series of sections. We will stabilise each section with a specialised fluid to support the ground before we then fill it with concrete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The TBM 2 will commence its journey from Bromford East Portal towards the West Portal (Washwood Heath) from February 2024
Location 2	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We will be carrying out a series of surveys, including drainage inspections and the excavation of 'trial holes' to locate existing underground utilities near to our construction works.</p> <p>These surveys will help us to plan where utility diversions will be required as we prepare to construct the railway in Birmingham</p>

		<p>To be able to carry out these inspections safely and effectively, we will need to put in place temporary traffic management measures which may include temporary traffic lights, and lane or road closures</p> <p>Drainage inspections involve lifting manhole covers and using a sewer camera to examine the underground pipes</p> <p>To complete our utility trial hole inspections, we will use hand digging tools, as well as a vacuum excavator, which uses compressed air to loosen or agitate the ground. Once the surveys are carried out, we will backfill all trial holes</p>
Area Wide	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We will continue to divert existing utilities as part of our ongoing tunnelling works. This will include gas, electricity cables and water pipes, in and around the Bromford area. There may be some traffic management associated with these utility diversions</p>

Map 4 – Washwood Heath



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■ Parkland	▬▬▬▬▬ Existing train line	▬▬▬▬▬ HS2 route Phase One overground
■ Water/river	▬▬▬▬▬ HS2 route Phase One underground	

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Excavation ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have now completed the diaphragm wall to support the tunnel portal and retained cut by excavating the ground with large machinery in a series of sections. Each section was stabilised with a specialised fluid to support the ground before it is then filled with concrete We are excavating to open the portal and retained cut for the tunnel boring machines to arrive. This will form the track bed to raise the rails back up to ground level To remove this material, we are using a combination of traditional excavating equipment and specialised mining equipment working below ground level. Reinforced concrete works at the portal wall have started early 2024 and will continue until Autumn 2024 before progressing through the retained cut.

Location 2	Ongoing for the duration of construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our onsite concrete batching plant will be providing all the required concrete for the BBV sites in Birmingham. Due to the size of the structures that are being constructed, it is necessary that some of the concrete activities take place outside of core working hours.
Location 3	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have now completed the first phase of the Washwood Heath Brook diversion. The brook was previously in the path of the HS2 structures, so this diversion was required to allow enough room for construction. • The brook diversion consists of a mixture of open channels and underground culvert. This diversion connects the brook into the River Tame. • We will start construction works for the second phase of the diversion mid 2024. • The second phase will be enlarging the open channel, which will be completed early 2025.
Area Wide	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We will be undertaking various earthworks in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we prepare to build the railway, we will need to start preparing the ground for the foundations. To do this we will need to excavate the foundations from the previous site buildings until summer 2024. • Drainage insulation around attenuation ponds until 2024. • To complete our utility trial hole inspections, we will use hand digging tools, as well as a vacuum excavator, which uses compressed air to loosen or agitate the ground. Once the surveys are carried out, we will backfill all trial holes. These surveys will help us to plan where utility diversions will be required as we prepare to construct the railway in Birmingham • We will continue to divert existing utilities such as water and sewer pipes, in and around the HS2 Washwood Heath site until Summer 2024.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These specialised techniques include screening of the soil to remove lumps of concrete, bioremediation to remove contamination of soils by fuels and oils, and hand picking under controlled conditions to remove asbestos contamination
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Map 5 - Saltley



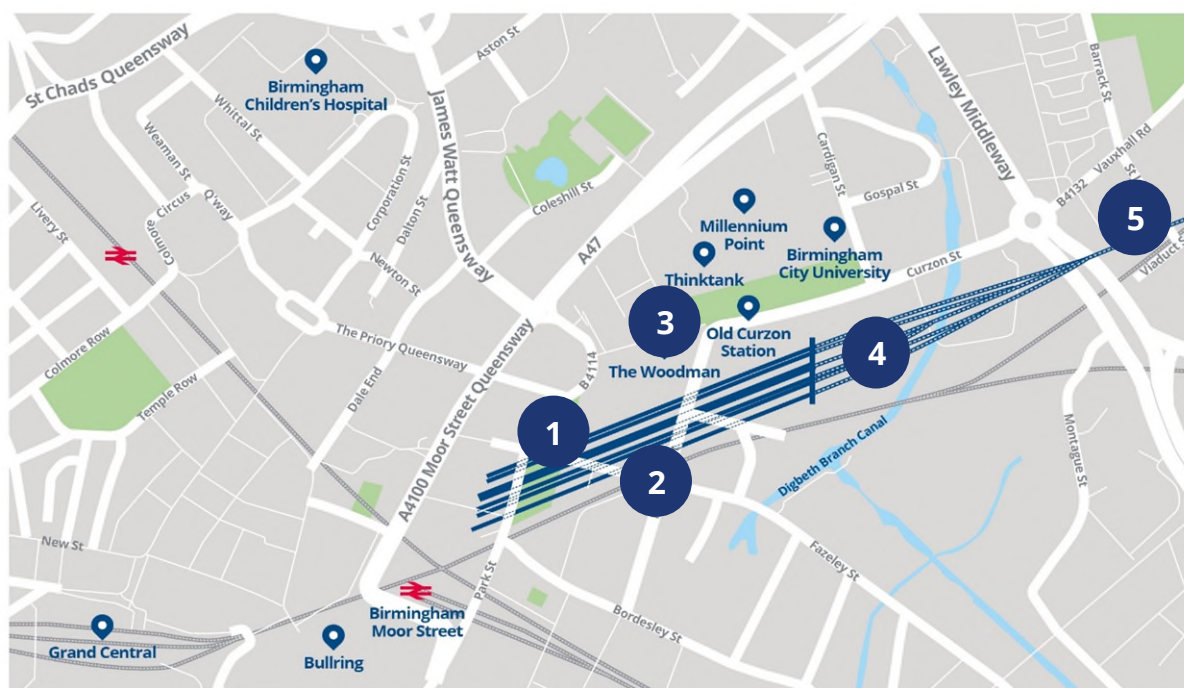
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 Parkland	 Rail station	 HS2 route Phase One underground
 Water/river	 Existing train line	 HS2 route Phase One overground

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Locations 1 and 3	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We will continue to set up our worksites at Saltley. We are also building haul roads as the sites are set up.</p> <p>Haul roads are temporary roads provided within a working area to allow for the movement of construction materials, construction machinery and/or construction staff around the site. During this work, communities may hear low levels of construction noise and see deliveries of materials and equipment</p> <p>The abutments and reinforced concrete works on the deck will allow it to tie into the new road</p> <p>We are continuing to divert a series of utilities along Aston Church Road which will also tie into the new deck</p>
Location 2	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>We will start piling work for Aston Church Road Overbridge to create the foundation of the structure before moving on to the construction of the abutments and supporting pier. The groundworks to erect the steel structure offline are continuing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency works overnight closure on Saltley Viaduct to repair the bridge in preparation for the Aston Church Road closure
Location 4	Ongoing throughout 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be continuing with piling and sheet piling works as well as pier preparations. • Piling platform works are ongoing.
Location 5	Ongoing throughout 2024/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a full road closure on Aston Church Road for approximately 14 months. The footpath will remain open for pedestrians.

Area Wide	Ongoing throughout 2024	<p>To be able to carry out these inspections safely and effectively, we will need to put in place temporary traffic management measures which may include temporary traffic lights, and lane or road closures</p> <p>Drainage inspections involve lifting manhole covers and using a sewer camera to examine the underground pipes</p> <p>To complete our utility trial hole inspections, we will use hand digging tools, as well as a vacuum excavator, which uses compressed air to loosen or agitate the ground. Once the surveys are carried out, we will backfill all trial holes</p>
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Map 6 - HS2 Curzon Street Station site



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	Water/river		Existing train line		HS2 route Phase One underground
	HS2 route indication				

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout Winter 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to prepare the site for the construction of the HS2 Curzon Street Station and the railway; including utility diversions and ground remediation works We will continue to divert existing utilities including gas, electricity cables and water pipes, in and around the HS2 Curzon Street Station site Delivering utility works within site boundaries and public roads and footpaths that border the HS2 Curzon Street station site including on Fazeley Street, New Canal Street, Masshouse Lane and Curzon Street

Location 2	Ongoing throughout Winter 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing partial closure of New Canal Street - between Curzon Street and Fazeley Street • Delivering utility diversions and connections at the New Canal Street/Fazeley Street junction and site wide • We will continue to carry out these utility diversions in preparation for the new utility connections and testing and commissioning • Once complete, these works areas (on roads and footpaths) will be tarmacked and reinstated
Location 3	Ongoing throughout Winter 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishing the grade 1 listed former Curzon Street Station building
Location 4	Ongoing until Winter 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to construct the deck of the new viaducts with concrete pours taking place throughout. • Continuing construction of tripods and Lawley Middleway deck erection. • Push new deck across Lawley Middleway in Spring 2024.
Location 5	Ongoing until Winter 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finishing the piers along with overall finishing works to the piers. • Starting to receive prefabricated components for construction of the deck during Spring 2024.
Area-wide	Ongoing throughout 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking a range of utility diversions in the area

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'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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