

# HS2

## Birmingham

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3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Birmingham.

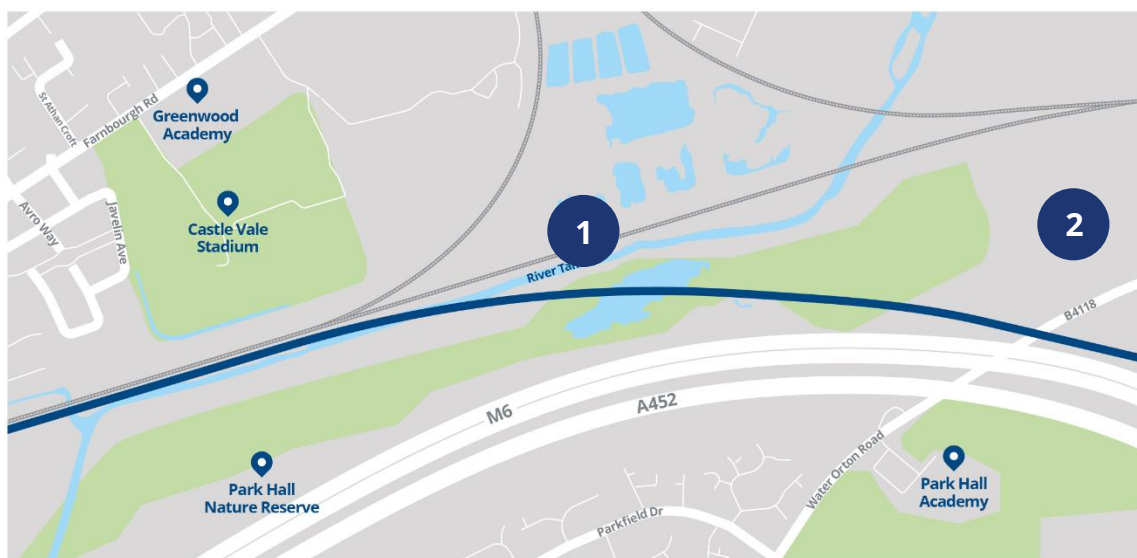
The document includes:

- 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.

If you have any queries about the information in this forward look, the HS2 Helpdesk is available all day, every day on **08081 434 434** or by emailing **[HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

## Map 1 – Park Hall Nature Reserve



### Key






<span style="color: green;">■</span> Parkland	<span style="color: grey;">----</span> Existing train line
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Water/river	<span style="color: blue;">—</span> HS2 route Phase One underground (subject to consents)

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<p>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveying existing ground levels</li> <li>• Surveying water bodies</li> </ul> <p>Surveying bats and great crested newts in conjunction with Birmingham Wildlife trust</p>
<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing	<p>We are delivering tunnelling works at the east portal which started in the 2023.</p> <p>The first tunnel is now complete, and the second tunnel should be finished in autumn 2025</p> <p>Continuing surface logistic activities (deliveries of concrete segments and various consumables for the tunnel boring machine and surface plants, muck away operations)</p>

## Map 2 – Castle Bromwich/Bromford

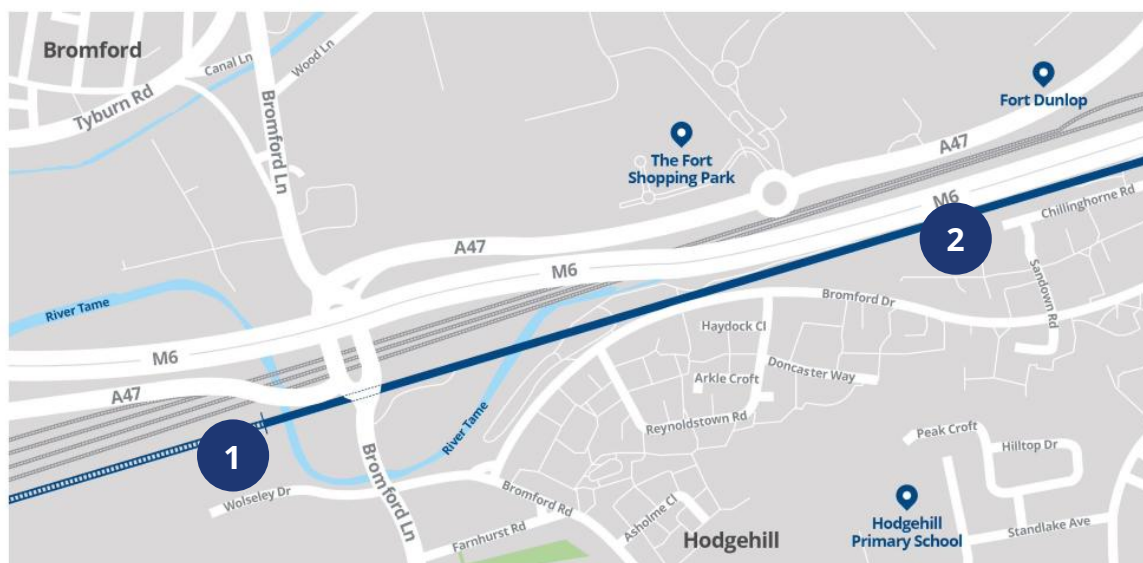


### Key

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

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<p>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excavating 'trial holes'</li> <li>Identifying existing underground utilities using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys</li> <li>Surveying existing ground levels</li> </ul> <p>Surveying water bodies</p>
<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	Monitoring of utilities following tunnel construction
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout project	<p>We are continuing the construction of the shaft buildings.</p> <p>Continue building tunnel edits from the shaft.</p> <p>Shaft MEP building construction to start following completion of the piling works.</p> <p>Throughout the project, we will undertake monitoring of the M6 Viaduct.</p>

## 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
<b>Location 1</b> (TBM Mary Ann)	Spring 2025 – Summer 2025	Dismantling of TBM 1 (Mary Ann) is ongoing at the Washwood Heath Site.
<b>Location 2</b> (TBM Elizabeth)	Summer 2025 – Autumn 2025	Preparation works for TBM 2 (Elizabeth) breakthrough from the West Portal (Washwood Heath)

## Map 4 – Washwood Heath



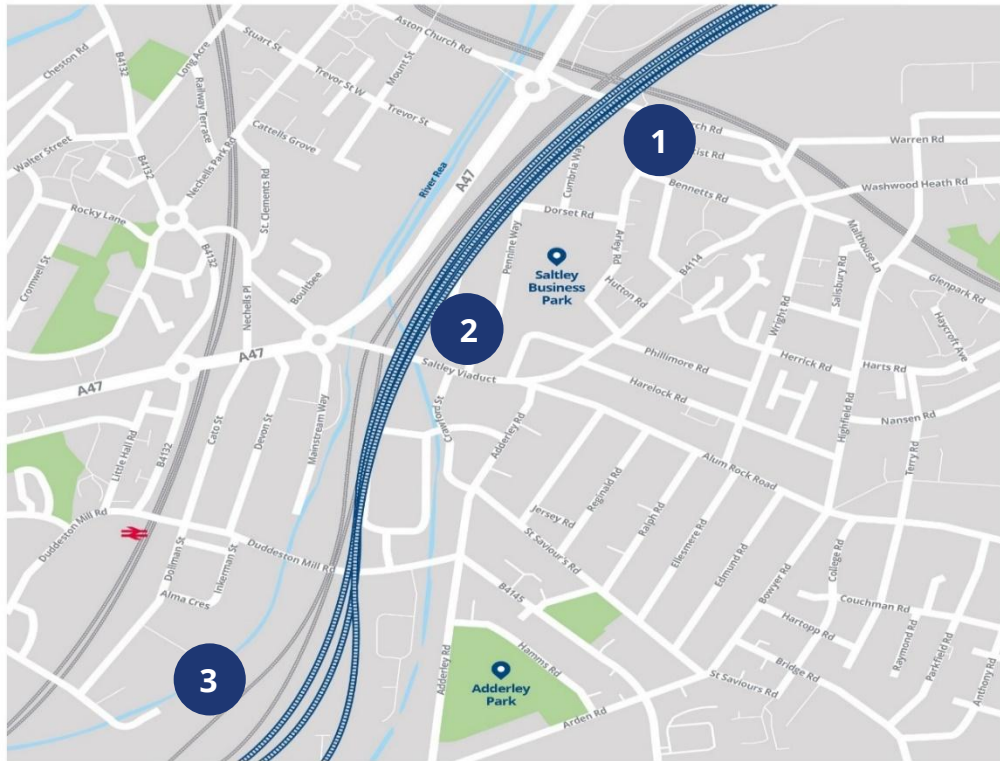
### Key

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

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works are ongoing for the construction of the aerodynamic boxes and central shaft structure.</li> <li>• Retaining cut excavation is ongoing and works are expected to be completed by end of 2025</li> <li>• The reinforced concrete works for the track bed to raise the rails back up to ground level are expected to be completed in early 2026</li> <li>• Tunnel boring machine -Mary Ann broke through on 9 May. Dismantling ongoing.</li> <li>• The second TBM is expected to break through at WWH by the end of the year.</li> </ul>

<b>Location 2</b>	Throughout 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The brook was in the path of the HS2 structures, so this diversion was required to allow enough room for construction.</li> <li>• The brook diversion consists of a mixture of open channels and underground culvert.</li> <li>• This diversion connects the brook into the River Tame.</li> <li>• The Brook is fully completed and operational.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Wide</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<p>We will be undertaking various earthworks in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage installation around attenuation ponds ongoing until summer 2025</li> <li>• The Saltley tank - the West side of Washwood Heath, concrete works are now completed.</li> <li>• The Saltley tank backfilling is ongoing and is expected to be completed in summer 2025.</li> <li>• The DD1a platform (depot platform) is 95% completed.</li> </ul>

## Map 5 - Saltley



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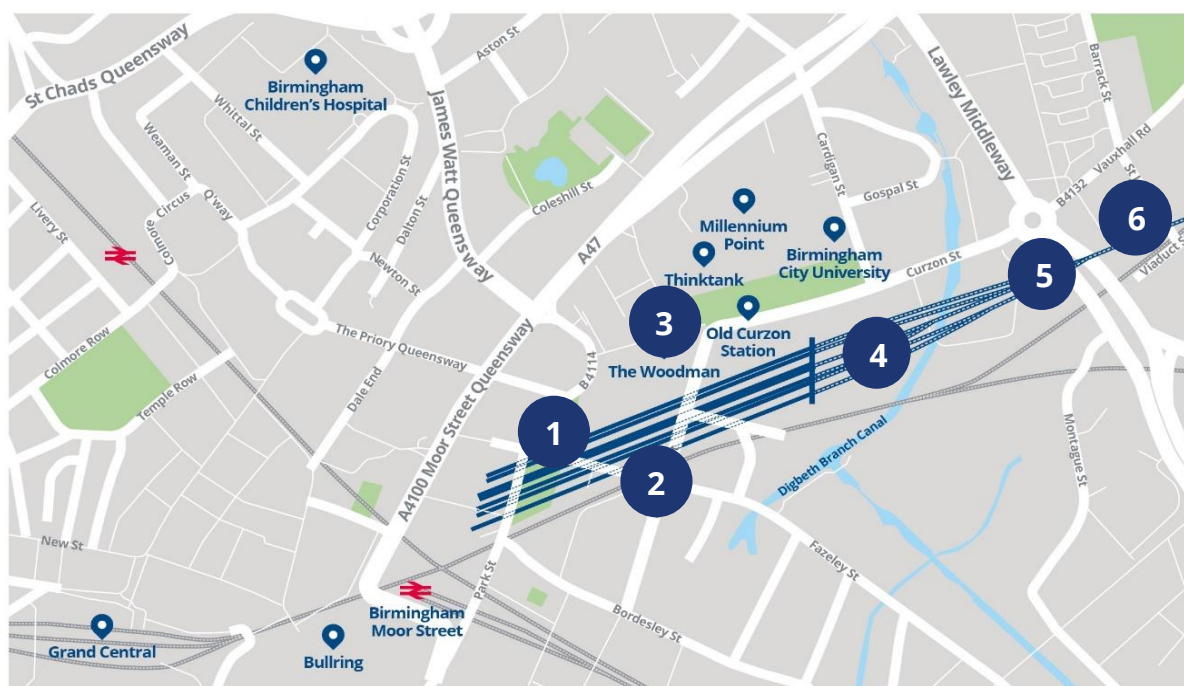
	Parkland		Rail station		HS2 route Phase One underground
	Water/river		Existing train line		HS2 route Phase One overground










Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Locations 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<p>There remains a full road closure on Aston Church Road until approximately the end of 2025. The footpath will remain open for pedestrians. There is also an ongoing lane closure in place on A47 Heartlands Parkway as part of the Aston Church Road closure.</p> <p>There are ongoing utility diversions in the area with small periodic lane closures. These utilities are being diverted ahead of the new Aston Church Road overbridge being tied into the existing road.</p>
<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<p><b>Saltley Retained Fill West</b> The first phase of Saltley Retained Fill West is now complete. This section includes the tallest walls in the area, reaching up to 12 metres high, where it connects to Curzon Approach.</p> <p><b>Saltley Retained Fill Central</b> This section has much shorter walls, with a maximum height of around 4 metres. We are currently around halfway through the reinforced concrete construction. This area will carry the new HS2 tracks into Curzon Street, along with tracks providing access to the new depot at Washwood Heath.</p> <p><b>Saltley Canal Underbridge</b> The remaining piling work is planned for completion throughout Summer.</p> <p><b>Saltley Viaduct</b> Work has recently started on the Saltley Viaduct, beginning at the East Abutment area and will continue until 2026.</p>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	

Area Wide	Ongoing throughout 2025	<p>There will be various temporary lane closures and traffic management systems in place to help our teams work safely whilst diverting a series of utilities in congested areas.</p> <p>To stay informed about coming works that may affect roads in Birmingham you can sign up to:</p> <p><a href="#">HS2 - In Your Area</a></p>
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## Map 6 - HS2 Curzon Street Station site



### Key

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

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to prepare the site for the construction of the HS2 Curzon Street Station and the railway; including utility diversions and ground remediation works</li> <li>We will continue to divert existing utilities including gas, electricity cables and water pipes, in and around the HS2 Curzon Street Station site</li> <li>Piling works continue installing the 2010 piles needed for the station construction. Pile capping and forming the Station attenuation tank is also continuing.</li> </ul>

<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing throughout project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing partial closure of New Canal Street - between Curzon Street and Fazeley Street</li> <li>• Delivering utility diversions and connections at the New Canal Street/Fazeley Street junction and site wide</li> <li>• We will continue to carry out these utility diversions in preparation for the new utility connections and testing and commissioning</li> <li>• Once complete, these works areas (on roads and footpaths) will be tarmacked and reinstated</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishing the grade 1 listed former Curzon Street Station building</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4</b>	Ongoing until Winter 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to construct the deck of the new viaducts with concrete pours taking place throughout.</li> <li>• Finishing works on the completed decks and underground drainage works commenced.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 5</b>	Ongoing until Autumn 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing construction of tripods and Lawley Middleway deck erection.</li> <li>• Push new deck across Lawley Middleway in Summer 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 6</b>	Ongoing until throughout 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finishing the piers along with overall finishing works to the piers.</li> <li>• Curzon Street 2 Viaduct steel deck fabrication started on site. Progressing as per the plan, August 2025 steel works will be completed and the deck to be launched to its definitive position during winter 2025/26</li> </ul>
<b>Area-wide</b>	Ongoing throughout 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertaking a range of utility diversions in the area</li> </ul>

# 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\*\*](https://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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**HS2 Community Engagement**

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