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HS2 Update

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. This update will provide key information and news on HS2 works between Drayton Bassett and Handsacre.

HS2 reset update

Mark Wild was appointed as CEO of HS2 in December 2024. He is now overseeing a 12-month reset of the HS2 programme, reviewing costs and schedule to ensure we deliver the railway efficiently.

In March 2023 some of our works in Staffordshire, were paused by the previous government. We now have a multi-year financial settlement for the project - set out in the recent Spending Review. We must stay within our annual budget and focus resource on building the initial phase of the railway. To enable us to achieve this, we have taken the decision to extend the pause in Staffordshire for a further four years.

The pause will prioritise efforts and resources on the opening section of HS2 between Old Oak Common and Birmingham - getting the construction programme back in the right order.

Some essential construction works in this area will continue. This also includes the completion of works on the A5 overbridge and the realignment of the A38.

We are committed to keeping you informed about our works and further updates will be shared as the reset progresses.



Mark Wild OBE

Come and talk to us at a local drop-in event

These events are an opportunity for you to find out more about the progress of key HS2 structures in the Staffordshire area.

Monday 20th October

Time: 4pm - 7:30pm

Location: Lichfield Guildhall, Bore St, Lichfield WS13 6LU

Monday 24th November

Time: 4pm - 7:30pm

Location: Fradley Village Hall, Hay End Ln, Fradley, Lichfield WS13 8NL

Wednesday 21st January

Time: 4pm - 7:30pm

Location: Whittington Village Hall, 4-6 Langton Cres, Whittington, Lichfield WS14 9LR



A38 update

Works continue on the A38 in Lichfield

Works continue to progress on the A38 in Lichfield. In late 2024, the northbound slip road reopened on its temporary alignment.

Implementing a temporary alignment has minimised the impact to road users by ensuring the slip road has remained open for the current phase of the works.

Throughout 2025, there have been ongoing works, including piling works which have resulted in overnight closures.

Later in 2025 we will be carrying out some work that may require some further overnight closures to safely facilitate these works; however, we will communicate this with you nearer the time.

Looking ahead into 2026, we plan to commence the final phases of the works which involve a series of closures on the A38 to construct the new permanent alignment.

On completion of the realignment, which is estimated to be Spring 2026, the Northbound Streethay Slip Road will remain closed for approximately 12 months.

This will allow Rykneld street overbridge to be completed followed by the new slip road.

Once the programme and traffic management are confirmed, we will communicate these works with you, through Advance Warning Notifications, communications toolkits, issuing of diversion routes and drop-in events where you will be able to find out more about these planned closures.

All future works on the A38 are subject to consent.



HS2 Streethay cutting under the A38

A5 update

Overbridge works are underway along the A5



Stretch of the A5

Construction has resumed on the overbridge for the railway to pass beneath the A5 Hints Bypass and Watling Street. A contraflow system will remain in place on the A5 to ensure safe vehicle movement of construction traffic.

Once piling is complete, structural works will begin with completion expected in 2027.

Community Investment

This year, we've proudly collaborated with charities and schools across Lichfield as part of our Community Investment Programme, supporting those most impacted by our work.

Investing in our community



Easter 2025 charity donations to St Giles

We were proud to begin a new collaboration with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) earlier this year, supporting their crucial work in the fight against heart disease. In March and April, our team at Cappers Lane organised a clothing donation drive that collected over 18 bags, contributing to a wider BBV campaign that gathered a total of 70 bags across the route.

The team also came together to support local causes through an Easter Egg collection. Thanks to their generosity, 35 eggs were donated to St Giles Hospice in Whittington and

another 35 to The Pathway Project in Lichfield, two organisations doing invaluable work in our communities.

Our community efforts continued into June with support for St Stephen's Primary School in Fradley Village, where we provided crowd control barriers for their summer fayre.

Inspiring future generations

We had the pleasure of visiting Willows Primary School in Lichfield to deliver four STEM activity days for students from Year 1 to Year 6. Pupils focused on the route of the railway. We encouraged teamwork as pupils designed and built structures. They also explored our ecological work, with our Senior Ecologist leading discussions on local wildlife and conservation. As part of the hands-on experience, students also built bird boxes that are now proudly displayed around the school grounds.



Pupils at Willows Primary School, building bird boxes

Celebrating success with the Considerate Constructor Scheme

The CCS National Awards promote excellence in construction through the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

BBV's Cappers Lane site achieved top audit scores, earning a prestigious Gold award, in 2024. These annual awards—Bronze, Silver, or Gold—recognise projects that show exceptional care for the community, workforce, and environment, based on the Code of Considerate Practice.



Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes making sure you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

Residents' and Construction Commissioner

The independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner oversees and monitors our **community engagement strategy**, making sure we fulfil our commitments to you.

The commissioner monitors the way we manage and respond to complaints about construction and advises members of the public how to make complaints.

The commissioner helps settle disputes involving individuals and organisations that we can't resolve.

You can find the commissioner's report and our responses at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner

The commissioner can be contacted on:
hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the 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/contact-us/how-to-complain

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