

# 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

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

| Location of works | Proposed duration              | Description of works  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Location 1</b> | Ongoing throughout Winter 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveying water bodies.</li> <li>Surveying bats and great crested newts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>Location 2</b> | Ongoing throughout Winter 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are delivering tunnelling works at the east portal which started in the spring. Works include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing with the Civils works at the portal.</li> <li>Tunnelling started in July 2023 and is continuing. Activities include:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing with the second tunnel bore.</li> <li>Continuing surface logistic activities. (deliveries of concrete segments and various consumables for TBM, Elizabeth and surface plants, muck away operations)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cross passage construction to start end of 2025 to connect bored tunnels.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

## Map 2 – Castle Bromwich/Bromford

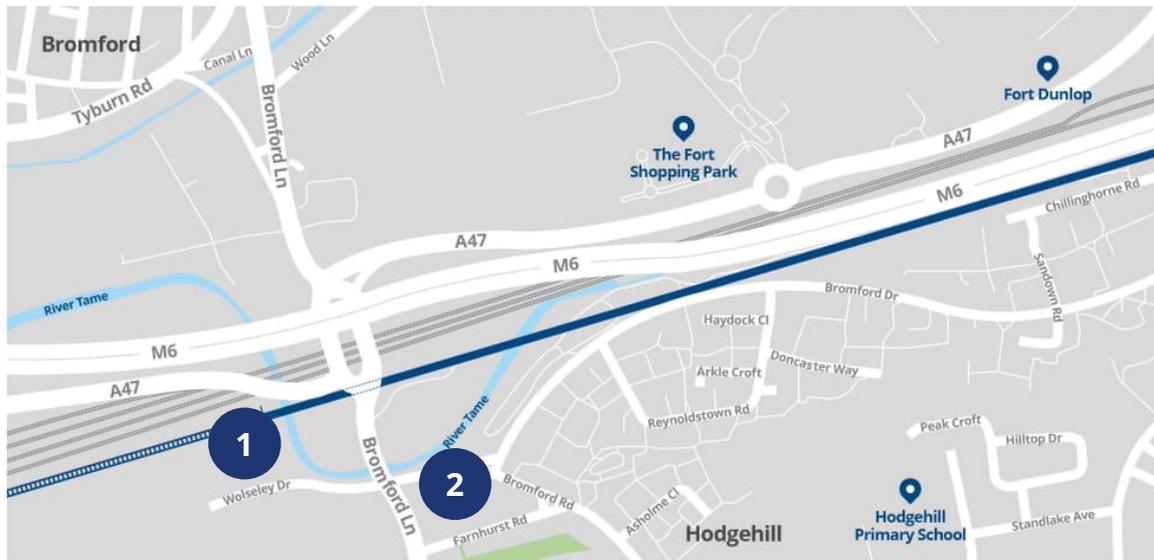


### Key

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|  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> </ul> |
| <b>Location 2</b> | Ongoing throughout 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of utilities following tunnel construction.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Location 3</b> | Ongoing                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are continuing the construction of the shaft buildings.</li> <li>• Shaft Mechanical Engineering and Plumbing building construction to start following completion of the piling works.</li> </ul>  |

## Map 3 – Bromford



### Key

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|  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> | Ongoing until October 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation works underway for TBM 2 breakthrough from the West Portal (Washwood Heath).</li> </ul> |

## Map 4 – Washwood Heath



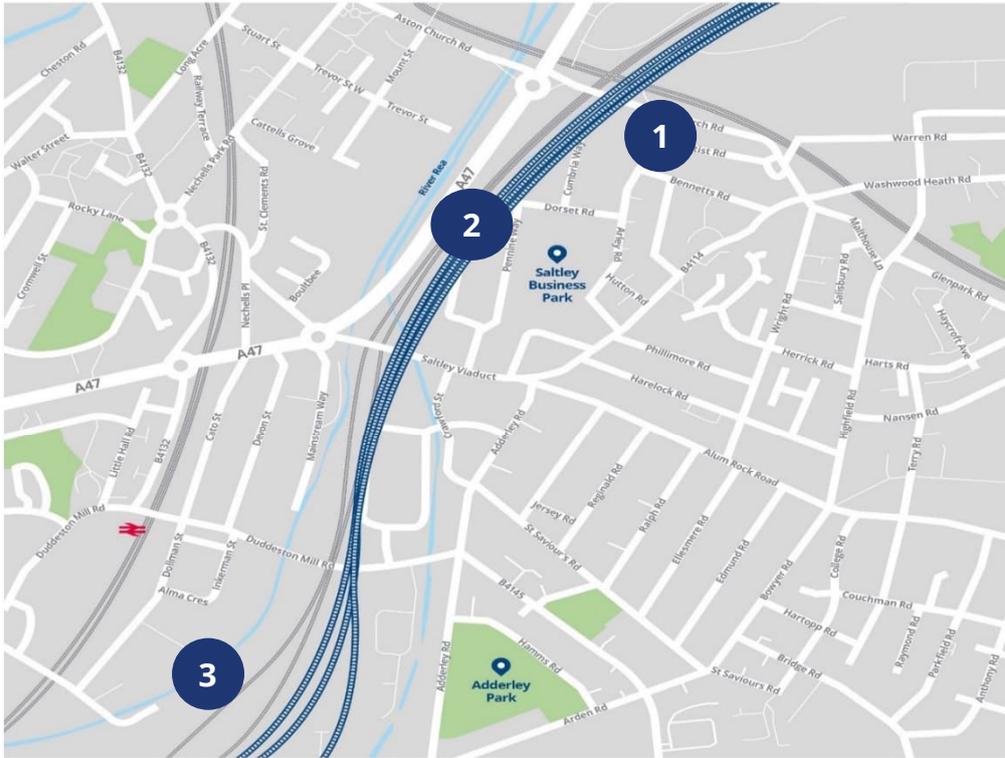
### Key

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|  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>• Work on the construction of the aerodynamic boxes is half completed.</li> <li>• Central shaft structure is ongoing.</li> <li>• Retaining cut excavation are completed.</li> <li>• The reinforced concrete works for the track bed to raise the rails back up to ground level will be completed in November 2025.</li> <li>• Preparation works are ongoing to receive the second TBM which arrives in October 2025.</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</li> </ul>  |

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|                   |                         | activities take place outside of core working hours.   |
| <b>Location 3</b> | Completed 2025          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Brook diversion required to enable HS2 room for construction had been completed.</li> <li>• This diversion connects the brook into the River Tame.</li> <li>• The brook consists of a mixture of open channels and underground culvert.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Area Wide</b>  | Ongoing throughout 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be undertaking various earthworks in this area:</li> <li>• Drainage installation around attenuation ponds is complete.</li> <li>• The Saltley tank is now completed.</li> <li>• The DD1a platform (depot platform) is now completed.</li> </ul> |

# Map 5 - Saltley



## Key

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

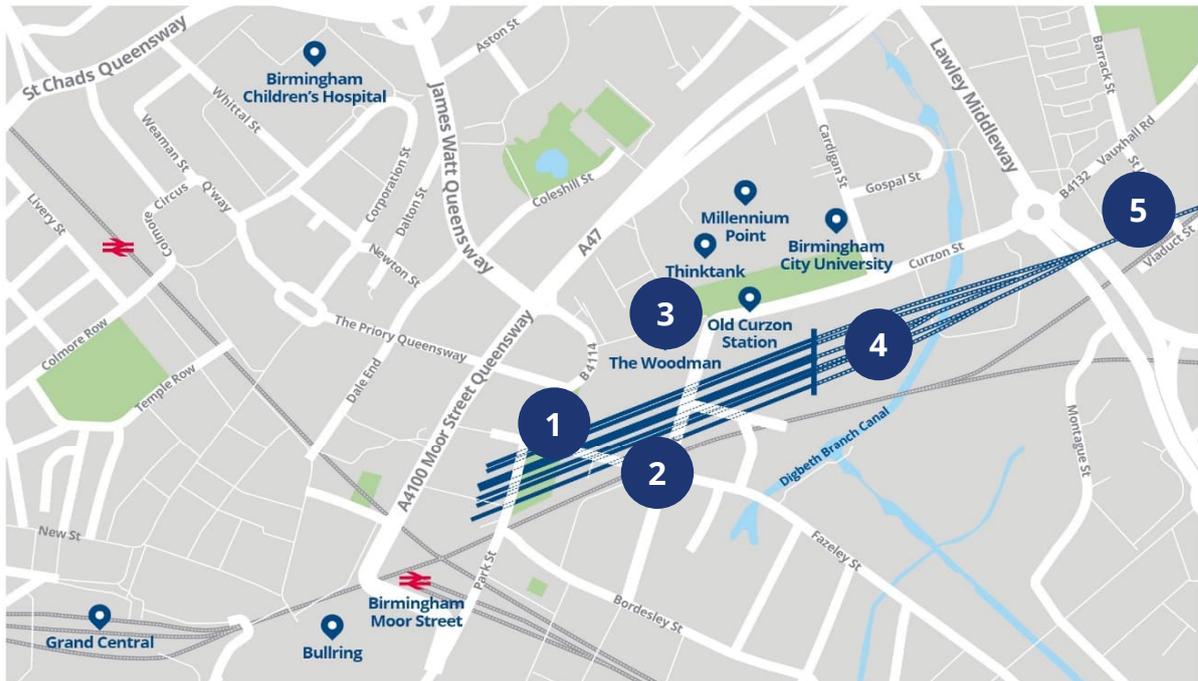
| Location of works  | Proposed duration       | Description of works  |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Locations 1</b> | Ongoing throughout 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is currently a full road closure on Aston Church Road for approximately 14 months. 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Location 2</b>  | Ongoing throughout 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saltley Retained Fill West- 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.</li> <li>• Saltley Retained Fill Central -This section has much shorter walls, with a maximum height of around 4 metres. We are currently working on 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.</li> <li>• Saltley Canal Underbridge -The remaining piling work for this area is now complete.</li> <li>• Saltley Viaduct - Work is continuing at Saltley Viaduct, beginning at the East Abutment area and will continue until 2026.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Location 3</b>  | Ongoing throughout 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piling is complete in this area, and we are continuing with the concrete substructure for Duddeston Viaduct Junction.</li> </ul>   |

**Area Wide**

- Ongoing throughout 2025

- There will be various temporary lane closures and traffic light systems in place to help our teams work safely whilst diverting a series of utilities in congested areas.

## Map 6 - HS2 Curzon Street Station site



### Key

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|  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>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.</li> </ul> |

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| <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> <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 5</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 currently on site.</li> <li>• Lawley Middleway bridge has been successfully moved into the place over Lawley Middleway</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](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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Write to:

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