

# HS2

## Solihull

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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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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1	Ongoing throughout 2025/6  Ongoing throughout 2025/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using our site compound at Heath Park</li> <li>Building the embankment to support the bridge over the M6 until 2025</li> <li>Our work will ensure that the new railway can pass over the M6 via an embankment on part of Heath Park</li> <li>Our construction of the embankment and viaduct will require some temporary M6/M42 closures and night work</li> </ul>
Location 2	Ongoing Throughout <b>2025 &amp; Q1/Q2 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remodelling and improving sections of the existing road network is complete in the Interchange Station area. These road improvements will ensure that when the future station is operational, the local road network is fit for purpose. <b>Some traffic management remains in place until the completion of utility commissioning works.</b></li> <li>Creation of steps into Melbicks Garden Centre from new footpath - <b>Complete</b></li> <li>Demolition of existing redundant bridge on A446 Stonebridge Road - <b>Complete</b></li> </ul>
Location 3	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concrete recycling centre has been set up where material is crushed and can be reused on the project</li> </ul>
Location 4 Interchange Station	Ongoing throughout <b>Q3 &amp; Q4 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving a water main into the verge of Chester Road – <b>commissioning anticipated end of Nov 25</b></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>Construct a new overbridge at the new station</li> </ul>
Location 5	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HS2 railway will travel under the A45. Consequently, we will need to reconstruct</li> </ul>

		<p>the A45 onto a series of three 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 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have moved several utilities which are in the verges of the current Eastway and now we are constructing the new road which will divert the East Way over the new bridge. This will require traffic management of the Eastway.</li><li>• Following this, we will be constructing a new temporary alignment for the A45 east bound.</li><li>• Similarly, the Service Road by the recycling centre will be diverted over a new bridge.</li><li>• Following on from this, the A45 west bound will be temporarily realigned to allow working room for constructing part of the new A45 bridge.</li><li>• Access for residence on Middle Bickenhill Lane will be maintained. The DHL depot will also remain accessible. Working closely with the NEC.</li><li>• <b>Diddington Cutting has commenced as has earthworks to Realign Diddington Lane</b></li></ul>
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## Map 2 – Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



### Key

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

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<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have completed 19 out of 19 piers at River Blythe Viaduct (Site of Special Scientific Interest - SSI)</li> <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> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting the River Blythe floodplain from construction impact as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by frequently sampling the water, supporting wildlife habitats and diverting the river into a culvert</li> <li>We will continue to install the beams and deck of the structure through to June 2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<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 a new roundabout that will be part of the realigned Kenilworth Road onto a bridge that will pass over the new railway.</li> <li>Tarmac surfacing to the new alignment started in Nov 2025 and will progress through 2026.</li> <li>Construction of Marsh Farm Viaduct is complete.</li> <li>Ongoing traffic management / lane closures along the A452 throughout 2026 to help us realign the road</li> <li>A traffic contraflow system will be installed along the A452 in Spring 2026 to enable the construction of the road realignment connections and roundabout.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lavender Hall Lane temporarily diverted to enable the construction of the Overbridge for the new alignment of the Lane.</li> <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 and will be complete by March 2026. We have clearly signposted directions between Park Lane and Berkswell</li> <li>In Feb 2026, we will install a full closure of Lavender Hall Lane for approximately 10 months to enable the road realignment works to be completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be progressing the construction of the piers for the Balsall Common Viaduct. 16 out of 16 piers have been completed.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The installation of beams and the deck will continue into Spring 2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 5</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBV will be terminating the use of Hallmeadow Road as a access route for deliveries on Jan 26 2026.</li> <li>The Carol Green underbridge and the connected footpath underpass are complete. We will progress earthworks, until Summer 2026, to construct the embankments either side of the underbridge. Technical backfill CBGM complete.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 6</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will continue to use the plant crossing on Truggist Lane to transport materials across the site as we progress construction of the embankments.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 7</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are progressing construction of Waste Lane Overbridge to the north of the existing humpback bridge. We will install a new footpath on the realigned road to connect to the Kenilworth Greenway. To continue construction of the bridge and road realignment and will install phased traffic management in late 2025 and early 2026. Waste Lane is programmed to be diverted over the new bridge by 7 feb 2026</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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