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HS2 Update

Twyford to Greatworth | Spring 2026



High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. If you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more.

You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at

www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

Inside our spring newsletter...

Our newsletters is a great way to keep up to date with all things HS2. This newsletter has been created specifically for the HS2 construction area, located between Twyford in North Buckinghamshire and Greatworth in Northamptonshire.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will be covering the milestones we have achieved and the upcoming works for the next few months. This will include updates on:

- Twyford to Greatworth – route map
- Our recent construction progress in your area
- Road openings; A421, A4421, School End
- Our recent major milestone at Turweston
- A43 overbridge progress and lookahead
- Progress in pictures
- Social value



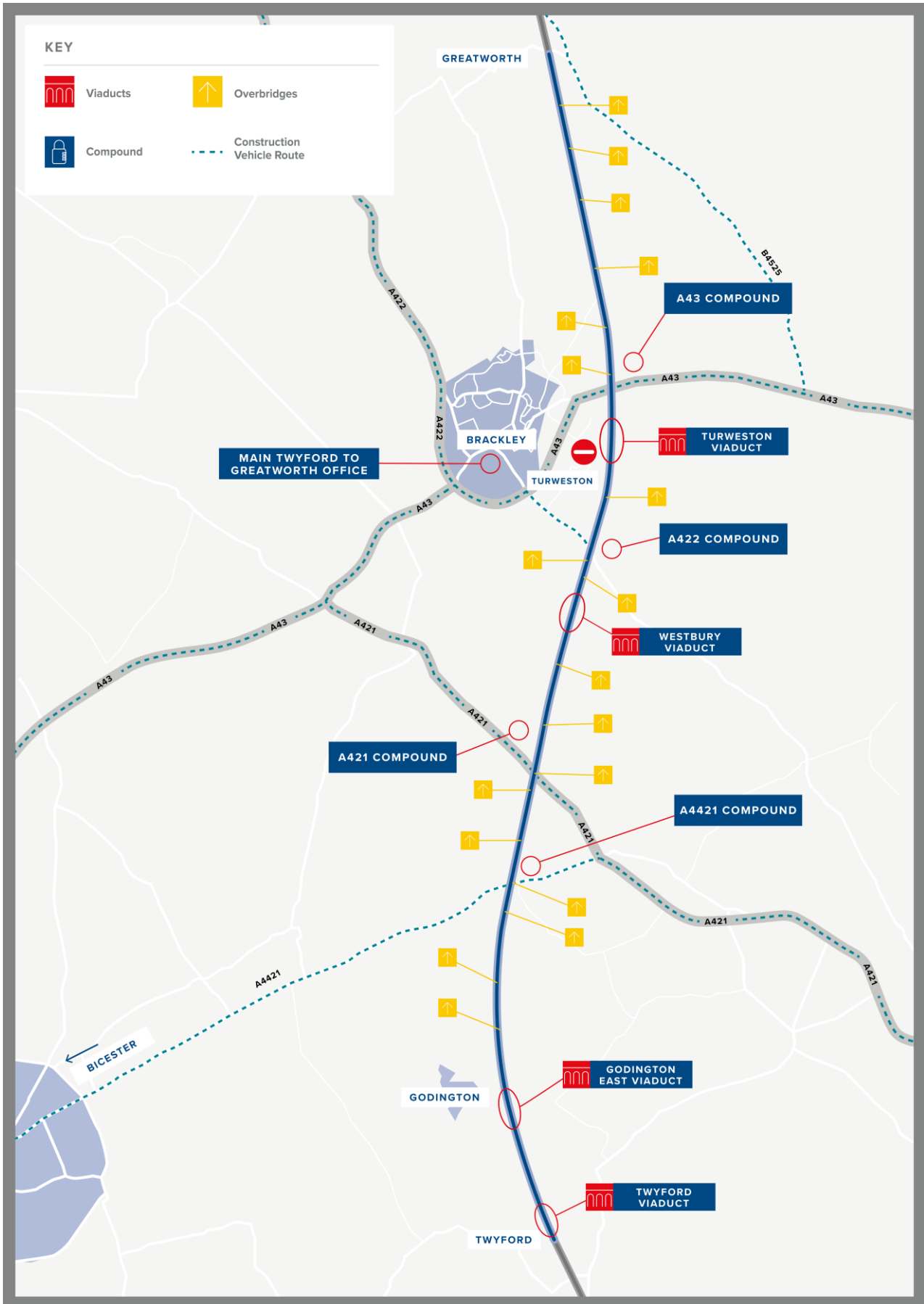
Join us at our community events...

Over the year we run specific community events and drop-in sessions in our Mobile Visitor Centre and local village halls.

To find out where your next local event is taking place, please visit on the HS2 website for the latest information.

www.hs2.org.uk/events

Twyford to Greatworth – route map



Progress in your area

Over recent months, we have completed and opened several new bridges across the Twyford to Greatworth section, including the A421, A4421, and School End overbridge in Chetwode.

These structures restore key routes, improve safety, and ensure local connectivity whilst accommodating both the new railway and existing road networks. Some traffic management will remain in place until summer 2026 as finishing works continue. These road openings represent significant progress in minimising disruption for road users in 2026.

A421 overbridge

We have now completed the earthworks, drainage and highways construction in phase 1 of the A421 realignment.

Traffic has now been switched from the existing carriageway to the new alignment, which used approximately 800 metres of white lining and 2200 tons of asphalt which is the equivalent to 365 elephants. Phase 2 now focuses on energising the utilities within the realignment and opening the permanent accesses to Warren and Widmore Farms. This will also enable 37,000m³ of earth to be removed for the railway cutting later this year.



A421 overbridge

A4421 overbridge now open



A4421 overbridge

The A4421 overbridge became the first bridge to open to the public for us in 2026. This milestone reflects years of planning, design, and collaboration. Although the bridge is now open, work will continue over the coming months to complete utility connections and add the finishing touches.

Once this is complete, we will begin excavating the railway cutting on the old Buckingham Road.

A major milestone at Turweston

We are close to completing the Turweston green overbridge, the largest structure of its kind on the HS2 project.

Green overbridges are designed to support both people and wildlife, creating safe crossing points over the railway whilst helping to reconnect habitats. Once complete, the structure will blend into the surrounding landscape and form part of the wider environmental design of the route.

The completion of the Turweston structure marks a major milestone for the project, highlighting the scale of our engineering achievements and our commitment to environmental responsibility.

The recent progress

A turning point for our progress was completing the installation of 64 parapet units, completing the utility diversions, and the realignment of the new road over the bridge. We've recently now spread topsoil to either side of the new road on top of the bridge, in preparation for the upcoming planting.

Throughout the construction, we've maintained access for the local community via a temporary road. Once the bridge and road open, we'll remove the temporary road and continue to excavate the remaining earth in the railway cutting.



Drone view of the Turweston green overbridge



Our 99-metre wide Turweston green bridge is the largest on the HS2 route.

The deck is composed of 36 steel beams and a concrete slab. Over 2,700 m³ of earth will then be landscaped over the top, with the hedgerows, shrubs and other vegetation planted last.

Left: CGI rendering showcasing a bird's-eye view of the road layout atop the Turweston green bridge.

Through design improvements, the team reduced the structure's carbon footprint by 42%, primarily by minimising the use of carbon-intensive concrete typically required in standard bridge designs.

What's next on the A43

A43 overbridge summer works.

To safely complete the next stage of construction, several weekend road closures are scheduled for the summer, following the Silverstone Grand Prix. To minimise disruption, closures will alternate between the northbound and southbound carriageways on different weekends.



Drone view of the A43 overbridge

We will share confirmed dates and diversion routes in advance through the HS2 email alerts and advance warning notifications (AWN) to help you plan your journeys.

Once the A43 road realignment is complete and the bridge is open, we will remove the temporary road and finish the earthworks beneath the bridge. Works near the A43 will continue until early 2027, with final utility diversions and connections planned later this year, which may require some overnight closures.



Brackley cutting south towards A43

The image on the right shows the railway cutting at track level, looking south toward the A43. The cutting has recently been grass-seeded as part of the first phase of planting. Foundation works for the AX16 accommodation overbridge are also underway.

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Progress in pictures



AN22 footbridge, near Halse



A422 overbridge parapet installation



Westbury viaduct



Bridleway 303/4 overbridge



School end overbridge and railway cutting



Twyford viaduct concrete deck pour

Social value and community.

EKFB joins the Great British Spring Clean

In March, we proudly took part in the Great British Spring Clean, a national initiative that delivers real benefits to our local communities along the route. This campaign was a fantastic opportunity for our teams to give back to the areas we work in while enjoying some time outdoors.

Why do we take part?

Our involvement this year demonstrated our commitment to supporting local communities and the environment. But the benefits extend far beyond tidying up:

- **Community impact:** Litter picks make a lasting, visible difference to any local area, helping create cleaner, more enjoyable spaces for everyone.
- **Team participation:** Activities like this foster teamwork and strengthen bonds, as colleagues come together in a shared effort outside of their usual roles.
- **Health and wellbeing:** Spending time outdoors boosts mental health and promoting physical wellbeing through fresh air and movement.
- **Shared values:** Taking part reflects EKFB's and HS2's values and our commitment to being a considerate and responsible neighbour.

By participating in initiatives like this, we reinforce our dedication to supporting the local community and protecting the environment.



Community funding from HS2

The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) is a fantastic opportunity for communities impacted by HS2 construction to enhance their local environment and quality of life. This fund supports a variety of projects, such as improving pedestrian, equestrian, and cycle access, creating community gardens, restoring natural habitats, upgrading sports fields and playgrounds, and refurbishing historic buildings. These initiatives aim to leave a lasting positive impact on the communities along the HS2 route.

Applying for CEF funding is straightforward. Guidance Notes and FAQs help applicants to understand the fund's criteria and eligibility requirements. Applicants include voluntary and community sector organisations, social enterprises, community businesses, and registered charities. Successful applicants will receive an award offer letter, detailing the funding and next steps. For projects up to £100,000, decisions are typically made within eight weeks. Larger projects involve a multi-stage application process that can take up to 32 weeks.

If you have a project that could benefit from CEF funding, please follow the link to the application page on the funding website: [Community Fund website - hs2funds.org.uk/home/community-environment-fund/](https://hs2funds.org.uk/home/community-environment-fund/)

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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