

M42 full weekend closures between J6 to 9 northbound and J7a to 6 southbound

(including the M6 J4a southbound link to M42 in both directions and temporary M6toll restrictions between M6 J3a to T1 northbound and at T2 southbound)

M42 J6to 9 northbound

M42 J7a to 6 southbound

*M6 J4 southbound link to M42
northbound/southbound*

M6 northbound J3a link to M6toll T1 and M6 Toll southbound at T2.

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From 9pm on Friday 24 July 2026 until 5am on Monday 27 July 2026

M6 Toll southbound from T2 between 10pm Friday 24 July until 12pm (midday) Saturday 25 July 2026.

About HS2

HS2 is Britain's new high-speed railway, between London and Birmingham.

Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high-speed railway in Solihull, Birmingham, Warwickshire and Staffordshire.

What is happening?

What are we doing

Traffic management will be in place to enable our workforce to safely continue installing beams for the M42 Motorway Box in Solihull and to progress deck installation works on the Water Orton Viaducts across the motorway in North Warwickshire.

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What to expect

A fully signed diversion route will be in place throughout the full weekend closures.
Low level noise from our works site.
Please allow extra time for your journey

M42 Solihull Motorway Box (Solihull)

Artist's impression of the M42 Motorway structure being built in Solihull.

Please note that the CGI imagery may not reflect current surroundings, road configurations or alignments, or the landscaping shown once the structure is complete



Water Orton viaducts (North Warwickshire)

Visualisation of the M42 Motorway structure being built in North Warwickshire.

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Keeping you informed about major HS2 works on the M42 and M6



Additional temporary weekend closures are planned throughout Summer and Autumn 2026 across Solihull and North Warwickshire. By coordinating our work across multiple HS2 worksites and with National Highways we have reduced the number of required closures.

Full details, including dates, times, and diversion routes for each closure will be published on the HS2 website:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/map/>

Upcoming temporary full weekend closures:

M42: J6 to 9 northbound and J9 to 6 southbound

- 14 to 17 August 2026

M6: J4 north and southbound

- 22 to 23 August 2026

M42: J6 to 9 northbound and J9 to 6 southbound

- 18 to 21 September 2026

M42: J7 to M6 northbound

- 24 October to 25 October 2026

How are we helping?

BBV is working with HS2, National Highways and key transport and consenting authorities to plan and deliver these works safely.

Our main aim is to provide a consistent message for those travelling in and around the area and to encourage them to plan their journeys and help reduce congestion.

This toolkit contains information to help communicate the closure with your colleagues, customers and clients with supporting social media material.

BBV, HS2 and National Highways are working in partnership keep impacted communities and stakeholders informed and aware of the traffic management in advance of our works.

This toolkit will enable you to find out more information and provide support to help you plan your journey.

You can find out more about Major HS2 works on the M42 and M6 here: [Major HS2 motorways works](#)

Please share this toolkit with your marketing and communications department to help us inform people of the temporary full weekend closures on the M42 and M6.

If you don't have a specific department, please consider what information you will need to use from this pack, to communicate with your staff, customers and students.

Included in this toolkit:

- Suggested copy suitable for digital channels
- Graphics for digital channels
- Advanced Works Notification

Key messages

Keeping you informed

Informing stakeholders, communities, businesses, commuters/customers and visitors to the West Midlands, about the M42 closures.

To inform them in advance and help them plan their journeys effectively and minimise impact to their journey.

Minimising disruption on the M42.

During Summer/Autumn 2026, we have combined closures to deliver works in both Solihull and North Warwickshire at the same time, using a shared road space to complete essential activities safely. This approach reduces the number of full weekend closures by around 50%.

Keeping you safe

Keeping road users and our workforce safe by not working on the M42 carriageway for an extended period and completing construction activities away from the carriageway wherever possible.

Working in partnership

We have collaborated with key stakeholders, to plan and deliver co-ordinated, consistent, and timely communication and engagement on the works.

Keeping you moving

Measures taken during our closures



Fully signed diversion route in place. We design our diversions for all vehicle types and therefore they may not be the shortest route



Free vehicle recovery will be in place



Traffic Management crews will be on standby to monitor and deal with any incidents in the area of works and on the diversion routes



Supported by monitoring from both the National Highways Regional Control Centre and TfWM Regional Transport Co-ordination Centre



National Highways Traffic Officers will patrol wider routes



To receive updates about the closures, subscribe to www.hs2insolihull.co.uk



M42 northbound diversion route

M42 J6 to 9 northbound and M6 J4a southbound link to M42 northbound/south diversion

During the full weekend closure between M42 J6 to 9 northbound *(including the M6 J4a link to the M42 northbound/southbound)* road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.

M42 J6-9 northbound: Traffic wishing to continue northbound on the M42 will be directed to exit at Junction 6, before being diverted westbound towards Clock Island, following signs onto the A45 Coventry Road eastbound. Road users will then follow the A45 Coventry Road eastbound to Stonebridge Island, taking the first exit onto the A452 Chester Road northbound, continuing onto the A446 Stonebridge Road, before joining the A446 Lichfield Road towards M42 Junction 9, where the diversion route will end.

M6 J4a southbound link to M42 northbound/southbound: Road users wishing to exit the M6 southbound at Junction 4A will be directed to continue southbound and exit at Junction 4. From here traffic will join the fully signed diversion route along the A446 Stonebridge Road northbound, before continuing onto the A446 Lichfield Road towards M42 Junction 9, where the diversion route will end.



Credit: ArcGIS



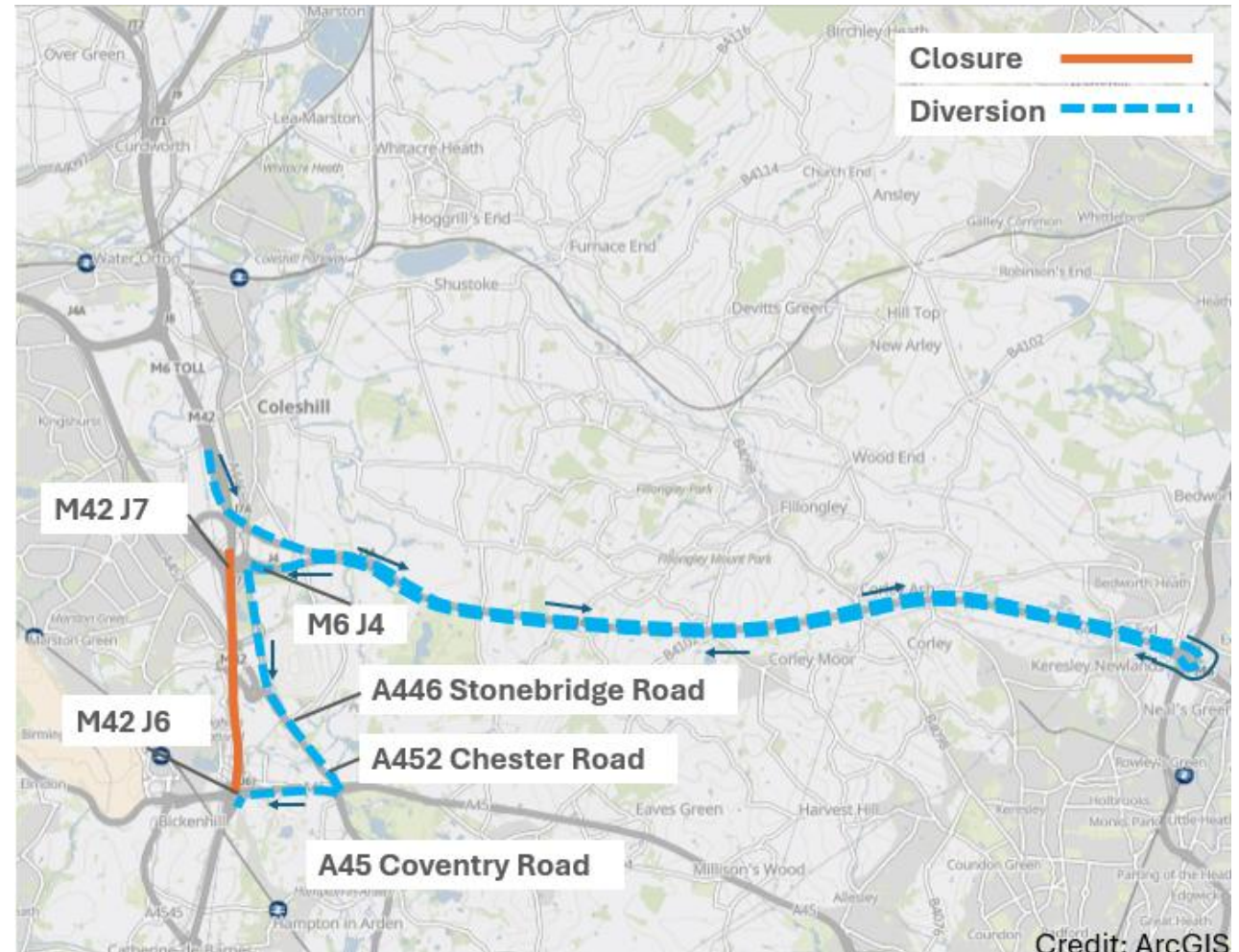
M42 southbound diversion route

M42 J7a to 6 southbound diversion

During the M42 full weekend closures between J7a to 6 southbound, road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.

M42 J7a-6 southbound: Traffic travelling southbound on the M42 will be directed to follow signs for M6 Junction 4 southbound, continuing to M6 Junction 3. Road users will then take the fourth exit to rejoin the M6 northbound towards Junction 4.

From here, traffic will exit onto the A446 Stonebridge Road southbound, before joining the A452 Chester Road to Stonebridge Island. Vehicles will take the third exit onto the A45 Coventry Road westbound, continuing towards M42 Junction 6, where the diversion route will end



M6toll restrictions between M6 J3a to T1 northbound and at T2 southbound)

To support works taking place on the M42 during the full weekend closures, sections of the M6toll will be temporarily closed in both directions, to allow our workforce to safely complete essential activities.

M6toll northbound connecting road closure between M6 J3a to T2:

- From 9pm on Friday 24 July until 5am Monday 27 July 2026

(For the duration of the full weekend closures of the M42).

M6toll southbound closure from T2:

- From 10pm Friday 24 July until 12pm (midday) Saturday 25 July 2026

(For a short period during the full weekend closures of the M42, a section of the M6toll to the M42 southbound carriageway will be temporarily closed for essential works and will reopen once it is safe to do so).

You will still be able to reach your destination. Please follow the fully signed diversion and allow extra time for your journey.



Suggested copy for your communications

Travelling on the M42

A section of the M42 motorway will be temporarily closed in Solihull for HS2 works, in both directions between junctions 6 to 9 northbound and 7a to 6 southbound (*including the M6 J4 southbound link to M42 northbound*).

The closure period will be:

From 9pm on Friday 24 July until 5am Monday 27 July 2026

This will allow Balfour Beatty VINCI to continue the construction of the M42 Motorway Box structure and Water Orton viaducts. A clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind motorists of the closure. You can still get to where you need to go but you'll need to follow the diversion, plan ahead and allow more time for journeys.

Find out more: [hs2-motorway-works](#) or www.hs2insolihull.co.uk

Facebook copy

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M6toll northbound connecting road full weekend closures between M6 J3a to T1:

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M6toll southbound closures from T2:

From 10pm Friday 24 July until 1pm Saturday 25 July 2026

Please follow the fully signed diversion and allow extra time for your journeys.

M42 Motorway between junctions 6 and 9 northbound and 6 to 7 southbound:

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You can still get to where you need to go, please follow signed the diversion route and allow more time for your journey.

Advanced work notice

An advanced work notice to notify communities and businesses of the upcoming closures can be accessed on the [HS2 website](#):



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Location

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What to expect

A fully signed diversion route will be in place throughout the full weekend closures.
Low level noise from our works site.
These works are subject to consent.

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 you. Should you have any questions or concerns about our works you can contact us by:

- Freephone 08081 434 434
- Minicom 08081 456 472
- Email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
- Writing to FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement
- Website www.hs2.org.uk

Keep up to date with what is happening in your local area at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/in-your-area-map/

Useful contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: [hs2-motorway-works](https://www.hs2motorway-works.co.uk) or www.hs2insolihull.co.uk

For up-to-the-minute travel information and help planning your journey, please see below:

Plan a journey	Transport for West Midlands	tfwm.org.uk	@TransportForWM
Plan a journey	Traveline	traveline.info	@travelineEM
Plan a journey	Solihull Council	www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Public-transport	@SolihullCouncil
By bus	National Express West Midlands	nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands	@nxwestmidlands
By train	National Rail	nationalrail.co.uk	@nationalrailenq

If you require any campaign materials in an alternative format, get in touch: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Partners

HS2

HS2 is Britain's new high-speed railway, a once-in-a-generation investment in our transport infrastructure. British-built trains will provide reliable, zero carbon travel, cutting journeys between our two biggest cities, London and Birmingham, by 40%. HS2 trains will join the conventional rail network at Handsacre, Staffordshire, continuing to Manchester, the North West and Scotland. For more information about HS2, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, or for more information about the works we are doing in the Solihull area please visit www.hs2insolihull.co.uk



Balfour Beatty VINCI is responsible for designing and building part of the most exciting and challenging railway project in Europe: HS2. We are building the West Midlands section of HS2's Phase One route, spanning approximately 90km from Long Itchington in Warwickshire to Handsacre in Staffordshire. We will be employing thousands of people in the area to design and build the civil infrastructure for HS2 through the West Midlands area.



We operate, maintain and improve England's motorways and major A roads. Our roads network is vital to the running of the country and our customers, and their safety remains our priority. We are committed to working with HS2 Ltd and other partners to plan and co-ordinate our works programmes where we can. While HS2 carry out these works we will make every effort to keep you updated and informed in advance of works to help you plan your journeys and help support a better-connected future.

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