

M6 full weekend closure between J4 and J4A northbound and southbound

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Full temporary weekend closures:

From 9pm on Friday 21 August to 6am on Monday 24 August 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

As we progress with construction of the M6 South Viaduct in Solihull, traffic management will be in place to allow our workforce to safely continue sliding the west deck across the motorway.

Duration

From 9pm on Friday 21 August 2026 until 6am on Monday 24 August 2026.

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 and plan ahead.

M6 South Viaduct Structure (Solihull)

Artist's impression of the M6 South Viaduct Structure 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



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

M42: J6 to 9 northbound and J9 to 6 southbound

- 18 to 21 September 2026

M42: J7 to M6 northbound

- 24 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 motorways

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 M6 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



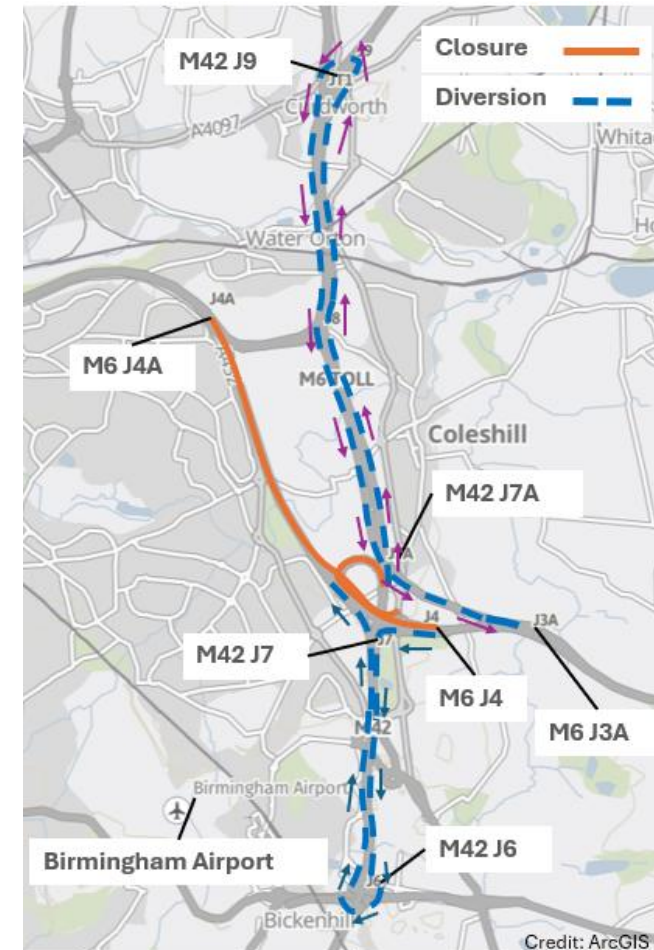
To receive updates about the closures, subscribe to www.hs2insolihull.co.uk

M6 J4 to J4A Northbound Diversion *(including the M42 J7A link to M6 Southbound)*

During the M6 full weekend closures between J4 and J4A, road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.

M6 J4-J4A northbound: Road users travelling northbound on the M6 will exit at J4, join the M42 southbound, leave at the J6 roundabout to rejoin the M42 northbound, and then use the J7 off slip to return to the M6 northbound. Please note that access back onto the M6 northbound from J7 off-slip will remain accessible.

M42 J7A link to M6 southbound: Road users joining the M6 southbound from the M42 at J7A will continue northbound, exit at J9, rejoin the M42 southbound, and then return to the M6 southbound at J3A.



M6 J4A to J4 Southbound Diversion

During the M6 full weekend closures between J4 and J4A, road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.

M6 J4A-J4 southbound: Road users travelling southbound on the M6 will be diverted at J4A onto the M42 northbound, continue to J9, exit at the roundabout to rejoin the M42 southbound, and then return to the M6 southbound at J3A.



Suggested copy for your communications

Travelling on the M6

A section of the M6 motorway will be temporarily closed in Solihull for HS2 works, between J4 and J4A northbound and southbound (including the M42 J7A link to M6 southbound).

The closure period will be:

- From 9pm on Friday 21 August 2026 to 6am on Monday 24 August 2026

This will allow Balfour Beatty VINCI to continue the construction of the M6 South Viaduct Structure.

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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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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What to expect
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Low level noise from our worksite.

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/

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Notice reference HS2-BBV-2346

Useful contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: www.hs2.org.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	Warwickshire County Council SMBC	Homepage – Warwickshire County Council www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Public-transport	@warwickshire_CC @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 further information, please 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.

Email: info@nationalhighways.co.uk

General enquiries: 0300 123 5000



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these works, please
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