

# **M42 full weekend closures (*including M6 J4 link to M42 northbound*)**

M42 J5A to 7 northbound

M42 J6 to 7 southbound

*M6 J4 southbound link to M42 northbound 6-7*

## **Full weekend closures:**

- From 9pm on Friday 26 June 2026 until 5am on Monday 29 June 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 the construction of the railway, we will be closing the M42 junctions 5a to 7 northbound and 6 to 7 southbound to allow our workforce to safely install beams for the M42 Motorway Box structure as part of our planned programme of works.

## Duration

### *Full temporary weekend closure:*

M42 J5A to 7 northbound  
M42 J6 to 7 southbound  
*M6 J4 southbound link to M42  
northbound 6-7*

From 9pm on Friday 26 June until 5am Monday 29 June 2026

## What to expect

A fully signed diversion route will be in place during the closure  
Low level noise from our works site  
Please allow extra time for your journey

# M42 Motorway Box



*Visualisation of the M42 Motorway structure being built in Solihull.*

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# Keeping you informed about 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: [Route map - HS2](#)

## Upcoming temporary full weekend closures:

*M42: J5a to 9 northbound and J6 to 9 southbound*

24 to 27 July 2026

14 to 17 August 2026

18 to 21 September 2026

*M6: J4 north and southbound*

22 to 23 August 2026

*M42: J7 to M6 northbound*

31 October to 1 November 2026

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***These works are subject to change and consent.***

# 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 the M42 Motorway Box structure here: <https://mediacentre.hs2.org.uk/news/M42>

## [Motorway Box](#)

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

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

We have been completing preparatory works offline to minimise the requirement for additional full carriageway closures.

We installed narrow lanes in 2024 to ensure our workforce could safely carry out essential offline works while keeping three lanes open to traffic whilst we build the new structure

## 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



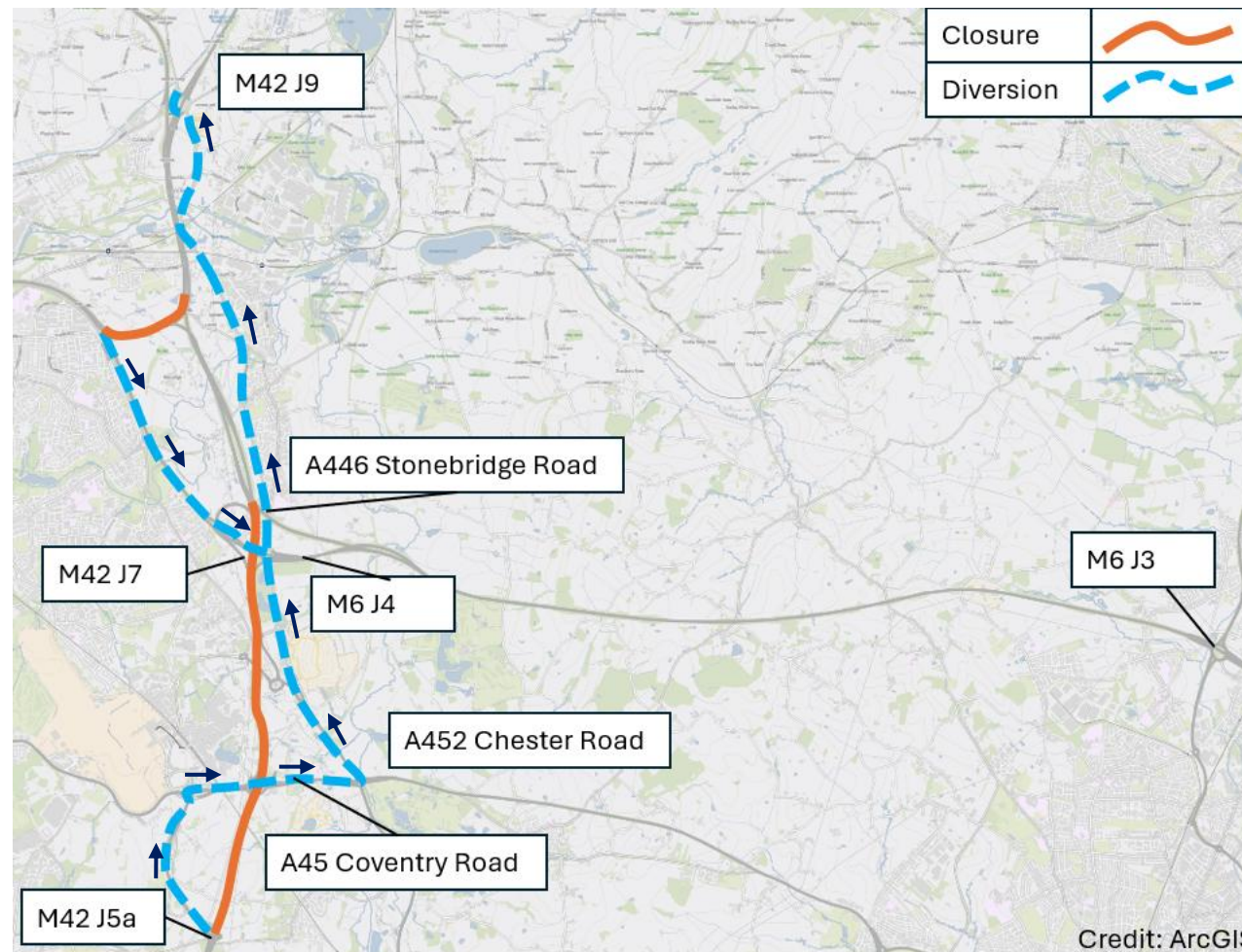
National Highways Traffic Officers will patrol wider routes



To receive updates about the closures, subscribe to [www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk)

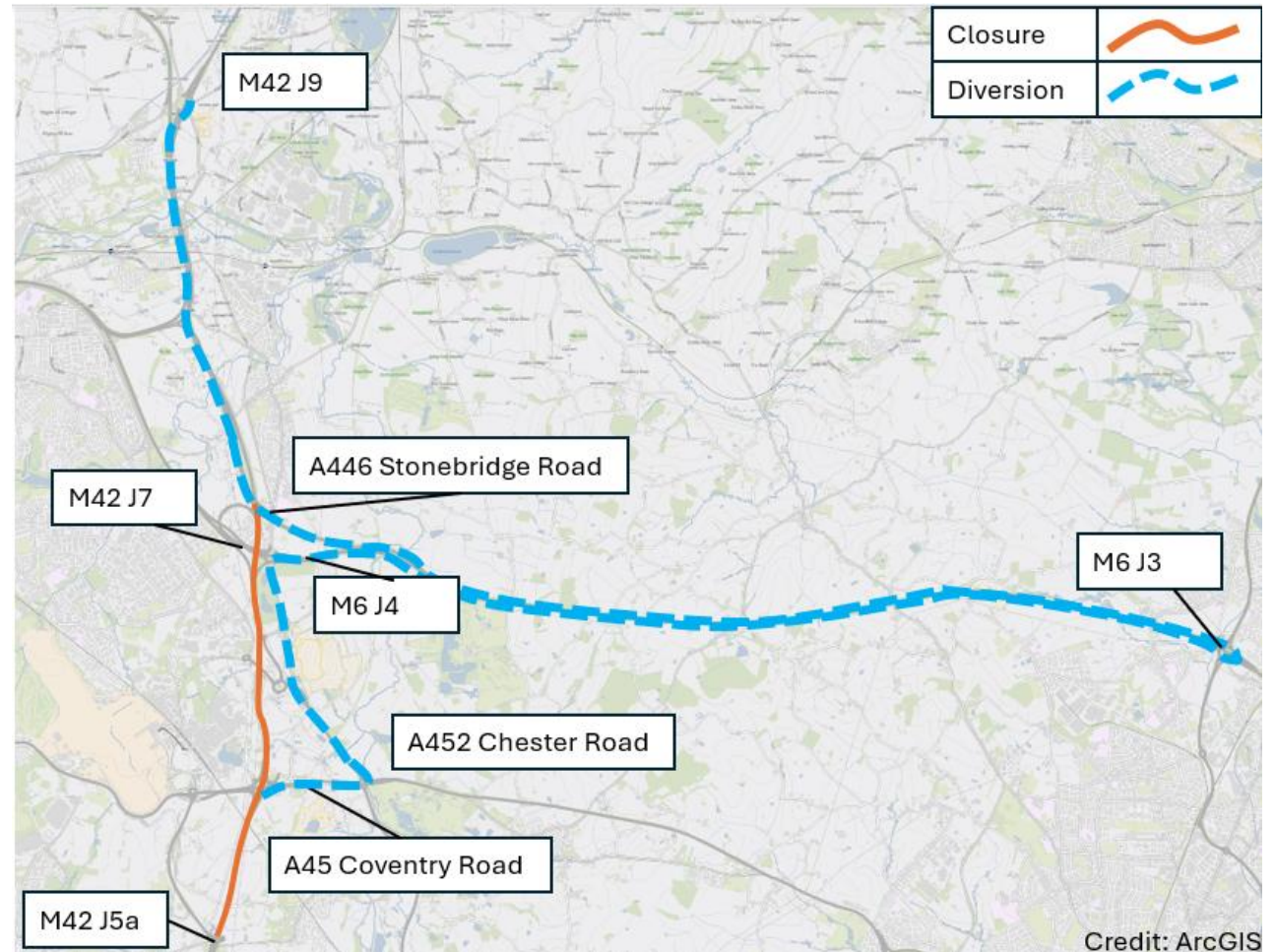
# M42 northbound diversion route

During the full weekend closure between M42 J5a to 7 northbound road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.



# M42 southbound diversion route

During the full weekend closure between M42 J6 to 7 southbound road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.



# 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 5a to 7 northbound and 6 to 7 southbound (*including the M6 J4 southbound link to M42 northbound*).

The closure period will be:

### Full temporary weekend closure:

From 9pm on Friday 26 June until 5am Monday 29 June 2026

This will allow Balfour Beatty VINCI to continue the construction of the M42 Motorway Box 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:** [www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk)

# Facebook copy

**M42 weekend closure**



**Northbound Junction 5a to 7**  
**Southbound Junction 6 to 7**

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Full weekend carriageway closures  
from 26 June until 29 June

**Diversion route in place , please allow extra time for your journeys**

M42 Motorway between junctions 5a and 7 northbound and 6 to 7 southbound:

***Full weekend closure:***

From 9pm on Friday 26 June until 5am Monday 29 June 2026

Clearly signed diversion routes 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 route, plan ahead and leave more time for journeys. Find out more: [www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk)

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**M42 weekend closure**



**Northbound Junction 5a to 7**  
**Southbound Junction 6 to 7**

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Full weekend carriageway closures  
from 26 June until 29 June

**Diversion route in place , please allow extra time for your journeys**

The M42 motorway will be closed in Solihull for HS2 works, between junctions 6 and 7 in both directions:

***Full weekend closure:***

From 9pm on Friday 26 June until 5am Monday 29 June 2026

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 was issued on w/c18 May 2026) to notify communities and businesses of the upcoming closures. The notice can be accessed on the [HS2 website](#) next week:

Balfour Beatty VINCI Working in partnership with HS2

## Notice of temporary full weekend closures of M42 J5a to 7 northbound (including M6 J4 link to M42 northbound) and M42 J6 to 7 southbound

HS2-BBV-26-2115

**Location**  
M42 between junctions 5a to 7 northbound and 6 to 7 southbound (including M6 J4 northbound link to M42)

**Duration**  
From 9pm on Friday 26 June until 5am Monday 29 June 2026

**What we are doing**  
As we progress with the construction of the railway, we will be closing the M42 junctions 5a to 7 northbound and 6 to 7 southbound to allow our workforce to safely install beams for the M42 Motorway Box structure as part of our planned programme of works.

**What to expect**  
A fully signed diversion route will be in place during the closure.  
Low level noise from our works site.  
Please allow extra time for your journey.

*These works are subject to change and 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](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)
- Writing to FREEPOST HS2 Community Engagement
- Website [www.hs2.org.uk](http://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/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/in-your-area-map/)

### M42 northbound and M6 J4 northbound link to M42 diversion route

During the full weekend closure between M42 J5a to 7 northbound (including the M6 J4 link to the M42 northbound) road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.

The M42 southbound link to the M6 northbound will remain open and unaffected throughout these closures.

Credit: ArcGIS

### M42 southbound diversion route

During the full weekend closure between M42 J6 to 7 southbound road users should follow the fully signed diversion route and allow more time for journeys.

Credit: ArcGIS

# Useful contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: [www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk)

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

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

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

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# 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](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk), or for more information about the works we are doing in the Solihull area please visit [www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://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](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk)

General enquiries: 0300 123 5000



**To find out more about these works, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk:**

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