

# Northamptonshire

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3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

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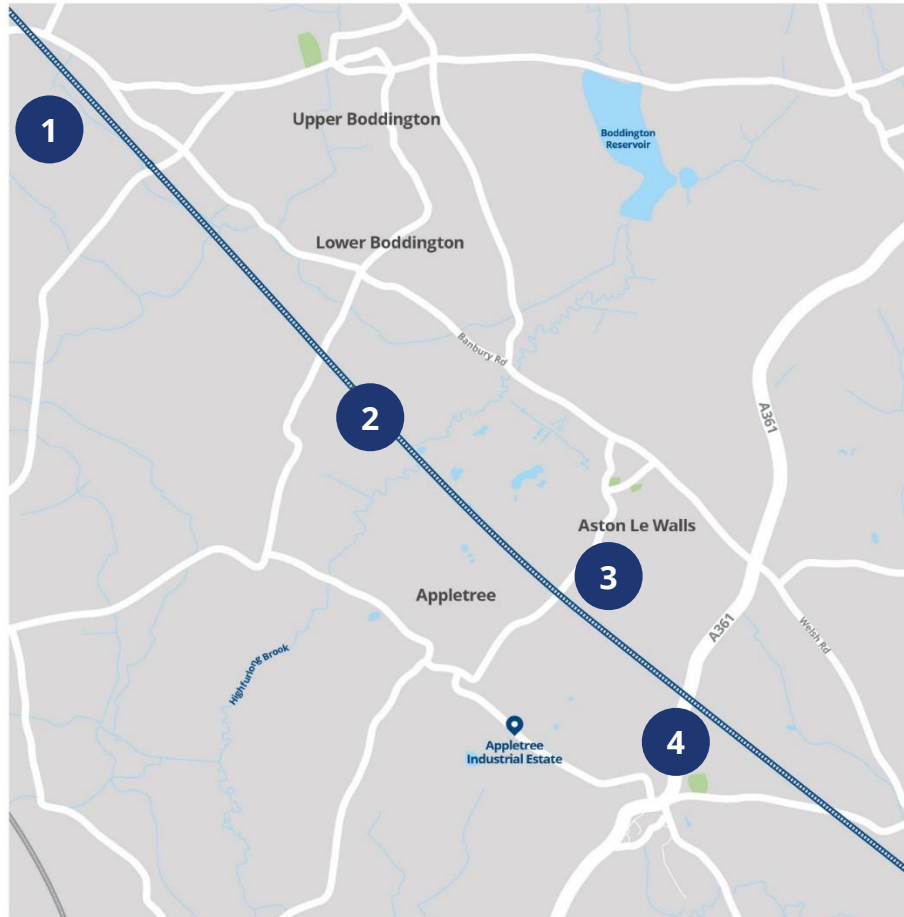
- A forward look of construction activities planned in the next three months.
- Works to be aware of that will take place in the next 12 months but may not yet have been confirmed.

The dates and information included in this look ahead are subject to change as our programme develops. For the latest information on our works, please visit the [HS2 in Northamptonshire](#) website or our [In Your Area map](#).

If you have any queries about the information in this forward look, the HS2 Helpdesk is available all day, every day on **08081 434 434** or by emailing **[HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)**

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## Map 1 – Upper Boddington to Chipping Warden



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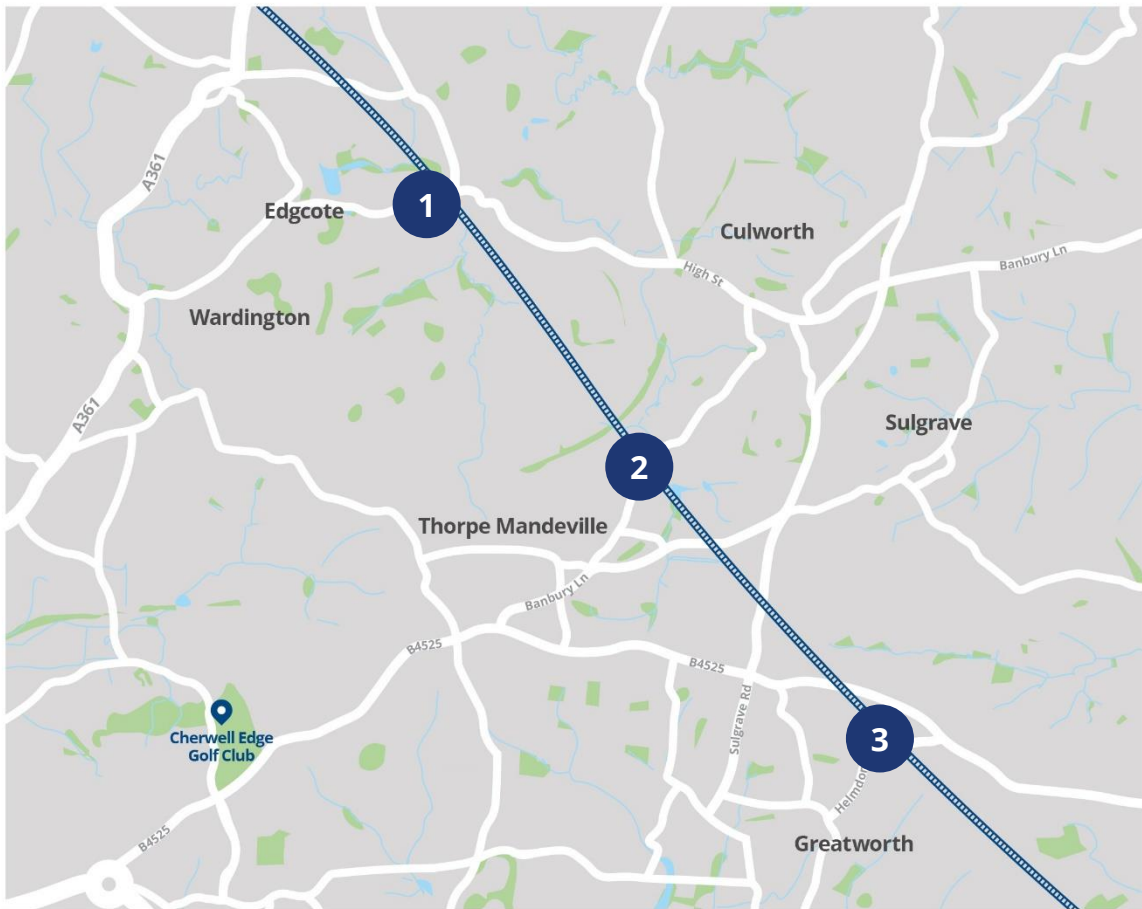
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## Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Warwickshire border	Ongoing to autumn 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthworks for cuttings and embankments near Stoneton Lane green bridge;</li> <li>• Deck beam installation for Stoneton Lane green bridge;</li> </ul>

	<p>Ongoing to summer 2027</p> <p>Ongoing throughout 2026</p> <p>Ongoing throughout 2028</p> <p>Summer 2026 onwards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing closure of Stoneton Lane, Priors Hardwick to construct the Stoneton Lane green bridge, lasting 24 months.</li> <li>• Ongoing construction activities for Banbury Road bridge;</li> <li>• Utility diversions requiring road closures and traffic management in the area;</li> <li>• Continued operation of a temporary link road between Banbury Road and Wormleighton Road near Boddington; and</li> <li>• Operation of delivery route from Banbury to site entrance off Wormleighton Road.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Location 2</b> <b>Lower Boddington</b></p>	<p>Continuing throughout 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of main earthworks activities for the Lower Boddington Cutting, including re-soiling and grass seeding; and</li> <li>• Start of permanent fencing works.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Location 3</b> <b>Aston Le Walls</b></p>	<p>Continuing throughout 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterproofing and backfilling sections of the Chipping Warden green tunnel structure; and</li> <li>• Construction of the Chipping Warden green tunnel north portal buildings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Location 4</b> <b>Chipping Warden</b></p>	<p>Continuing throughout 2026</p> <p>Continuing to autumn 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the Chipping Warden green tunnel, including installation, waterproofing and backfilling the tunnel;</li> <li>• Ongoing delivery of pre-cast segments to our compound, including abnormal load deliveries along sections of the A361;</li> <li>• Extended hours of working including overnight construction activity within the tunnel excavation; and</li> <li>• Permanent closure of Culworth Road expected once Wardington Road has reopened.</li> </ul>

## Map 2 – Edgcote to Greatworth



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## Three-month look ahead

Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b> <b>Edgcote area</b>	Ongoing to october 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edgcote viaduct deck construction, including parapet installation; and</li> <li>• Utility diversion and re-grading of Wardington Road currently under long term road closure. Wardington Road to re-open once works are completed.</li> </ul>

<b>Location 2</b> <b>Culworth and Thorpe Mandeville</b>	<p>Ongoing to autumn 2026</p> <p>Ongoing to 2027</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing construction of the Lower Thorpe viaduct's deck structure. Road closures to Banbury Lane will be required; and</li> <li>• Excavation of the Greatworth green tunnel in the section near Thorpe Mandeville, requiring the closure of Banbury Road, with the Greatworth temporary road providing the diversion route.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b> <b>Sulgrave Road and Welsh Lane</b>	<p>Ongoing throughout 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the Greatworth green tunnel, including excavation, installation, waterproofing and backfilling;</li> <li>• Ongoing delivery of pre-cast segments to our compound, requiring occasional traffic management on the B4525;</li> <li>• Extended hours of working including overnight works within the tunnel excavation;</li> <li>• Stockpiling of earth in the construction area near the Greatworth green tunnel;</li> <li>• Ongoing closure of Sulgrave Road to build the Greatworth green tunnel, with the Greatworth temporary road providing the diversion route;</li> <li>• Excavation and installation of tunnel segments in the area near Helmdon Road; and</li> <li>• Ongoing closure of Helmdon Road for the construction of the Greatworth green tunnel and tunnel portal works.</li> </ul>

## Map 3 – Greatworth to Brackley



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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
Location 1 Halse Copse	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued construction works to Accommodation overbridges Landscape bund formation and excavation of the railway cutting continues;</li> <li>Works on track drainage continues;</li> </ul>
	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AN37 overbridge; deck drainage, earthworks backfilling the approaches and waterproofing;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AN22 overbridge construction continues, backfilling highway approach; and</li> <li>• Drainage works ongoing and earthwork embankment construction continues.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 2 Radstone</b>	Ongoing to summer 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helmdon green overbridge AX15 structural work; complete the installation of steel beams, then concrete pouring of the bridge deck;</li> <li>• Footpath AX15 Green overbridge deck construction continues; and</li> <li>• AX16 overbridge deck construction continues, including parapet installation.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3 A43</b>	Ongoing to summer 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A43 overbridge: Completion of deck drainage and culvert work. Carriageway construction, verges and central reservation works involving some 24 hour working.</li> <li>• Finalise the abutment tie-in to the new highway alignment in preparation for opening the highways in summer 2026.</li> <li>• This will require two separate full weekend closures, with two additional contingency weekends planned to start in July, following the Silverstone grand prix event.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4 A422</b>	Ongoing to summer 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A422 bridge deck construction to be completed;</li> <li>• Highway realignment works continue through to completion, including utilities diversions and connections which will require a number of back-to-back weekend closures and the new highway alignment is due to then open late summer; and</li> <li>• Earthwork activities continue including excavation, track drainage, topsoil on the railway cutting and landscape continues, including hydroseeding.</li> </ul>

# Respecting People, Respecting Places

Having listened to feedback from communities and stakeholders, we have refreshed our Community Engagement Strategy. **'Respecting People, Respecting Places'** highlights how we will always try to do the right thing and reduce disruption to the lives of local people as much as we can during the planning and building of the railway.

We will engage with you by:

- **Informing:** Keeping you updated on issues that affect your area
- **Involving:** Involving you in opportunities as we plan and build HS2
- **Responding:** Listening to you and helping with your questions and concerns

## Our commitments to you

### Informing

- We will tell you about HS2 works in your area.
- We have local community websites and newsletters with regular information and updates about our work in your area.
- We have local community teams who know your area. They will hold local events and run projects to keep you informed.

### Involving

- We will involve you in opportunities to benefit and learn as we build HS2 including jobs, skills, education, employment and funding.
- We will ask you about the design of specific parts of the railway.

### Responding

- Our dedicated HS2 Helpdesk is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to help with any questions or concerns you have about HS2 or our work.
- If things go wrong, we have a complaints process and a dedicated complaints team.
- An independent Construction Commissioner monitors how we manage and deal with complaints.

# 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner)

The commissioner can be contacted on: [hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk](mailto: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](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/contact-us/how-to-complain](http://www.hs2.org.uk/contact-us/how-to-complain)

## Contact us

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them by:

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 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

Write to:

**FREEPOST**  
**HS2 Community Engagement**

Website [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

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