

# HS2

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3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Solihull.

The document is a forward look at construction activities planned for the next three months.

The dates and information included in the forward look are subject to change as the programme develops. These will be updated in the next edition of the forward look.

The maps included are for illustrative purposes only.

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Location of works	Proposed duration	Description of works
<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout Q1/Q2 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS2 BBV M6 Main Compound demolition continues as we prepare the land to hand back to the owner.</li> <li>• Our work will ensure that the new railway can pass over the M6 via an embankment on part of Heath Park.</li> <li>• Our construction of the embankment and viaduct will require some temporary M6/M42 closures and night work.</li> <li>• Following the successful viaduct slides on the M6 South Viaduct East Deck in 2025, we have now successfully slid the West Deck across the M6 J4 off-slip. We are now preparing for a full carriageway closure between Junctions 4 and 4A as we continue to slide the viaduct into its final position.</li> <li>• A four-week closure of Coleshill Heath Road is planned for July 2026 (date TBC) to enable continued construction of the Coleshill Heath Road underbridge, which will connect to the M6 South Viaduct.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 2</b>	Ongoing throughout Q1/Q2 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remodelling and improving sections of the existing road network is complete in the Interchange Station area. These road improvements will ensure that when the future station is operational, the local road network is fit for purpose. Some traffic management remains in place until the completion of utility commissioning works.</li> <li>• M42 Motorway Box: Progress continues on the new structure being built between J6 and 7 as we prepare for Beam installations scheduled for Summer/Autumn 2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete recycling centre has been set up where material is crushed and can be reused on the project.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4 Interchange Station</b>	Ongoing throughout Q1/Q2 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving a water main into the verge of Chester Road.</li> <li>• Delivering earthworks to prepare the ground for building the new HS2 Interchange</li> </ul>

		<p>Station. We will be delivering large volumes of aggregate to the site and bulk excavating Bickenhill Cutting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct a new overbridge at the new station.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Location 5</b></p>	<p>Ongoing throughout Q1/Q2 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HS2 railway will travel under the A45. Consequently, we will need to reconstruct the A45 onto a series of three new bridges.</li> <li>• We have completed work on the Eastway half bridge, and we are currently constructing the new A45 service road alignment (adjacent to Bickenhill Recycling Centre).</li> <li>• We have moved several utilities which are in the verges of the current Eastway and now we are constructing the new road which will divert the East Way over the new bridge. This will require traffic management of the Eastway.</li> <li>• Following this, we will be constructing a new temporary alignment for the A45 east bound.</li> <li>• Similarly, the Service Road by the recycling centre will be diverted over a new bridge.</li> <li>• Following on from this, the A45 west bound will be temporarily realigned to allow working room for constructing part of the new A45 bridge.</li> <li>• Access for residence on Middle Bickenhill Lane will be maintained. The DHL depot will also remain accessible.</li> <li>• Diddington Cutting has commenced as has earthworks to realign Diddington Lane.</li> </ul>

## Map 2 – Balsall Common to Hampton in Arden



### Key

- Parkland
- Water/river
- Rail station
- HS2 route Phase One overground
- Existing train line

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<b>Location 1</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have completed the installation of all the viaduct beams to form the deck. Continue the installation of the viaduct parapets to be completed by the summer</li> <li>Operating a plant crossing on Meriden Road to enable the use of haul roads which takes construction</li> </ul>

		<p>vehicles off local roads, reducing any disruption to the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting the River Blythe floodplain from construction impact as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by frequently sampling the water, supporting wildlife habitats and diverting the river into a culvert.</li> <li>• Remove temporary works stone platforms along the River Blythe.</li> <li>• Remove and reinstate temporary works stone lay down areas at Diddington Lane compound.</li> <li>• Construct complex works around the abutments including stepped access and security fencing.</li> <li>• Embankment fill and landscaping near to Patrick Farm.</li> <li>• Noise barrier installation</li> <li>• Prow diversion onto new permanent route.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 2</b>	<p>Ongoing throughout 2026</p> <p>Bradnocks Marsh to Meriden roundabouts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are delivering earthworks that can be clearly seen from the A452 Kenilworth Road, adjacent to Sixteen Acre Wood, to form a new roundabout that will be part of the realigned Kenilworth Road onto a bridge that will pass over the new railway.</li> <li>• Tarmac surfacing to the new alignment started in Nov 2025 and will progress through 2026.</li> <li>• Complete haul road construction over Marsh Farm Viaduct to allow construction works to start around the flood plain for Hornbrook.</li> <li>• A traffic contraflow system will be installed along the A452 in May on the northbound for 6 weeks and then on the new south bound carriageway for 9 months. This will allow us to complete the construction of the road</li> </ul>

		<p>realignment connections and new roundabout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing the existing A452 road, earthworks and landscaping.</li> <li>• Seeding and planting.</li> <li>• Rigid inclusions on line of route on old A452 alignment.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 3</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporarily reconnected Public Right of Way M214 through our worksite. We have completed a new steel arch footbridge over Park Lane Cutting for PRoW M214 and will be completing the earthworks by Summer 2026. We have clearly signposted directions between Park Lane and Berkswell.</li> <li>• In Feb 2026, we installed a full closure of Lavender Hall Lane for 10 months to enable the road realignment works to be completed.</li> <li>• Continue with earthworks and landscaping for new alignment of Lavender Hall Lane.</li> <li>• Utility diversions to go through new bridge and embankments.</li> <li>• Drainage, fencing and pavement construction.</li> <li>• Divert Bayleys Brook through new culvert.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 4</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balsall Common Viaduct deck beams complete.</li> <li>• The installation of parapets to start in June through to 2027.</li> <li>• Partially remove temporary works stone platforms and landscape.</li> <li>• Install noise barriers.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 5</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBV closed the Hallmeadow Road site access and a section of the temporary Kenilworth Greenway, in January 2026, and returned the land to its owner.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Carol Green Underbridge and the connected footpath underpass are complete. We will progress earthworks, until Summer 2026, to construct the embankments either side of the underbridge. Technical backfill CBGM complete.</li> <li>• Landscape and seed/planting.</li> <li>• Drainage and installation of noise barrier</li> </ul>
<b>Location 6</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will continue to use the plant crossing on Truggist Lane to transport materials across the site as we progress construction of the embankments.</li> </ul>
<b>Location 7</b>	Ongoing throughout 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We completed and opened Waste Lane Overbridge and road realignment in February 2026. We will complete additional surfacing works in April 2026 and will continue to construct the railway and footpath connections adjacent to the new bridge throughout 2026.</li> </ul>

# Our Community Commitments

Our aspiration is to be a good neighbour every single day, by respecting the people and communities we impact and being sensitive to their needs, earning our social licence to operate.

To build the railway, we must earn the trust and credibility to do so. We need to demonstrate that we understand local concerns, and that we have taken all reasonable steps to address issues that have been raised, whilst continually looking to lessen the impacts of the project.

Through our Community Engagement Strategy and Residents' Charter we have identified ten Community Commitments which we will use as the basis for measuring our success, and that of our suppliers, in how we deliver the new railway.

## We will:

1. Continue to build respectful, long-term relationships with communities and actively encourage our workforce to listen to local concerns and be considerate and accountable for their actions at all times.
2. Work with communities to develop local two-way engagement and communication programmes, ensuring they are accessible and tailored to local needs.
3. Make sure communities are made aware in advance of any activities taking place in their area.
4. Operate a Freephone Community Helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
5. Make health and safety a priority for communities and our workforce.
6. Respect the wellbeing of communities, minimising disruption to their lives with local mitigation plans and activities, ensuring we meet the standards set out in the Code of Construction Practice.
7. Leave a positive and sustainable legacy for the communities in which we operate.
8. Respond to questions and complaints quickly and efficiently, with an acknowledgement within two working days, and responding within a maximum of 20 working days if we cannot answer the query straight away.
9. Promote awareness of all our property schemes so that anyone who may be eligible has all the information they need and is aware of the support available to them.
10. Display the Residents' Commissioner and Construction Commissioner's contact details on all relevant materials, along with the HS2 Helpline information and complaints procedure.

The Code of Construction Practice forms part of the Secretary of State's Environmental Minimum Requirements for the construction of the railway from London to the West Midlands. It sets out the standards and responsibilities to protect communities and the environment during construction. A copy of the Code can be found online here:

**[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/593592/Code\\_of\\_Construction\\_Practice.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593592/Code_of_Construction_Practice.pdf)**

# 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)

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## 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:

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