

# HS2

## Birmingham

Autumn 2026

3-month construction look ahead



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This forward look covers HS2 associated work in Birmingham.

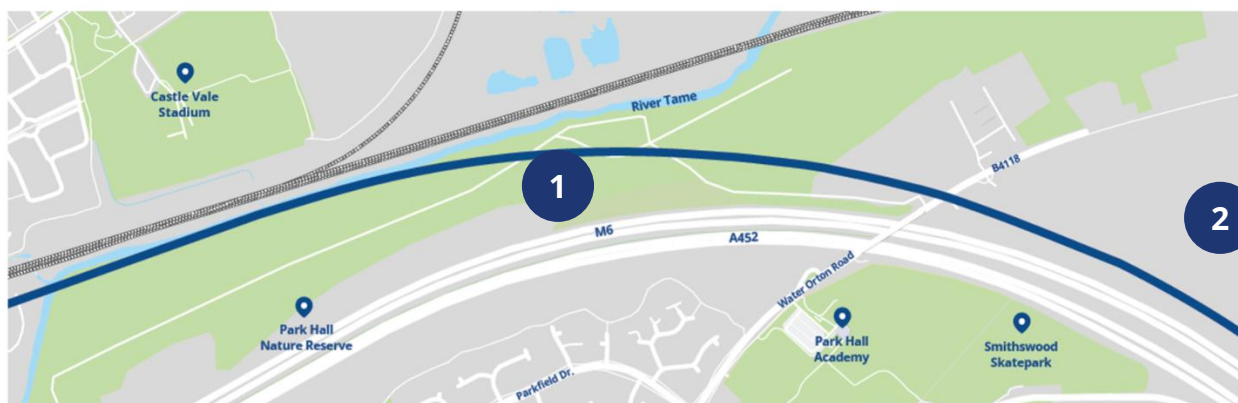
The document includes:

- A forward look at 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 the forward look are subject to change as the programme develops. These will be updated in the next edition of the forward look.

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)**

## Map 1 – Park Hall Nature Reserve

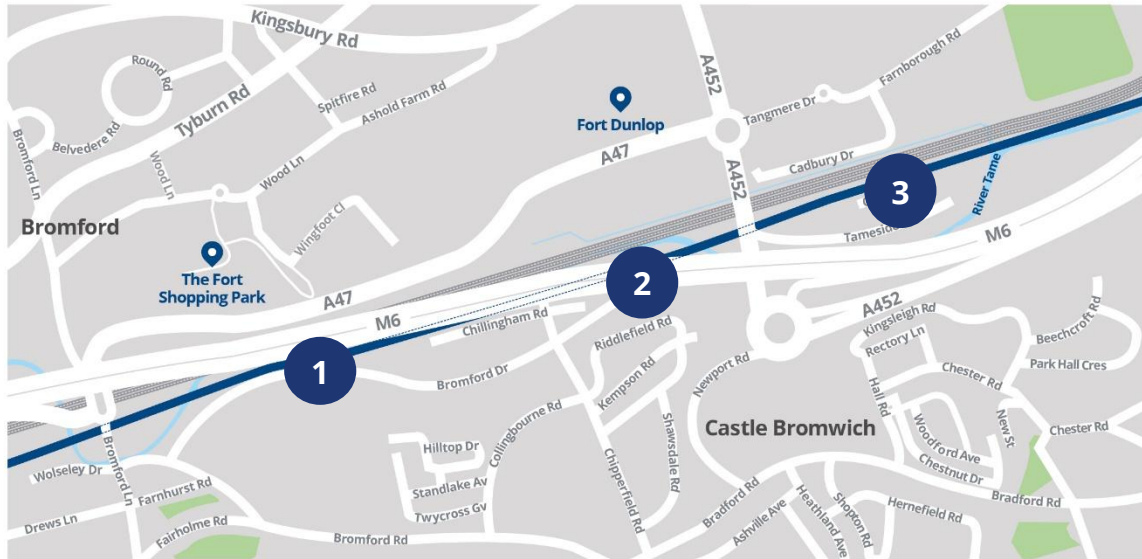


### Key

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| <span style="color: green;">■</span> Parkland        | <span style="color: grey;">----</span> Existing train line                                |
| <span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Water/river | <span style="color: blue;">—</span> HS2 route Phase One underground (subject to consents) |

| Location of works                                            | Proposed duration       | Description of works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Location 1</b>                                            | Ongoing throughout 2026 | <p>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveying water bodies.</li> <li>• Surveying bats and great crested newts.</li> </ul>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Location 2</b><br><i>(located outside the map extent)</i> | Ongoing throughout 2026 | <p>We are finishing tunnelling work at the east portal which we are aiming to complete this summer</p> <p>Works include: •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing with the Civils works at the portal.</li> <li>• Cross passage construction to which started the end of 2025 to connect bored tunnels.</li> </ul> |

## Map 2 – Castle Bromwich/Bromford

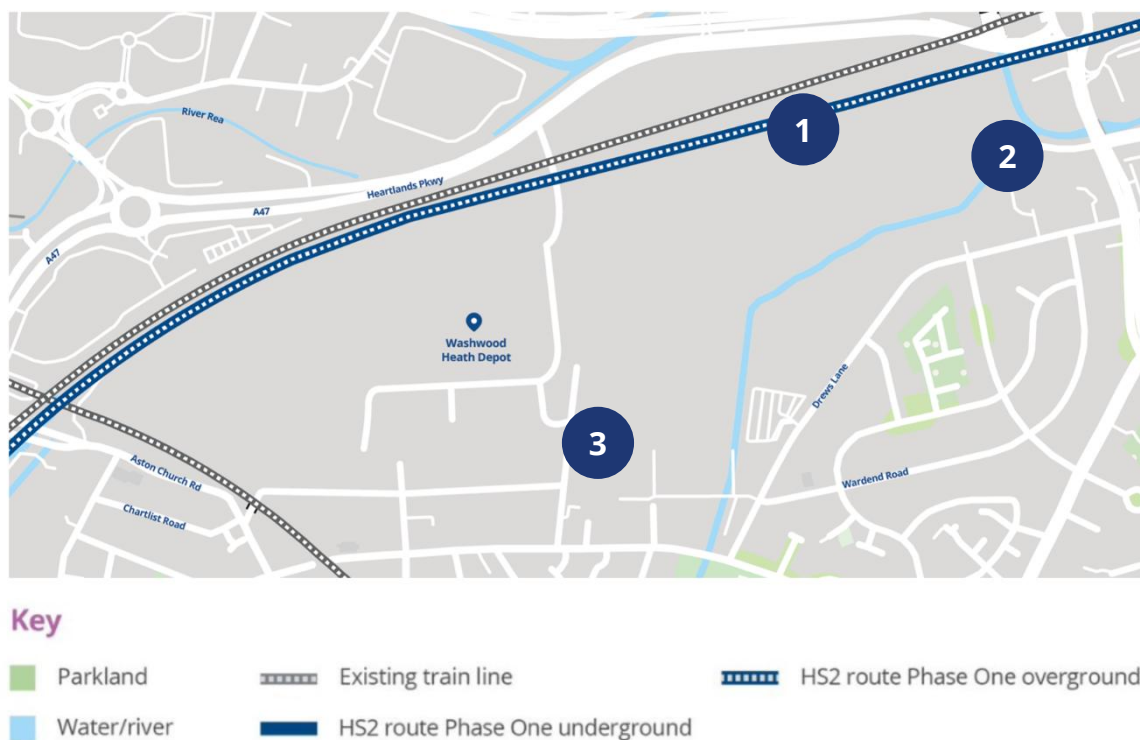


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|  Parkland    |  Existing train line             |  HS2 route indication |
|  Water/river |  HS2 route Phase One underground |                                                                                                        |

| Location of works | Proposed duration       | Description of works                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Location 1</b> | Ongoing throughout 2026 | <p>We are undertaking different types of non-intrusive ground investigation surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying existing underground utilities. using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys.</li> </ul>     |
| <b>Location 2</b> | Ongoing throughout 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring of utilities following tunnel construction.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Location 3</b> | Ongoing throughout 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are continuing the construction of the shaft buildings.</li> <li>Shaft Mechanical Engineering and Plumbing building construction to start following completion of the piling works.</li> </ul> |

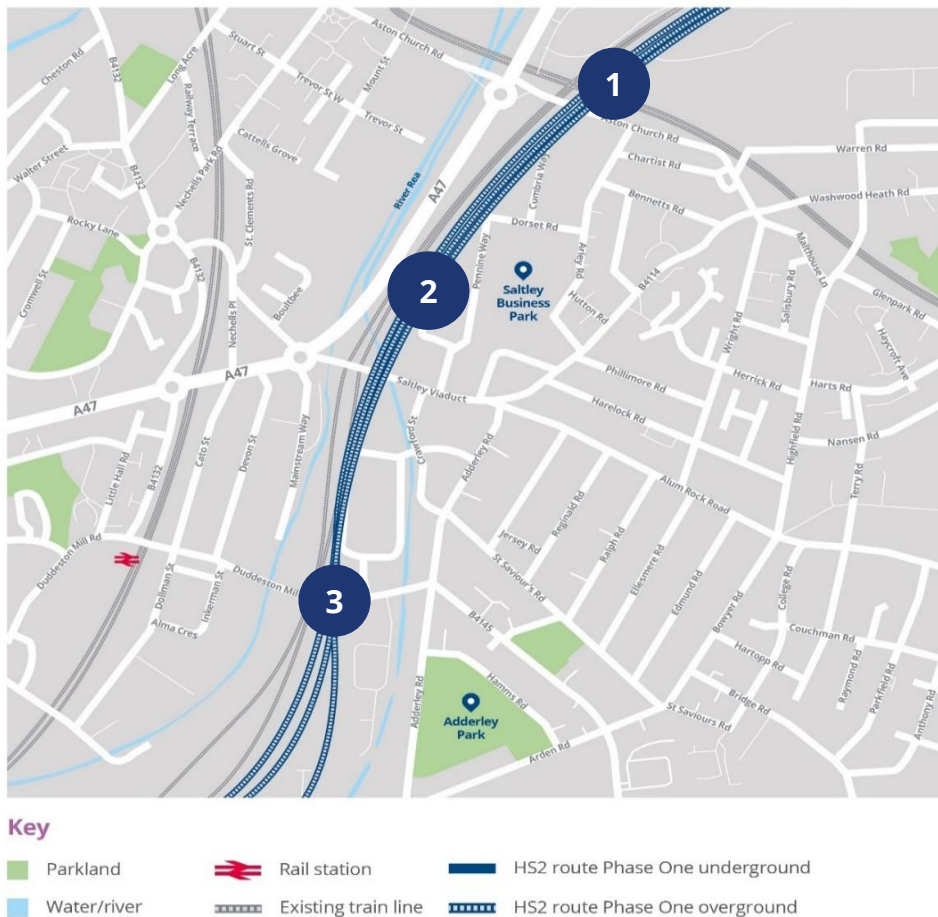
## Map 3 – Washwood Heath



| Location of works | Proposed duration                        | Description of works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Location 1</b> | Ongoing throughout 2026                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on the construction of the aerodynamic boxes is ongoing</li> <li>Central shaft structure is ongoing.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Location 1</b> | From Summer 2026 – Summer 2027           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wolsley Drive near Washwood heath realignments works have started</li> <li>Work will start on building a retaining wall on Wolsley's drive to improve the access to future maintenance depot, control centre and commercial development.</li> </ul>                                              |
| <b>Location 2</b> | Ongoing throughout the project lifecycle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our onsite concrete batching plant will be providing all the required concrete for the BBV sites in Birmingham.</li> <li>Due to the size of the structures that are being constructed, it is necessary that some of the concrete activities take place outside of core working hours.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Location 3</b> | Ongoing in 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Brook diversion required to enable HS2 room for construction had been completed.</li> <li>• Landscaping and planting now underway.</li> <li>• This diversion connects the brook into the River Tame.</li> </ul> |
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## Map 4 - Saltley



| Location of works  | Proposed duration            | Description of works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Locations 1</b> | Ongoing throughout 2026      | Aston Church Road bridge opened earlier this year<br>Demolition of the old bridge has started and will continue throughout 2026 during a series of railway possessions                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Location 2</b>  | Ongoing throughout 2026      | Saltley Viaduct is now closed until late 2027. Traffic is being diverted via the newly completed Aston Church Road bridge and pedestrians are being diverted via Duddeston Mill Road. Buses 14,8 & 94/95 are also being diverted, and temporary bus stops have been installed. New parking restrictions are also in place to improve traffic flow. |
| <b>Location 3</b>  | Ongoing throughout 2026/2027 | Duddeston viaduct has been partially launched over the existing railway and will continue to be launched as additional segments are constructed.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

# 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)**

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)**

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Write to:

**FREEPOST**

**HS2 Community Engagement**

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