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# HS2 Update

Interchange area, Solihull | July 2020

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are being carried out by a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons, known as LM. In your area, we are working near the A452, A45 and M42, which surround the site of the future HS2 Interchange Station. We refer to this area as the Interchange area.

## Responding to the coronavirus pandemic

The health, safety and wellbeing of the communities along the future HS2 railway route remains our absolute priority, alongside that of our staff.

We are working closely with HS2 to ensure our construction sites are in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with coronavirus. The Government's current coronavirus strategy makes it clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance.

Our sites in the Interchange area remain operational, because they can work within PHE and construction industry guidelines.

## HS2 Interchange Station wins award

The future HS2 Interchange Station has become the first railway station globally to achieve the BREEAM 'Outstanding' certification, putting it in the top 1% of buildings in the UK for eco-friendly credentials.

This landmark award recognises the station's eco-friendly features, including maximising natural daylight and ventilation, a station roof design that will capture and reuse rainwater, and features to enable net zero carbon emissions from day-to-day energy consumption.

BREEAM is the Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method. It sets the standard for best practice in sustainable design.



## Virtual events

Throughout our works, we have hosted monthly drop-in events to give you the opportunity to speak with our team about activities near the A452, A45 and M42.

We have taken the decision to **postpone all face-to-face engagement events and meetings during this period.**

We advise subscribing for news updates about HS2 in Solihull and virtual engagement events at:

**[www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk)**



# LM's works in the Interchange area during 2020

## Reviewing 2020 so far

So far this year, we have been carrying out works in preparation for our highways development programme.

This work has included surveys and vegetation clearance along the future HS2 railway route. We've also completed the majority of our utility diversions on and around Northway Island, and have now started other activities such as creating new drainage and pedestrian footpaths.

Construction is well underway at the site of one of our future highway bridges, which will span the M42 (see page 3). We have also completed the foundations for our highway bridge over the A446, and two bridges on HS2 land, and are now progressing the installation of their bridge deck supports (see page 3).

## Upcoming works from July 2020

From July to September 2020, we will continue to carry out works and traffic measures on Northway Island and on the B4438, A452, A446 and M42.

To continue to minimise disruption during peak travel times, where possible, our traffic management measures will be carried out overnight, between 8pm and 6am.

In the coming months, we will begin to construct part of the future road network on HS2 land alongside the B4438. No traffic measures will be required.

We will also install the decks of our new highway bridges over the M42 and A446 by the end of the year (see page 3).

We will continue to minimise disruption by:




- Maintaining access to all buildings in the area
- Ensuring clear signage is in place for drivers
- Keeping the road network operational
- Keeping the area in a tidy state

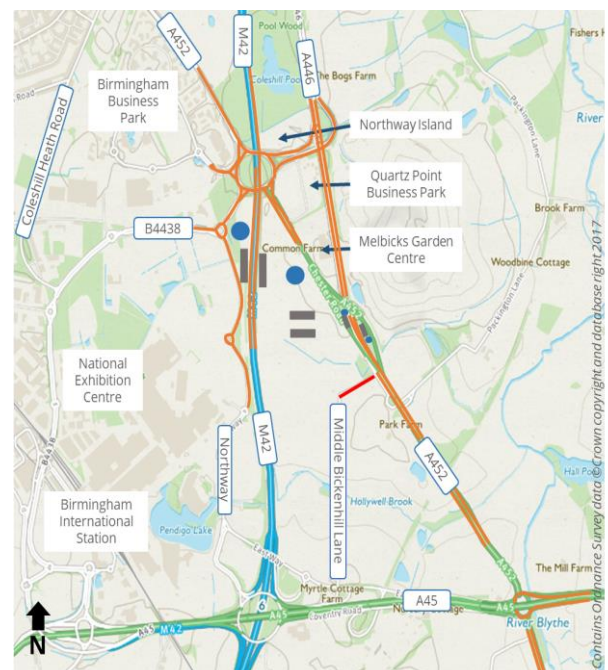
## Location of upcoming works from July 2020

The map below outlines the location of our traffic measures between July and September 2020, on Northway Island, and on the B4438, A452, A446 and M42.

Throughout our works, varying stretches of the road network will be affected along the highlighted routes for varying durations of time. Works will be phased to avoid overburdening the network.

### Key:

-  = Location of works
-  = Permanent road closure
-  = Future highways bridge
-  = Compound



## Building the Interchange area's future road network

Over the next two years, we will extend the existing road network around Northway Island and the B4438, as well as create new routes on HS2 land, which will connect to four new highway bridges. These road improvements will ensure that when the future HS2 Interchange Station is operational, the local road network is fit for purpose.



### Temporary closure of the M42 in August 2020

Work is well underway on the highway bridge that will span the M42. We have successfully installed the shell units that make up the bridge deck supports, and we are now constructing the bridge deck alongside the M42 on HS2 land, using steel beams and pre-cast units.

Until August, preparation works will also continue on the M42, such as relocating motorway assets like street lighting. To carry out these works safely, we will install overnight temporary single lane closures on the M42 on various evenings in July. You will still be able to travel along the M42 in both directions during these works.

Once all preparatory works are finished, we will **close the M42 between junctions 6 and 7A (northbound) and junctions 7 and 6 (southbound)** for one weekend to install the bridge deck.

The M42 will be temporarily closed **after evening rush hour on Friday 7 August 2020, and reopen before morning rush hour on Monday 10 August 2020**. If our works progress faster than expected, we will reopen the M42 earlier if possible.

During this temporary closure, diversions will be in place and clear signage will be displayed along the route for drivers. To help keep traffic flowing, we'll be providing free vehicle recovery along the planned diversion routes.

The bridge across the M42 will be fully completed by the end of 2020.

We advise subscribing for news updates about HS2 in Solihull and traffic measures, including the M42 bridge installation, at: [www.hs2insolihull.co.uk](http://www.hs2insolihull.co.uk)

# Keeping you informed

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.

## Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter)

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at:

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto:residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk)

## Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing: [complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk](mailto:complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk)

## Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of 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/how-to-complain](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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