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HS2

Early works near the A452, A45 and M42

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are carried out by a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and Murphy & Sons known as LM.

What to expect

Throughout February and early March, there will be occasions when we need to set up temporary traffic management for safe vegetation removal along the M42, A446, B4438 and A452.

This may include temporary lane closures and/or traffic signals (see map on next page). Our works have been designed to minimise disruption and maximise safety. Traffic signals could be in operation Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm and 10pm to 6am. However, we will phase the traffic management so that not all the roads are affected at the same time.

Our teams will be on site one hour before and one hour after the works to set up and secure the site at each end of the day.

Our works schedule is subject to change depending on site and weather conditions, however, we'll keep you informed of any adjustments.

Why are we doing these works?

These works are preparing the way for the HS2 route and the Green Corridor programme. Over the coming months, we will be clearing vegetation and erecting fencing to define the HS2 route.

The green corridor will follow this alignment and will consist of new wildlife surroundings, native woodlands and community spaces to help integrate the new railway line into the landscape and environment around it.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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Duration of works

February to March 2019.

Working hours will be Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm and/or 10pm to 6am. Some Saturday working may also be required.

What to expect

There will be temporary traffic management in the area.

There will be some low-level noise created by the works.

What we will do

Keep all sites safe and secure

Ensure all traffic management and diversions are clearly signed and marked

Ensure that contractor's vehicles use agreed routes

Maintain access to properties

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Location of traffic management

We may operate temporary traffic signals on the following roads:

1. A452 - Chester Road - 11 February, 10pm to 6am
2. A446 - Stonebridge Road - 11 to 15 February, 10pm to 6am
3. B4438 - Bickenhill Parkway - 12 to 13 February, 10pm to 6am

We will also carry out works on the following roads, but these works will not require traffic management:

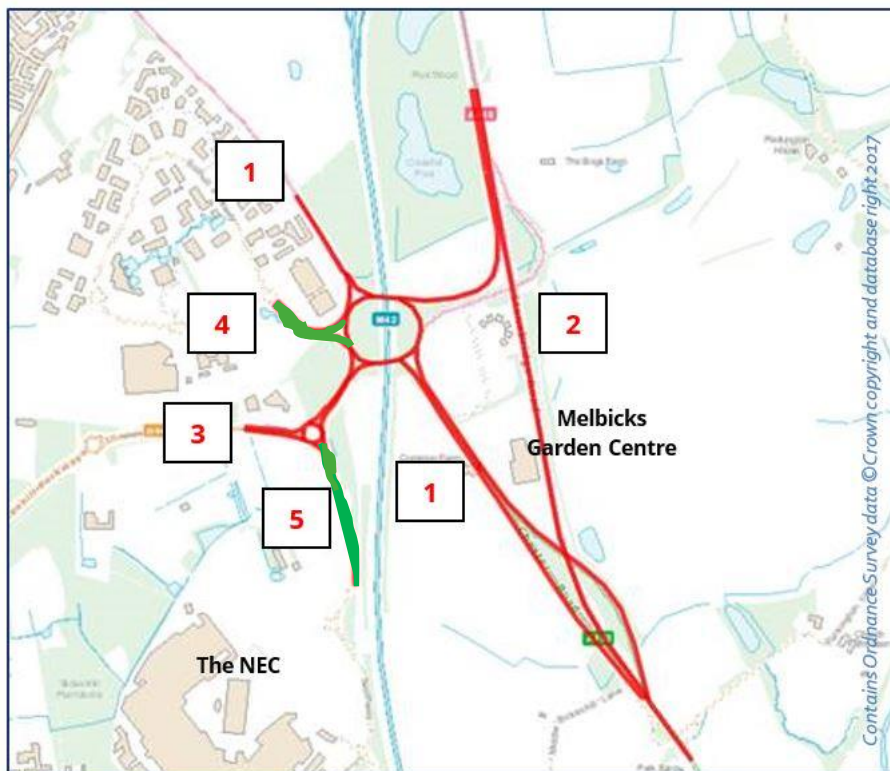
4. Solihull Parkway
5. Northway, Marston Green

For more information about our works and to sign up for updates, visit: www.hs2insolihull.commonplace.is

Key:

 = temporary traffic management

 = vegetation clearance works not requiring traffic management



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Frequently Asked Questions

When hedgerows are removed, what will replace them?

Hedgerows will be retained wherever possible. LM are required to put up fencing when hedgerows are removed. Fencing will also be used to safely secure working areas and prevent any unauthorised access.

Why are you removing vegetation?

Some clearance works is needed to facilitate the construction of HS2. However, HS2 is committed to no net loss in biodiversity, which means that as a minimum, any trees removed will be replaced. Ancient woodland soils will be translocated to nearby areas where new woodlands will be planted and will grow for future generations. We have already planted trees, hedges and seeded grassland throughout the route to enhance biodiversity and we will continue to do so.

What will happen to the local wildlife?

LM has designed and are developing new wildlife environments for protected species across the route, including bat roosts, great crested newt ponds and new woodland.

Why are you starting vegetation clearance now, if the new railway line is not due to begin construction immediately after?

Our programme of works is driven around the ecological and environmental calendar to ensure we are considerate to local wildlife and the environment. The winter provides us with a natural timeframe to translocate and remove vegetation with minimal impact on local species and ecosystems.

What happens if the works carry over into bird nesting season?

If we need to carry out vegetation clearance works during the bird nesting season (March to October) we will follow strict ecological procedures. A full time Ecological Officer will carry out checks on the ground, in hedges and in trees, prior to any clearance work taking place. An exclusion zone is then put around any nests that are found and this remains in place until the birds have completed breeding and the young have fledged.

For more information about how we are supporting local wildlife and the environment, visit:

www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/environment-sustainability



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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

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

You can contact the Commissioner at: 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

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

Find out if you're eligible for compensation at: 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 via the helpline. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

If you have any questions about this notification of works, please get in touch.

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 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.hs2.commonplace.is**

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