

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

HS2 Update

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are now under way in your area, carried out by LM - a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons. This update provides information on LM's work near public rights of way in Solihull.



Public rights of way between Hampton-in-Arden and Burton Green

Upcoming HS2 enabling works in areas between Hampton-in-Arden and Burton Green in Solihull will sometimes result in temporary changes to public rights of way (including footpaths and bridleways) and cycleways.

To help minimise impacts, HS2 contractors will:

- Put diversions in place where required, and where it's possible and safe to do so
- Install and maintain local signs to inform people of temporary closures and diversions
- Issue public notices and news alerts as required for upcoming closures.

Where HS2 contractors are impacting an official public right of way, we work with the relevant local authority to obtain consent or permission for any closures or diversions. Sometimes we impact a 'permissive route' – an unofficial footpath or bridleway – which does not require the same consent process.

This information is intended to provide a general overview of enabling works impacts, and is subject to change. We will endeavour to keep this information updated at the 'HS2 in Solihull' website:

www.hs2insolihull.co.uk.

An indicative walking and cycling map showing public rights of way for Solihull is available at the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council website:
www.solihull.gov.uk.

Balsall Common and Catchems Corner

The footpath known as 'Millennium Way' will be temporarily closed in the area between Berkswell Station and Waste Lane in Balsall Common in coming months, as HS2's enabling works contractor prepares to temporarily divert the Kenilworth Greenway.

This closure will start at the Kenilworth Greenway and end on Waste Lane. A diversion will be in place for walkers to safely get around the temporary closure between the Greenway and Waste Lane. The closure and diversion are due to come into effect in mid-March 2020.

Small sections of the three footways between Waste Lane and Hob Lane in Catchems Corner may also be subject to temporary closures, pending finalisation of our work plans for this area.

Berkswell

Millennium Way will also be diverted where it approaches Park Lane in Berkswell, near the junction of Park Lane and the A452 Kenilworth Road. This is to ensure safety while work takes place to create a compound off Park Lane and a roundabout at the junction.

Burton Green

To ensure the safety of everyone in the area, various footpaths connected to the Kenilworth Greenway will sometimes be impacted by short closures in 2020. This will be needed as we prepare for the temporary diversion, and as we build a temporary road for main works construction traffic (known as a 'haul road').

For more information on HS2 in your area, contact the HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

- **Freephone: 08081 434 434**
- **Minicom: 08081 456 472**
- **Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

You can also sign up to receive news alerts about work in your area at the 'HS2 in Solihull' website: 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

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 by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

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

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