A452 Chester Road – utility diversions & lane closures

Toolkit



Transport for West Midlands

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Introduction

High Speed Two (HS2) is one of the largest and most complex infrastructure projects ever undertaken in the UK. Current plans for Britain's new high-speed rail network will see new lines between the South East, the Midlands and the North West, including state-of-the-art new stations in London, Birmingham and Manchester.

HS2 standard gauge trains – capable of speeds of up to 360k/h (225mph) – will travel onto the existing rail network too, meaning high-speed services will link Scotland and the North of England to London and the South East from day one of the operations.

Work is underway on 170 miles of new high-speed lines, to open by the end of the decade, with the Government planning over 250 miles in total.

Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high-speed railway. BBV is responsible for designing and building the West Midlands section of HS2's Phase One route, covering approximately 90km from Long Itchington in Warwickshire to Lichfield in Staffordshire.

Supported by Transport for West Midlands, BBV, HS2 and National Highways are working in partnership to make sure all communities and stakeholders are informed in advance and are aware of the traffic management associated with our works.

This toolkit will enable you to find out more information and provide support to help you plan your journey.

What is happening in the A452 Chester Road area

Critical utility diversions are required to facilitate the tunnel boring machine (TBM) drive in 2023. This toolkit will ensure all impacts of the works are fully identified, and impacted communities and stakeholders are identified and communicated with the appropriate tools ahead of the works starting.

These works will take place from late April 2023 and run for approximately 22 weeks until Autumn 2023. During this period, there will be temporary lane and partial road closures (overnight) and associated traffic management in the area to carry the works out safely.

Access to Castle Bromwich Business Park businesses will be maintained at all times.

The works will be carried out in phases to minimise disruption to traffic on the A452 Chester Road between Spitfire Island and Castle Bromwich Interchange.

- Tameside Drive: from Thursday 27 April for approximately 6 weeks
- A452 Chester Road: from Monday 12 June for approximately 16 weeks to end of September 2023

Work taking place

During our works, we will be undertaking the following works:

- Phased Lane and temporary road closures (Tameside Drive)
- Access to A452 Chester Raod and Tameside Drive maintained at all times throughout the works
- Temporary traffic management
- Excavations to facilitate utility diversions
- Testing and commissioning of utilities
- Reinstatement works once works are completed

Traffic manangement signage will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind road users and pedestrians of the works.

If you have any questions regarding these works, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk on:

Freephone: 08081 434 434

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

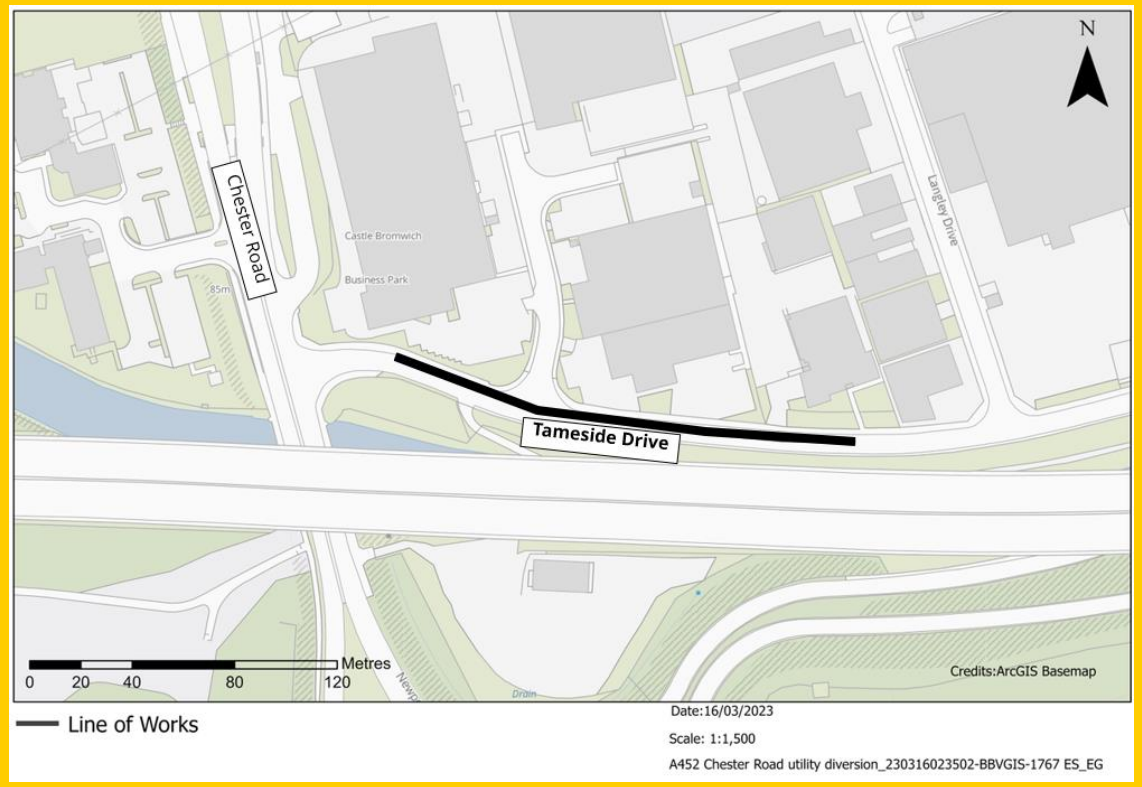
To receive updates about the closure, subscribe to https://www.hs2.org.uk/birmingham

Impacted roads and surrounding areas

We expect that the phased lane closures will have impacts on the following roads:

- Newport Road - A452 and M6 Jct. 5 exit including bus stops
- A452 Chester Road
- M6 northbound junction 5 exit slip
- Spitfire Island
- Tameside Drive
- Castle Bromwich Interchange
- Castle Vale – Tangemere Drive
- A47 – Fort Parkway
- Chester Road North to Tyburn Island
- Kinsgbury Road East and West
- A38 Sutton Coldfield bypass

Tameside Drive (phase 1 & 2)



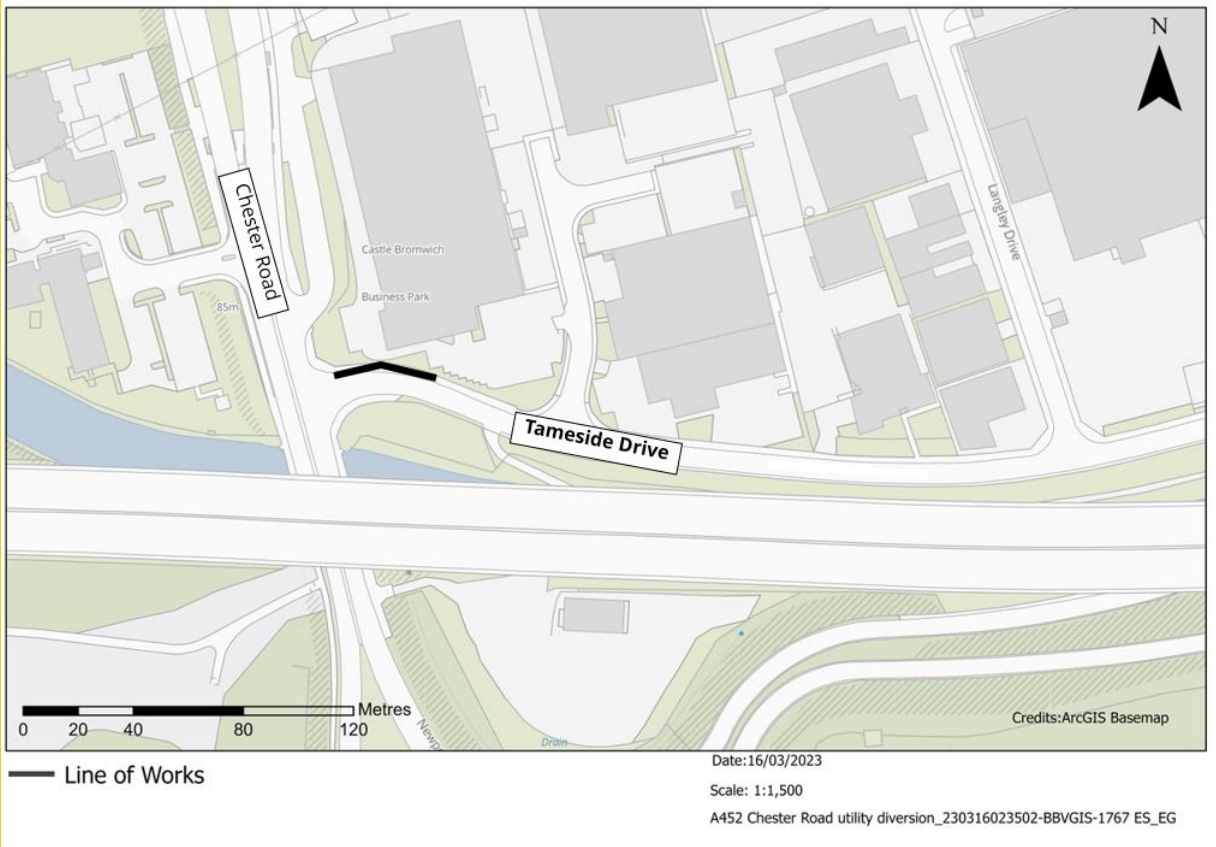
Phase 1: 2 way temporary traffic lights

- From 27 April 2023
- 8am – 6pm each day
- Operatives on site throughout to manage TM access and manually controlled temporary lights

Phase 2: 3 way temporary traffic lights

- 8pm – 6am Monday- Friday
- Operatives on site throughout to manage TM access and manually controlled temporary lights

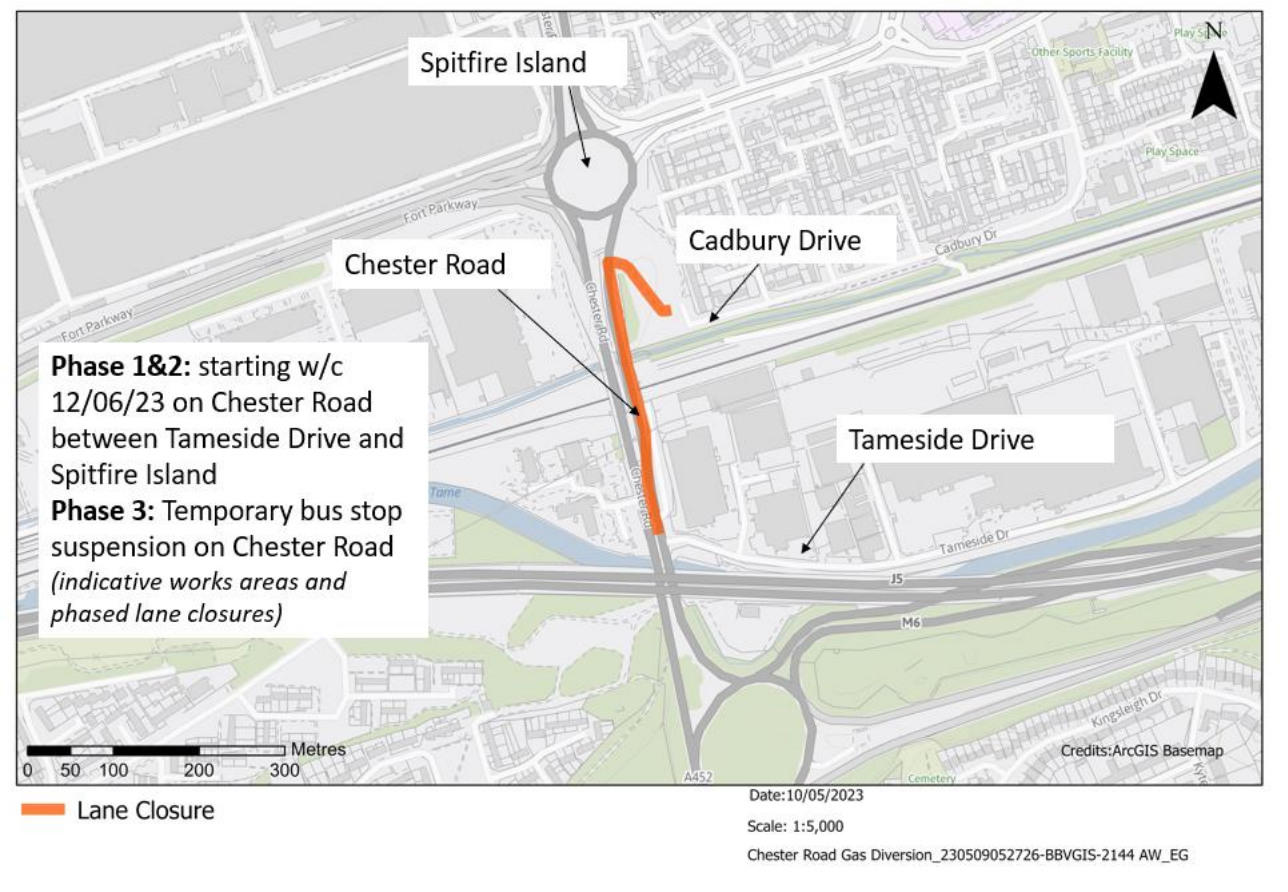
Tameside Drive (phase 3)



Phase 3

- Top of Tameside Drive will be closed each evening from 8pm to 6am
- Access for businesses will be maintained, traffic marshals will be on-site (at closure points) to control access and egress
- **Phased lane closure on A452 Chester Road**

A452 Chester Road overview



- Starting week commencing **12 June 2023**
- **Phased lane closures**
- Works will progress from Tameside Drive along the A452 Chester Road towards Spitfire Island
- Traffic management in place for **24 hours** with work taking place 8am – 6pm
- Approximately 16-week programme
- **Temporary bus stop suspension** when works progress in the direction of Cadbury Drive

Key travel advice

People will still be able to get to where they need to go during the works, but we're asking them to consider the following advice:

- **Plan ahead and leave more time for your journey:** If you travel in or around the A452 Chester Road you will need to allow more time for your journey.
- **Public Transport:** A bus stop will be suspended while the works take place and journeys on certain bus routes may take longer so plan your bus journey and allow more time for travel.
- **Think about your options:** The works and traffic disruption may mean that you will need to plan an alternative route. Is public transport an option? Visit www.tfwm.org.uk .
- **Can you change the time you travel?** Avoid peak times where possible and try to spread journeys throughout the day.

How are we helping?

BBV is working with HS2, Birmingham City Council (BCC) National Highways, Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) and key transport providers and consenting authorities to plan and deliver these works safely.

Our main aim is to provide a consistent and joined up message for all those people travelling in and around the area and to encourage them to plan their journeys and help reduce congestion.

This toolkit contains some useful information which will help you communicate the closure with your colleagues, customers and clients and compliments a social media marketing campaign.

Please share this toolkit with your marketing and communications department to help us inform people of the A452 Chester Road utility diversion works.

If you don't have a specific department, consider what information you will need to use form this pack, to communicate with your staff, customers and students:

Included in this toolkit:

- Suggested copy suitable for digital channels
- Graphics for digital channels
- Link to HS2 Advanced Works Notification

Key messages

Traffic management measures to ensure the safe diversion of utilities on A452 Chester Road in preparation of the tunnel boring machine (TBM) drive.

Phased lane closures on A452 Chester Road and temporary closure at Tameside Drive (access maintained at all times)

Please allow extra time for your journey. Check latest traffic conditions before you leave and plan public transport travel.

We are carrying out our works in phases as opposed to all at once. This reduces the impact to road users.

Suggested copy for your material

In Summer 2023, Balfour Beatty VINCI, in partnership with HS2, will be carrying out critical utility diversions on A452 Chester Road between Spitfire Island and Castle Bromwich Interchange. Works will be undertaken throughout the Summer from the end of April 2023, with the impact being minimised where possible by traffic management.

Chester Road will remain open for the duration of the work but there will be some lanes closed to traffic. Further information will be shared on the “HS2 In your area” website in the coming weeks, as well as at tfwm.org.uk.

Traffic management signage will be clearly displayed along the route to communicate these changes to road users and pedestrians. We advise you to look out for our signage, as this will provide the most up to date information regarding our works.

Advanced notifications of works are available via Notice of utility diversions on A452 Chester Road - HS2

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Social media posts – Facebook

A452 Chester Road

From Monday 12 June 2023

Lane closures in place



Plan Ahead

Please click here to download

Suggested text

There will be phased lane closures in place on the A452 Chester Road from w/c Monday 12 June for approximately 16 weeks. Please visit www.tfwm.org.uk for more information.

Social media posts – Twitter

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#LaneClosures in place on #A452ChesterRoad from w/c Monday 12 June 2023

Please visit www.tfwm.org.uk for more information.

Useful contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: West Midlands Plan your Journey

For up-to-the-minute travel information and help planning your journey, please see below:

Plan a journey	National Highways	National Highways - Highways England	@NationalHways
Plan a journey	Traveline	traveline.info	@travelineEM
Plan a journey	Transport for West Midlands	Plan your journey | Transport for West Midlands (tfwm.org.uk)	@TransportForWM
By train	National Rail	nationalrail.co.uk/Contact-Us	@nationalraileng

If you would like help to support your staff with travel planning, please contact the team at**:** **behaviourchangehub@tfwm.org.uk**

If you require any materials in an alternative format, get in touch: customerservices@tfwm.org.uk

HS2 is a new high speed railway that will link up the North, the Midlands and South East, serving eight of Britain's 10 largest cities. It is critical for the UK's low carbon transport future and will provide much-needed rail capacity across the country. It is integral to other rail projects in the North and Midlands – helping rebalance the UK economy. For more information about HS2, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, or for more information about the works we are doing in the Birmingham area please visit https://www.hs2.org.uk/birmingham

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National Highways operate, maintain, and improve England's motorways and major A roads. Our roads network is vital to the running of the country and our customers, and their safety remains our priority. We are committed to working with HS2 Ltd and other partners to plan and co-ordinate our works programmes where we can. While HS2 carry out these works we will make every effort to keep road users updated and informed in advance of works to help you plan your journeys and help support a better-connected future.
Email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk
General enquiries: 0300 123 5000

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