

A452 Chester Road – utility diversions & lane closures

Toolkit



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

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
- Kingsbury Road East and West
- A38 Sutton Coldfield bypass

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

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](#)

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

Freephone: 08081 434 434 Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

To receive updates about the closure, subscribe to HS2 in Birmingham at <https://www.hs2.org.uk/birmingham>

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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Suggested text

#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

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>



Balfour Beatty VINCI is responsible for designing and building part of the most exciting and challenging railway project in Europe: HS2. We are building the West Midlands section of HS2's Phase One route, spanning approximately 90km from Long Itchington in Warwickshire to Handsacre in Staffordshire. We will be employing thousands of people in the area to design and build the civil infrastructure for HS2 through the West Midlands area.



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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