

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

HS2 Update

Staffordshire | Winter 2026

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. This update will provide key information and news on HS2 works between Drayton Bassett and Handsacre.

HS2 Reset - deferrals

To deliver HS2 as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, the project is being reset. The Government has supported this with a multi-year financial settlement, giving us the stability to review costs and schedules and provide taxpayers, a clear picture of the final cost and timeline.

What's changing?

In March 2023, works between Curdworth in North Warwickshire and Handsacre in Staffordshire were deferred. This pause has now been extended by four years so we can focus effort on opening the first section of HS2 between Old Oak Common in West London and Birmingham.

Local works

Near Staffordshire, key asset works continue, creating long-term benefits for local communities. The Faraday Ave temporary road diversion was completed and opened to traffic in November 2024. These enabling works were required to construct the Faraday Ave underbridge, which is now paused.

Several local bridges, including Drayton Lane, A453 Sutton Road, and Bangley Lane have been delivered, with only waterproofing works remaining. As the wider programme is deferred, these sites will remain securely closed to the public, with ongoing land management to keep them well maintained.

Next steps

During 2026, we will be carrying out essential construction work in this area, including significant activity to complete the realignment of the A38. We will continue to maintain and secure all work sites to ensure safety and minimise disruption. We'll also keep the community updated and respond promptly to any concerns.



Faraday Ave Road Diversion progress

Come and talk to us at a local drop-in event to find out more about the HS2 structures in Staffordshire.

Tuesday 20 January 2026

Time: 12pm – 1pm

Scan for Online Webinar



Wednesday 21 January 2026

Time: 4pm - 7:30pm

Location: Whittington Village Hall, 4-6 Langton Cres, Whittington, Lichfield WS14 9LR

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Engagement van, Streethay Co-Op, Unit 1, Streethay Local Centre, Yoxall Way, Lichfield, WS13 8FT

Thursday 12 February 2026

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Engagement van, Imperial Shopping Park 91 Eastern Ave, Lichfield, WS13 6RL



Upcoming A38 Works for 2026

Work is progressing well on the new bridge beneath the A38, which will carry the HS2 railway under the existing road. Over the past year, we've completed the southbound slip road and put a temporary alignment in place to keep the northbound slip open.



A38 Cappers Lane Construction

The next phase involves permanently realigning the main A38 carriageway. This requires removing the temporary diversion and switching traffic onto the new alignment. To complete this safely, a full closure of the A38 will be needed.

We are proposing a full closure of the A38 in both directions between Swinfen Interchange and Hilliard's Cross for approximately 11 days. Once we reopen the A38, the northbound slip road at Streethay (Burton Road) will remain closed for around 12 months to complete the remaining works.

- **Proposed dates: 27 March – 7 April 2026**
- **Contingency dates: 22 May – 2 June 2026**

**All dates are subject to consent and may change.*

The closure is planned to coincide with school holidays to reduce disruption, to allow us to remove the temporary 'bend' and complete the final road alignment. We'll keep the community updated as plans progress.

A38 Full Closure - Diversion routes

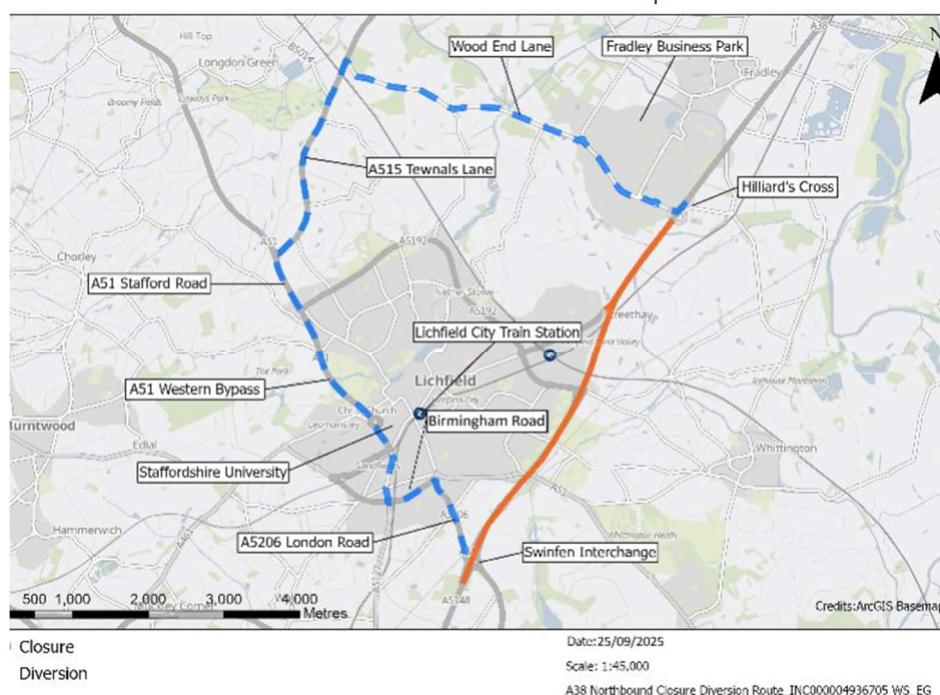
A series of carefully planned diversion routes will help keep traffic moving safely during both the 11-day full closure of the A38 and the proposed 12-month northbound slip road closure at Streethay. While some disruption is expected, routes have been developed to help manage journey times as effectively as possible. To reduce the impact on local communities, diversions have been designed to keep long-distance and logistics traffic on strategic routes wherever possible, avoiding local roads. All diversion routes will be clearly signposted.

Northbound Diversion Route

When travelling northbound during the full closure of the A38, please follow the signed diversion:

- ➔ Exit the A38 at Swinfen Interchange and continue along A5206 London Road / Upper John Street.
- ➔ Turn left onto Birmingham Road, then take the 3rd exit at the roundabout. Continue straight over the next roundabout towards the A51 Lichfield Western Bypass / Stafford Road.
- ➔ At the next roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto the A515 via Tewnals Lane.
- ➔ Turn right onto Wood End Lane and follow the road ahead to rejoin the A38 at Hilliard's Cross.

Northbound Diversion Route Map

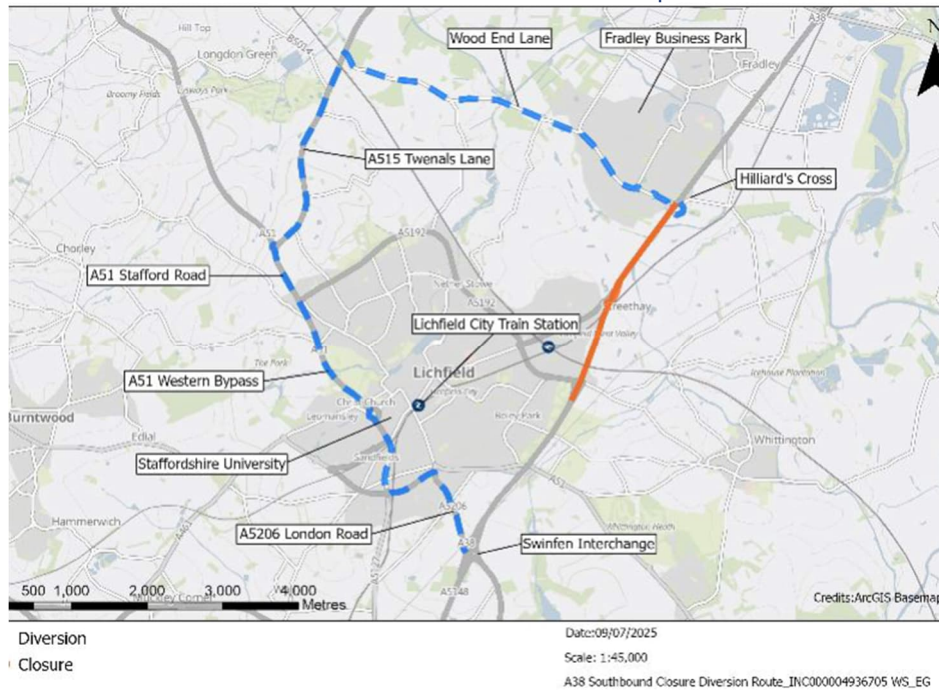


Southbound Diversion Route

For southbound travel during the full closure of the A38, the following diversion will be in place:

- ➔ Exit the A38 at Hilliard's Cross and turn left onto Wood End Lane.
- ➔ Continue straight ahead to the junction and turn left onto the A515 via Tewnals Lane.
- ➔ Take the 1st exit at the roundabout onto the A51 Stafford Road / Lichfield Western Bypass.
- ➔ Continue straight over the next roundabout, then take the 1st exit at the following roundabout onto Birmingham Road.
- ➔ Turn right onto the A5206 Upper John Street / London Road and continue to Swinfen Interchange.
- ➔ Take the 3rd exit to rejoin the A38 southbound.

Southbound Diversion Route Map

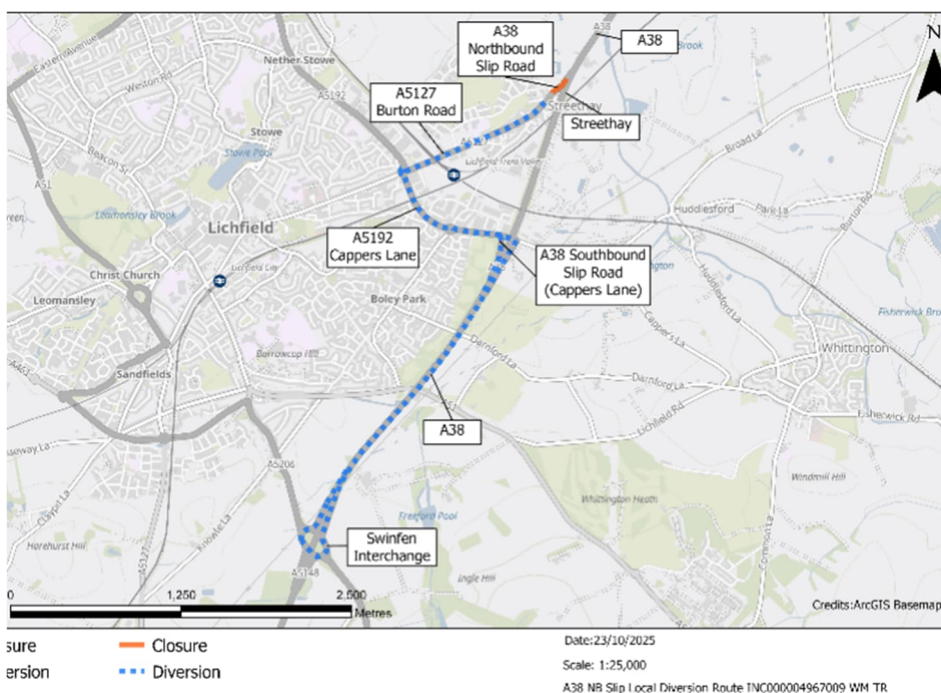


A38 Burton Road Diversion Route – Proposed 12-Month Northbound Slip Road Closure

The northbound slip road at Streethay (Burton Road) is expected to close for around 12 months. It would close with the 11-day full A38 closure and remain in place afterward. Journeys are expected to take around 12 minutes longer and will be directed along a local diversion route:

- ➔ For northbound drivers affected by the Burton Road slip road closure:
- ➔ From Trent Valley Roundabout, exit onto the A5192 Cappers Lane.
- ➔ Continue straight over the roundabout and turn right to join the A38 southbound.
- ➔ Keep left on the A38 and exit towards Swinfen Interchange.
- ➔ Take the 4th exit to rejoin the A38 northbound.

A38 Burton Road Diversion Route Map **Slip Road Closure Only*

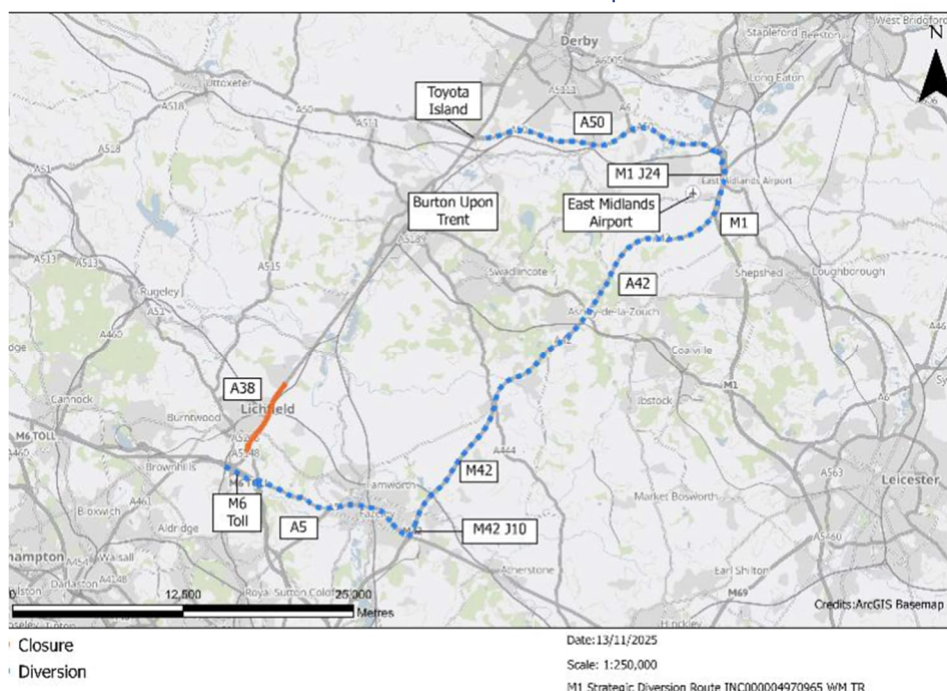


M1 Diversion Route

Northbound traffic from the M6 Toll, A5, and A38 will be directed via a strategic diversion route:

- ➔ Divert at Weeford Interchange onto the A5 Eastbound for 8.3 miles and join the M42 Northbound at Junction 10.
- ➔ After 8.9 miles, the road becomes the A42 at Junction 11. Continue for 15.7 miles before joining the M1 Northbound at Junction 23A.
- ➔ Exit the M1 at Junction 24, then take the second exit at the roundabout to join the A50 Westbound.
- ➔ After 12.1 miles, exit at Toyota Island Interchange to rejoin the A38 Northbound.

M1 Diversion Route Map



We recognise that the closures may cause delays, the measures in place aim to minimise disruption and maintain reliable journey options for all road users.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as these essential improvements are delivered. Please follow signed routes, plan ahead, and allow extra time for travel during the works.

BBV's Commitment to Positive Change Across Staffordshire

At BBV, we believe that building infrastructure goes hand-in-hand with building stronger communities. We've continued to strengthen our relationship with local residents through **Community Investment** initiatives that deliver meaningful impact.

Spreading Festive Cheer During the Holidays at St Giles Hospice

One of the highlights of our recent efforts was supporting St Giles Hospice in Whittington.

Thanks to the generosity of our colleagues and supply chain partners; Fortel, Reliable Contractors, VGC Group, and Hercules, we proudly donated 165 chocolate advent calendars, bringing festive cheer to patients and families during the holiday season.

The Hospice expressed heartfelt gratitude, noting how these gifts will brighten what can be a challenging time for many. Looking ahead, we're excited to continue collaborating with St Giles Hospice in the new year through further donations and volunteering opportunities. Together, we aim to create lasting benefits for the community and uphold our commitment to social value.



Chocolate donations for St Giles Hospice

Helping Nature Thrive at Middleton Nature Reserve



BBV volunteers at Middleton Nature Reserve

and help boost biodiversity in the reserve. It's all part of our commitment to caring for nature and supporting sustainability. We're proud to play a small role in making Middleton Nature Reserve an even better place for wildlife and the community.

Our BBV team rolled up their sleeves and headed to Middleton Nature Reserve to make a difference.

Volunteers from our Environment teams spent a half-day transforming the reserve. They cleared overgrown paths to create welcoming trails, put up bird boxes, and even built homes for local wildlife. The day concluded with hands-on surveys to uncover the hidden wonders of the reserve's ecosystem.

Then, no matter rain or shine, our team was back. This time, they installed large owl boxes made from recycled wood from our own waste stream. These boxes will give owls a safe place to nest

Engaging with local communities

If you have a community project, we might be able to help you with, please contact the HS2 helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or at hs2enquiries.org.uk.

We know that planning and building the railway disrupts the lives of local people. We will always try to do the right thing and reduce disruption as much as we can.

Our specialists work across each section of the route and will keep you informed. They will also respond to any question you may have.

Drop-in sessions are held regularly and provide important updates on the project. We encourage attendees to share feedback so we can understand the views of our communities.



We work closely with community groups and local authorities to find ways to mitigate any potential disruption caused by the construction of HS2.

Our teams also support community and school projects to benefit the areas where we work. These include giving back to communities by volunteering, fundraising, or providing materials, labour, or investment.

Keep up to date on HS2 activity in your area

To receive notifications of our upcoming activity, sign up for email notifications:

www.hs2.org.uk/local-mailing-list

To view more detail on what work is happening near you, visit our interactive map:

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map

Find out what engagement events are coming up in your area at:

www.hs2.org.uk/events

If you are looking for work in your area, please get in touch to register your interest and send your CV to:

see.team@balfourbeattyvinci

Follow us on social channels



Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes making sure you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

Residents' and Construction Commissioner

The independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner oversees and monitors our **community engagement strategy**, making sure we fulfil our commitments to you.

The commissioner monitors the way we manage and respond to complaints about construction and advises members of the public how to make complaints.

The commissioner helps settle disputes involving individuals and organisations that we can't resolve.

You can find the commissioner's report and our responses at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner

The commissioner can be contacted on:
hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the 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/contact-us/how-to-complain

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Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them by:

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Write to:

**FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement**

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

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www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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