

A46 April box side closure

Three-week window for a full 19 day closure:

- From 8pm on Friday, 11 April until 6am on Thursday 1 May 2025
- With a contingency date set for Friday 16 May 2025, only one date will be used

About HS2

HS2 is Britain's new high-speed railway, a once-in-a-generation investment in our transport infrastructure. British-built trains will provide reliable, zero carbon travel, cutting journeys between our two biggest cities, London and Birmingham, by 40%. HS2 trains will join the conventional rail network at Handsacre, Staffordshire, continuing to Manchester, the North West and Scotland.

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

What is happening in April?

The A46 box structure will carry the new HS2 railway under the A46 near Kenilworth. The structure weighs approximately 15,000 tonnes and is made up of 4,300 cubic metres of concrete.

We are completing construction of the box structure offline adjacent to the carriageway. The next phase of works will be to move the bridge into place using a "box push" technique. To complete this install safely we will require a 19-day closure of the A46:

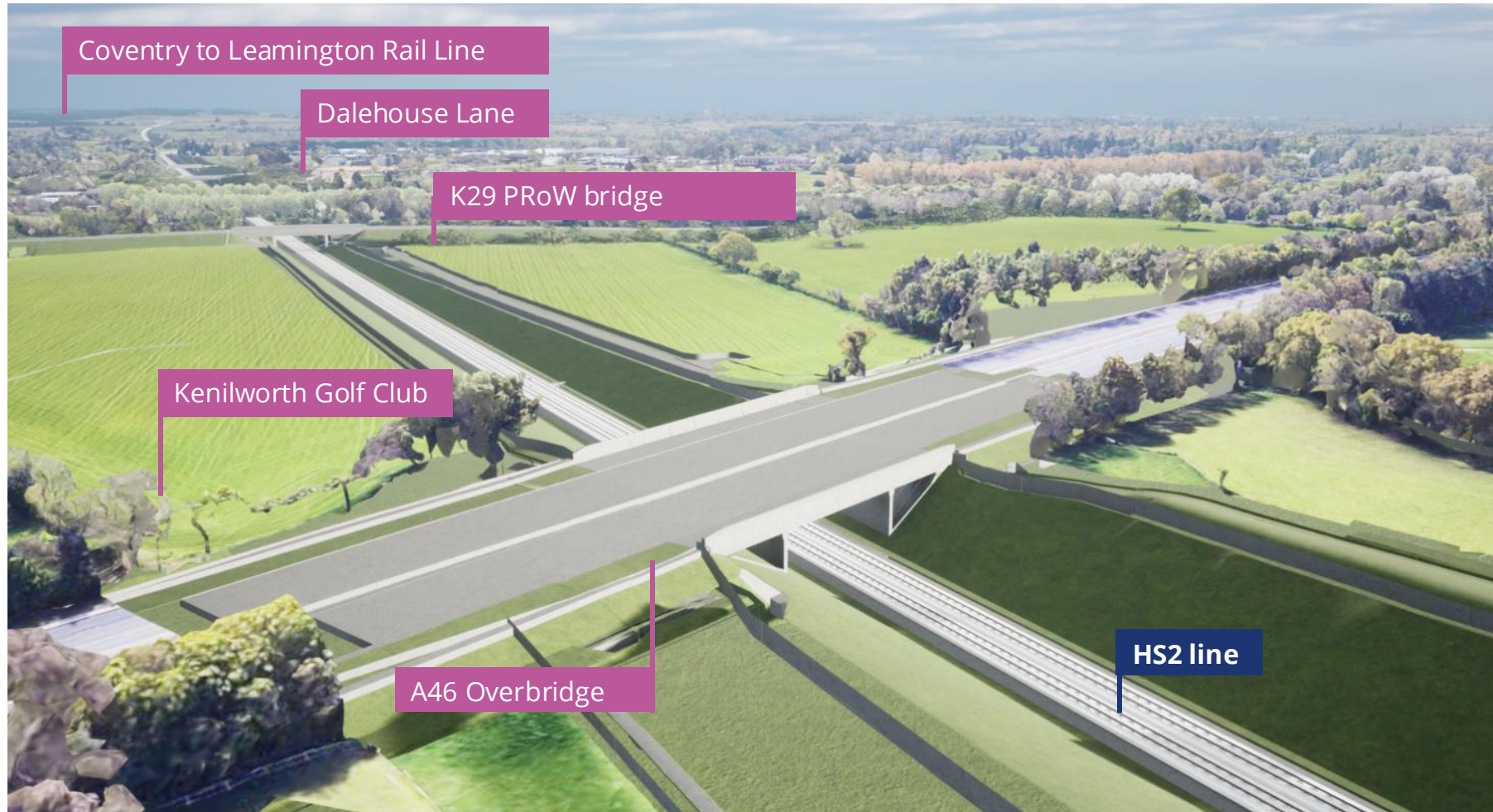
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A fully signed diversion route will be in place for all road users including HGV's as well as special arrangements for Stoneleigh and Ashow residents.

Please note that we will reopen the road as soon as we have completed our works, and it is safe to do so. Once the structure has been moved into place, lane one restrictions will remain in both directions until 31 July 2025 to safely complete our remaining highway works.

To receive updates about the closures and to effectively plan your journeys, please subscribe to [HS2 in Warwickshire](#)

A46 Box structure



Visualisation of A46 Box structure near Kenilworth

How are we helping?

BBV is working with HS2, National Highways and key transport 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.

BBV, HS2 and National Highways are working in partnership to make sure all impacted 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.

Please share this toolkit with your marketing and communications department to help us inform people of the A46 closure.

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

Included in this toolkit:

- Suggested copy suitable for digital channels
- Graphics for digital channels
- Advanced Works Notification

You can also visit our dedicated webpage:

hs2.org.uk/A46-box-structure

Key messages

Keeping you informed

Informing stakeholders, communities, businesses, commuters/customers and visitors to Warwickshire and the West Midlands, about the A46 closure, to inform them in advance and help them plan their journeys effectively and minimise impact to their journey

Minimising disruption

We are building the structure off-line, which means it will be built adjacent to the A46 and pushed in to place in April. This allows free flow of traffic on the A46.

Keeping you safe

Keeping road users and our workforce safe by not working near the A46 carriageway for an extended period and completing construction activities away from the carriageway wherever possible

Working in partnership

To work in collaboration with key stakeholders, to plan and deliver co-ordinated, consistent, and timely communication and engagement on the works

Keeping you moving

Measures taken during our closures



Fully signed diversion route in place. We design our diversions for all vehicle types and therefore they may not be the shortest route.



Free vehicle recovery will be in place.



Traffic Management crews will be on standby to monitor and deal with any incidents in the area of works and on the diversion routes.



Supported by monitoring from both the National Highways Regional Control Centre and Transport for West Midlands Regional Transport Co-ordination Centre.



National Highways Traffic Officers will patrol wider routes.



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Strategic diversion route



— Closure
- - - HGV Diversion

Date: 21/02/2025

Scale: 1:148,386

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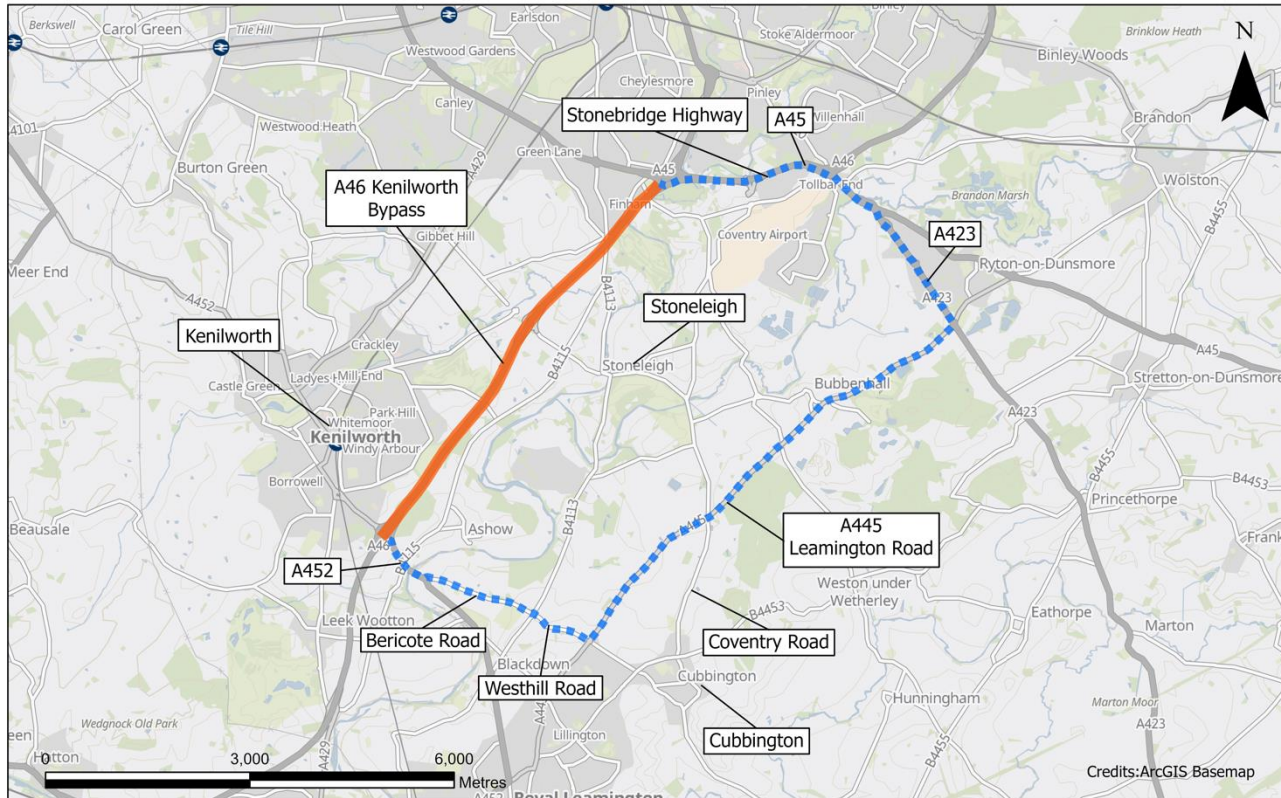
During the closure, all HGVs must follow the diversion route below, HGVs travelling to Coventry and onwards to the north, please use the clearly signed diversion M40, M42, M6 east and then rejoin the A46.

For HGVs travelling to Kenilworth, please leave at the Thickthorn Roundabout (A452).

+48

minutes onto existing
journey times

Local diversion routes



- Closure
- - - Diversion for local traffic only

Date:20/02/2025
Scale: 1:65,000
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The A46 carriageway will be closed between the Stivichall Interchange (Festival Island) to the Thickthorn Island (A452 for Leamington and Kenilworth).

Road users planning to travel to Kenilworth, please leave the A46 at the Thickthorn Roundabout. For northbound traffic and Coventry please leave the A46 at the Thickthorn Roundabout and travel along the A452, Bericote Road and Westhill Road, then use the A445 Leamington Road/ Leicester Lane and join the A423 towards Coventry and the A45 westbound to rejoin the A46.

Road users planning to travel to Ashow and Stoneleigh villages will not be possible from the B4115 Ashow Road at the Chesford Grange junction, this is to ease traffic flows and protect residents.

+25

minutes onto existing
journey times

Local drop-in event at the Kenilworth Centre

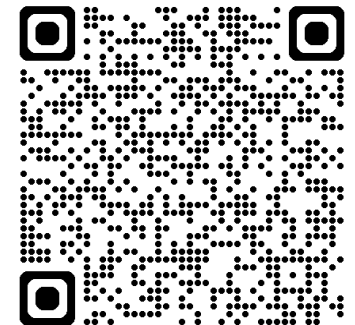


We will have specialists attending to answer your questions about the final A46 works

Come and talk to us on Monday 17 March 2025 between 2 pm and 7 pm.

The Kenilworth Centre
65 Abbey End,
Kenilworth
CV8 1QJ

Please register your interest using the QR code or by visiting:
hs2.org.uk/events



Useful contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: hs2.org.uk/A46-box-structure

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

Plan a journey	Transport for West Midlands	tfwm.org.uk	@TransportForWM
Plan a journey	Traveline	traveline.info	@travelineEM
Plan a journey	Warwickshire County Council	Homepage – Warwickshire County Council	@warwickshire_CC
By bus	National Express West Midlands	nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands	@nxwestmidlands
By train	National Rail	nationalrail.co.uk	@nationalrailenq

If you require any campaign materials in an alternative format, get in touch: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Partners

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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.



We 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 you updated and informed in advance of works to help you plan your journeys and help support a better-connected future.

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Questions

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