

Burton Green Haul Route

We will begin construction of a haul route from the A429 Coventry Road as far as Burton Green and from Burton Green along the old railway line to Berkswell station. We expect this work to begin in the early summer and be ready to take construction traffic in the spring of 2020.

A haul route is a temporary road made from hardcore and used to make deliveries to site and remove excavated materials. This lessens the impact from construction traffic on local roads as much as possible.

The haul route will be constructed on the line of the eventual railway and does not impact on the greenway south of Burton Green which is on a separate alignment.

The haul route will be accessed by construction traffic from A429 Coventry Road. The road will be widened at this point and a filter lane constructed. This will allow construction traffic to turn right into the haul route. Construction traffic exiting the haul route will turn left only, heading north towards Coventry.

A temporary greenway

A temporary greenway will be constructed north of Burton Green, crossing Red Lane next to the entrance to the new village hall. The temporary greenway will then cross Cromwell Lane and Waste Lane. Once the high speed railway is complete, then the greenway will be returned to its original alignment.



- 1 A new filter lane on the A429 Coventry Road providing a right turn for construction traffic only to access the haul route.
- 2 Construction of a temporary bridge spanning Finham brook
- 3 Managed crossing of Connect 2 cycle path over the haul route
- 4 Archaeological dig prior to construction. Archaeological teams have already found evidence of early medieval settlement to the north of the A429.
- 5 Construction of haul route – expected to take 6 months to complete
- 6 Vegetation clearance and mitigation works including translocation of endangered species to new habitats

Tree works during bird nesting season

We may need to carry out tree works and vegetation clearance in the area during the bird nesting season which runs from March to October. However, this is permitted so long as strict procedures are followed. This means that our works are supervised by a full time Ecological Officer who ensures compliance with a working method statement.

The Ecological Officer carries out checks on the ground, in hedges and in trees, prior to any vegetation clearance work being carried out. An exclusion zone is then put around any nests that are found and this remains in place until the birds have completed breeding and the young have fledged.

Following this, the Ecology Officer re-checks the nest before any work is allowed to continue.



3D visualisation showing fenced off haul route and managed crossing of the Connect 2 cycle path between Kenilworth and Warwick University.

Kenilworth cycle route and public rights of way

All public rights of way across the haul route will remain open throughout the construction including Connect 2, the cycle route between Kenilworth and Warwick University. Where bridleways and cycle paths cross the haul route then this will become a managed crossing both during construction and once the haul route is in use.

Once the railway is under construction then the cycle route will be diverted to allow a bridge to be built over the line. However, the bridleway/cycle route will remain open for the public throughout.

Final designs will hopefully be available to view from the main contractor Balfour Beatty Vinci (BBV), in the summer.

FAQ

Q: What is a haul route?

A haul route is a temporary 'roadway' constructed from compacted hardcore. It will be used by HS2 contractors only, to deliver materials and equipment to site. Where necessary it will also be used to remove soil for use along other parts of the route. Confining as much of our movements along the haul route as possible, means we won't have to travel along local roads and that will help us to reduce disruption.

Will the Burton Green haul route follow the same path as the Kenilworth greenway?

No. The haul route will be constructed along the main railway alignment from the A429 Coventry road and continue north as far as Burton Green. This means that the greenway will remain open for use by everyone as usual.

What if I need to cross the haul route?

All crossings of the haul route, such as Connect 2 between Kenilworth and Warwick University, will be carefully managed to allow them to remain open to the public throughout HS2 construction works. All crossings will be carefully managed with controls put in place to always ensure public safety along bridleways and public footpaths.

When will work begin?

Vegetation clearance and some tree planting around Crackley Lane began as part of early works last summer. Further vegetation clearance will continue in the next few weeks to allow construction of the haul route to begin in the early summer. Construction of the temporary greenway between Burton Green and Berkswell station is set to start at the same time. We expect to complete both by the end of the year.