

A38 slip road closures at Streethay, Staffordshire

Five nights of southbound slip road closures with sustained 24-hour southbound slip road closure for 15 months

HS2: Building Britain's future

HS2 is Britain's new high speed rail line being built from London to the North-West, with HS2 trains linking the biggest cities in Scotland with Manchester, Birmingham and London. HS2 is the largest infrastructure project in Europe and the most important economic and social regeneration project in decades.

170 miles of new high-speed line is already under construction between Crewe and London, employing around 25,000 people. The investment in HS2 flows back into the British economy with thousands of businesses from all over the country getting contracts and able to expand and create more local jobs.

HS2 is being built to the highest standards, using world-class engineering to protect the countryside, protect local communities, and cut carbon.

Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the Midlands section of HS2's Phase One route, covering approximately 90km from Long Itchington in Warwickshire to Lichfield in Staffordshire.

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

Visit our dedicated webpage for the A38 at Streethay [here](#).

To allow for the HS2 line to pass under the A38, multiple pieces of work will be taking place in the vicinity of Lichfield. During the parliamentary stages we identified ways to reduce the visual impact of the scheme, we responded to concerns and the design was changed to a cutting, which includes the construction of the A38 Rykneld Street overbridge and retained cutting.

The “retained cutting” will enable the HS2 line to pass under the A38, West Coast Main Line and South Staffordshire Rail Line, below ground level, therefore reducing its visibility from your line of sight. The original HS2 Environmental Statement (ES) scheme design included a large embankment and viaduct within the Streethay area. The viaduct was proposed to have been a minimum of 250m long and 20m above ground level. Due to the design changes, we will need to excavate and transport approximately 700,000m³ of earth from the cutting.

To progress the cutting, we are constructing a bridge to take the A38 over the HS2 line. The new HS2 railway line will run beneath the main carriageway, slip roads and existing railway lines. To carry out this programme safely, we will have phased traffic management which will commence with the **closure of the A38 southbound slip road at Streethay from Monday 1 August 2022 for 15 months.**

We will be constructing the supporting foundations and structure for the bridge. We will also be starting excavations for the A38 southbound slip road and carriageway overbridges. During later phases of work, we will be closing the northbound slip road, along with lane closures on the carriageway of the A38 within the Streethay area.

Our work is subject to consent and change.

Updated designs bring environmental and community benefits

Updated designs for the cutting have reduced the length of wall structures for the railway at Streethay from 1.6 kilometres to 420 metres, meaning 80% less concrete will be needed, supporting HS2's ambition to cut carbon on the project.

This will save around 70,000 cubic metres of concrete, the equivalent to 6,700 concrete mixer lorry loads and 420,000 tonnes of carbon. In addition, overall construction time is shorter and excavated material will be reused locally to reduce lorry movements, bring further environmental benefits.

The railway will pass through Streethay in a cutting, and the shortening of the retaining structures also means the community will experience less noise and disruption during construction because fewer large machines will be needed on site.

Most of the Streethay cutting will now have sloping earth banks, improving the visual appearance of the railway and increasing the opportunity for wildlife habitats and landscape planting to protect against noise from the railway. The updated design also results in a shorter diversion of Fulfen Wood watercourse.



Streethay cutting



A diversion will signpost road users

A clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind road users of the closure.

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 <https://www.hs2.org.uk/staffordshire>

During the closure periods, we will be undertaking the following works:

- Removal of slip road carriageway, barriers, signage and other existing road furniture
- Piling activities
- Formwork reinforcement and concrete works
- Drainage and utility works
- Constructing the supporting foundations and structure to allow the HS2 to pass below the A38, and
- Excavations for the A38 southbound slip road and carriageway overbridges.



How we are 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.

You can also visit our dedicated webpage:

www.hs2.org.uk/streethay-cutting

Please share this toolkit with your marketing and communications department to help us inform people of the A38 southbound slip road closure at Streethay.

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
- Flyer
- Advanced Works Notification



Travel Advice

Travelling on the A38

A signed diversion will be in place for road users during the closure of the A38:

- The diversion for the closure of the southbound slip road at Streethay will direct road users along the southbound carriageway to the next exit at Swinfen Island.
- The diversion for the overnight closures on the northbound slip road at Streethay will direct road users along A5192 Eastern Avenue, A51 Stafford Road, A515 Tewnals Lane and along Wood End Lane, rejoining the A38 at Hilliard's Cross.

If you are travelling to Streethay or in the Lichfield area, then please use the diversion route or plan ahead and use an alternative route to your destination. Allow extra time for all journeys.

To ensure the safety of road users and contractors, there will be narrows lanes in place with a speed limit of 40 mph.

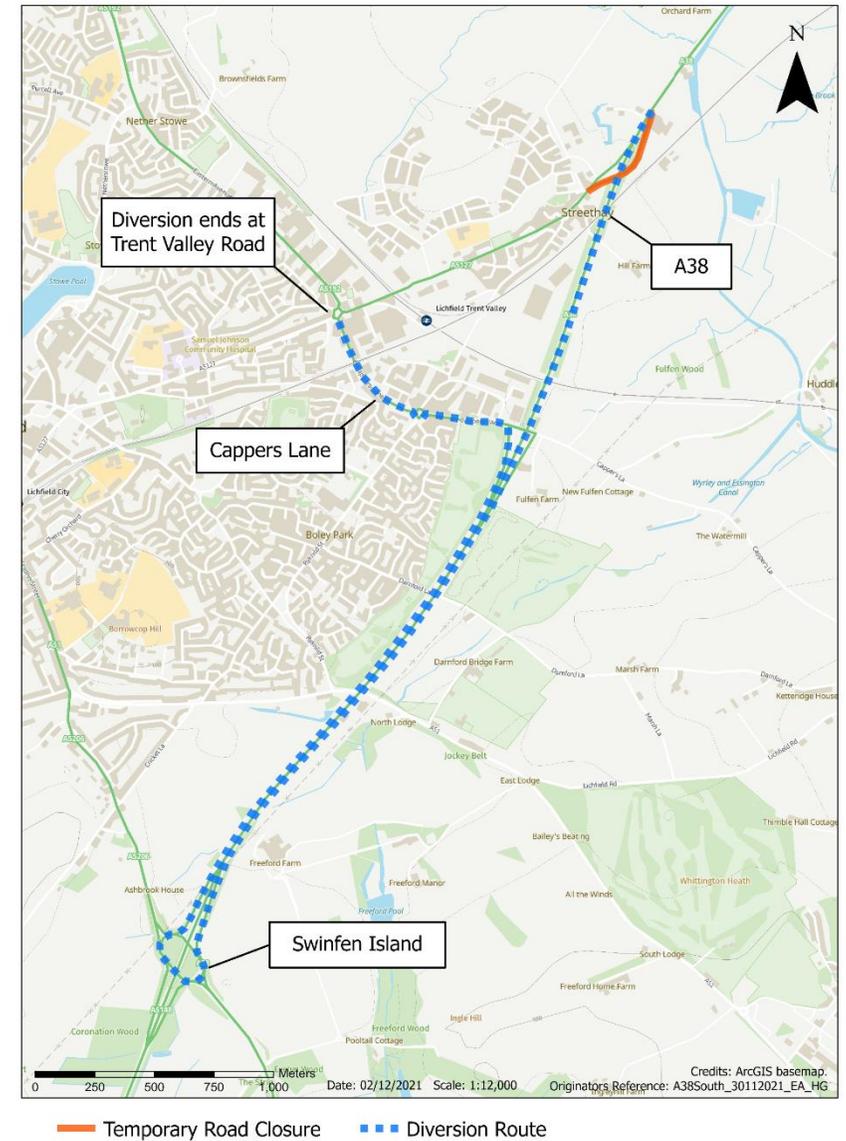


Southbound slip road diversion route

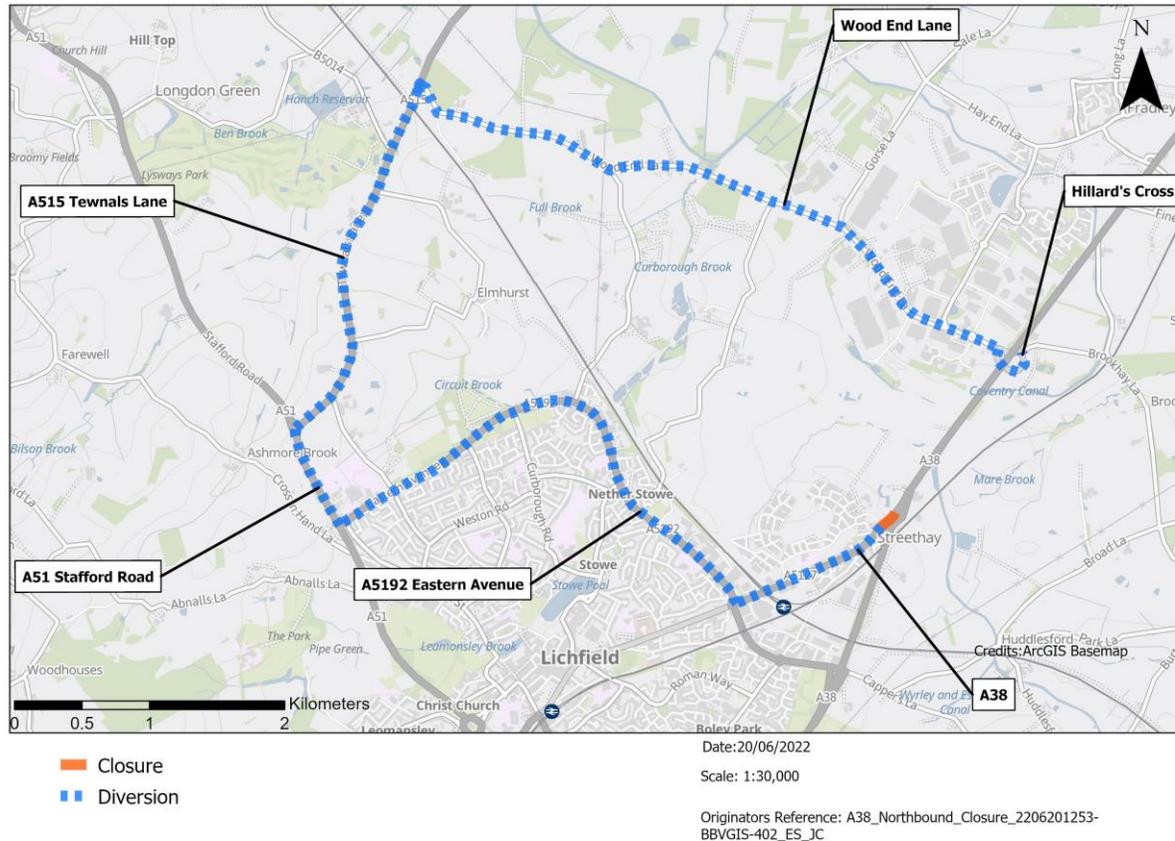
From Monday 11 July 2022 the A38 southbound slip road at Streethay will be closed overnight for five nights. This is to prepare for the closure of the slip road for 15 months from Monday 1 August. There will be a diversion in place throughout the works, which comes into effect each evening from 9pm on Monday 11 July.

This diversion will affect road users travelling to Streethay and parts of north Lichfield who would usually use the A38 southbound slip road to the A5127 Burton Road. The diversion will take road users on the southbound carriageway to the next exit at Swinfen Island.

The southbound slip road closure results in an approximate 5 mile diversion, which based on average speeds of 40 mph, during lower traffic levels, results in an overall increase in journey time of approximately 8 minutes. During peak times with an average speed of 25 mph, an overall increase of 12 minutes will be added onto journey times.



Northbound slip road diversion route



From Monday 25 July 2022 the A38 northbound slip road at Streehay will be closed overnight for six weeks.

The diversion will direct road users along A5192 Eastern Avenue, A51 Stafford Road, A515 Tewnals Lane and along Wood End Lane, rejoining the A38 at Hilliard's Cross. Please do not use Sat Navs but instead follow the signed diversion. We will provide free vehicle recovery during our closures.

Working hours during the overnight closures will commence at 9pm each evening and we will reopen, before rush hour, at 5:30am each morning. Whilst we have closures in place, clear diversions and signage will be displayed along the route for road users. There are narrow lanes and a speed limit of 40 mph in place, to ensure the safety of the public and our workforce.

Key messages

During the Parliamentary stages we identified ways to reduce the visual impact of the scheme, we responded to concerns and the design was changed.

Southbound slip road closure at Streethay: follow the prescribed diversion route and do not follow sat navs.

Please allow extra time for your journey: Check latest traffic conditions before you leave. Our diversion route will add approximately 10 minutes to your journey.

We have reduced our programme by 12 months: this reduces the impact to road users and our environmental impact.

Suggested copy for your material

BBV is working in partnership with HS2, and to progress our programme safely, we will **close the A38 southbound slip road at Streethay from Monday 1 August for 15 months.**

To prepare for the 15 month slip road closure, we will be closing the A38 southbound slip road at Streethay overnight from Monday 11 July for five nights. We will also be installing six weeks of overnight closures on the northbound slip road from Monday 25 July.

Well signposted diversions will be in place and signage will be clearly displayed along the route. We advise you to look out for our signage, as this will provide the most up to date information regarding our closures.

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 Staffordshire at <https://www.hs2.org.uk/staffordshire>



Facebook copy

A38 slip road closures

11 July for 5 nights southbound

25 July overnight for 6 weeks northbound

1 August southbound slip road closure for 15 months

Clearly signed diversion in place
Please plan ahead



A38 SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD CLOSURE: The A38 southbound slip road at Streethay will be closed from Monday 1 August for 15 months. To prepare for this, we will install overnight closures of the southbound slip road from Monday 11 July for 5 nights and of the northbound slip road for 6 weeks from Monday 25 July.

During these closures, there will be a clearly signed diversion route in place for road users:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/a38-slip-road-closures-at-streethay-staffordshire-from-august-2022/>

For more information, please visit:
www.hs2.org.uk/streethay-cutting

Twitter copy

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Post 1

The A38 southbound slip road at Streethay will be closed from 1 August for 15 months. To prepare for this, we will install overnight closures of the slip road from 11 July for 5 nights.

You can still get to where you need to via a diversion route. Please visit:

www.hs2.org.uk/streethay-cutting

Post 2

The A38 northbound slip road at Streethay will be closed overnight from Monday 25 July for six weeks.

You can still get to where you need to via a diversion route. Please visit:

www.hs2.org.uk/streethay-cutting

Communication resources

Visit our dedicated webpage for the A38 at Streethay here.

These resources have been provided in separate documents.

Balfour Beatty VINCI Working in partnership with **HS2** **Notification**

Notice of A38 slip road closures at Streethay, Staffordshire from August 2022

June 2022 | www.hs2.org.uk

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high speed railway in your area.

During the parliamentary stages we identified ways to reduce the visual impact of the scheme, we responded to concerns and the design was changed to a cutting. This means the HS2 line will now run under the A38, so that it is less visible in your line of sight. Subsequent to this, during the design process we removed over 1 kilometre of retaining walls, cutting carbon on the project (see page 5 for more details).

The work we will be doing

To progress the cutting, we are constructing a bridge to take the A38 over the HS2 line. The new HS2 railway line will run beneath the main carriageway, slip roads and existing railway lines. To carry out this programme safely, we will have phased traffic management which will commence with the **closure of the A38 southbound slip road at Streethay from Monday 1 August 2022 for 15 months**.

We will be constructing the supporting foundations and structure for the bridge. We will also be starting excavations for the A38 southbound slip road and carriageway overbridges.

During later phases of work, we will be closing the northbound slip road along with lane closures on the carriageway within the Streethay area.

We will be starting work on Monday 11 July

To prepare for the 15-month slip road closure we will be carrying out the following overnight closures:

- **Southbound slip road** from Monday 11 July for five nights
- **Northbound slip road** from Monday 25 July for six weeks, not including weekends.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Duration of works

15 months from Monday 1 August

Overnight southbound slip road closures from Monday 11 July for five nights

Northbound slip road overnight closures from Monday 25 July for six weeks.

What to expect

We have extended our working hours during the 15-month slip road closures will be from 8am until 10pm.

Some noise and vibration from the work we are completing, including piling.

Clearly signed diversion route, do not follow Sat Navs.

What we will do

Our work is subject to consent.

Please register at www.hs2.org.uk/staf-fordshire for updates.

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

Advanced Works Notification (AWN)

Balfour Beatty VINCI Working in partnership with **HS2**

A38 southbound slip road closure

The A38 southbound slip road at Streethay will be closed for 15 months from Monday 1 August. To prepare, southbound slip road closures will take place for five nights from Monday 11 July. High Speed Two (HS2) is the new High speed railway for Britain.

Contact us

Your opinion is important to us. If you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch.

☎ 24/7 freephone 08081 434 434

✉ Minicom 08081 456 472

✉ Email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to: High Speed Two (HS2) Limited Two, Snowhill Snow Hill Queensway Birmingham B1 5EQ

Website: www.hs2.org.uk

To keep up to date with what is happening in your area, visit: www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpage/hs2-in-staffordshire

Please contact us if you have any questions or feedback about the HS2 scheme or our works. You can also contact us for help with any questions in a different language.

HS2 is committed to providing you with the best possible experience. We will be carrying out the following overnight closures:

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Subscribe for news updates about HS2 in Staffordshire, including the A38 slip road closures, at <https://www.hs2.org.uk/staffordshire/>

Digital Flyer

Come and talk to us about our works

To support communities, we have events coming up online and in the Streethay area of Lichfield

Community and stakeholder webinar, Tuesday 5 July at 5:30pm

Please use the below link to register your interest and for joining instructions. This webinar will be held online. Further details can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-community-online-webinar-event-lichfield-tickets-370457296747>

Streethay drop-in event one, Monday 11 July at 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Further details can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-bbv-community-drop-in-event-in-streethay-tickets-370476183237>

Streethay drop-in event one, Tuesday 19 July at 4pm to 6pm

Further details can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hs2-bbv-community-drop-in-event-in-streethay-tickets-370479683707>

Drop in event venue: Boley Park Community Hall

Venue address: 7 Ryknild St, Lichfield WS14 9XU

Communication resources

You can download these images from our dedicated webpage at www.hs2.org.uk/streethay-cutting



Artist impression 1



Artist impression 2



Useful Contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: www.hs2.org.uk/streethay-cutting

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	Staffordshire County Council	Home - Staffordshire County Council	@StaffordshireCC
By train	National Rail	nationalrail.co.uk/Contact-Us	@nationalrailenq

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

Partners

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 Staffordshire area please visit <https://www.hs2.org.uk/staffordshire>



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