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HS2 Update

Interchange area, Solihull | October 2020

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Early works for HS2 are being carried out by a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons, known as LM. In your area, we are working near the A452, A45 and M42, which surround the site of the future HS2 Interchange Station. We refer to this area as the Interchange area.

Responding to the coronavirus pandemic

The health, safety and wellbeing of the communities along the future HS2 railway route remains our absolute priority, alongside that of our staff.

We are working closely with HS2 to ensure our construction sites are in line with Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on dealing with coronavirus. The Government's current coronavirus strategy makes clear that construction activity can continue as long as it complies with this guidance.

Our sites in the Interchange area remain operational because they can work within PHE and construction industry guidelines.

HS2 Interchange Station gains planning approval

The planning submissions for the future HS2 Interchange Station and the Automated People Mover (APM), were recently approved by Solihull Council.

The station's design makes use of renewable technologies, and in operation, will use natural ventilation, harvested rainwater and solar energy to cut carbon.

The APM will link the station to the NEC, Birmingham International Station and Birmingham Airport, carrying up to 2,100 passengers per hour in each direction, with a service every three minutes.



Virtual events

Throughout our works, we have hosted monthly drop-in events to give you the opportunity to speak with our team about activities near the A452, A45 and M42.

Due to coronavirus, we have taken the decision **postpone all face-to-face engagement events for the foreseeable future.**

We will continue to engage with you via our regular newsletters, notifications and a programme of virtual events. Find out more at:

www.hs2insolihull.co.uk



Building the Interchange area's future road network

Reviewing 2020 so far

LM is extending and improving the existing local road network, as well as creating new routes on HS2 land, to ensure that when the future HS2 Interchange Station is operational, the network is fit for purpose.

To date, we've completed most of our utility diversions on and around Northway Island, and carried out various surveys and vegetation clearance.

We also safely installed our first of four new highways bridges, in the Interchange area, over the M42. To take traffic over the future railway route, we are continuing to construct two bridges on HS2 land surrounded by the A452, A45 and M42. No traffic measures are required to complete these bridges. Our final bridge will be located over the A446 (see page 3).

Upcoming works from October 2020

From October to December 2020, we will continue to carry out works and traffic measures on and around Northway Island, including Northway and on the B4438, A452, A446 and M42.

To minimise disruption during peak travel times, where possible, our traffic measures will be carried out overnight, between 8pm and 6am, or during daytime hours between 9.30am and 3.30pm. On occasion, weekend working may be required.

For the remainder of 2020, most of our traffic measures will be located on Northway, where we are developing new pedestrian footpaths, kerb lines and central reservations, although varying stretches of the road network will be affected at different times until the end of the year.

We will continue to minimise disruption by:

- Maintaining access to all buildings in the area
- Ensuring clear signage is in place for drivers
- Keeping the road network operational
- Keeping the area in a tidy state

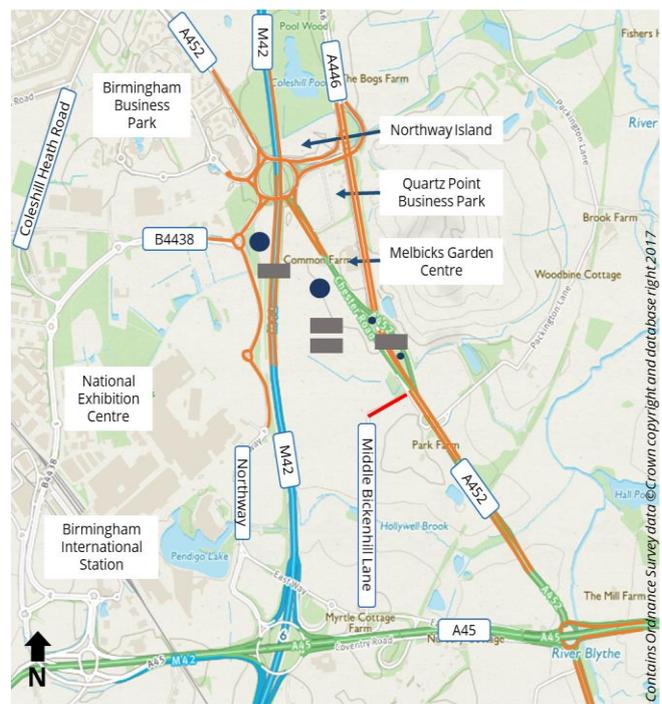
Location of upcoming works from October 2020

The map below outlines the location of our traffic measures between October and December 2020, on Northway Island, and on the B4438, A452, A446 and M42.

Throughout our works, varying stretches of the road network will be affected along the highlighted routes for varying durations of time. Works will be phased to avoid overburdening the network.

Key:

-  = location of works
-  = permanent road closure
-  = location of highways bridges
-  = compound



Temporary closure of the A452 and A446 in October

During 2020, LM is constructing four new highways bridges. In the future, these bridges will connect the current highways network to the new routes. The first of these new highways bridges was safely installed in August over the M42 and the motorway reopened 22 hours earlier than planned. Work is now well underway on our final bridge which will be located over the A446.

In the lead up to the A446 bridge deck installation, preparation works will take place on the surrounding network. To carry out these works safely, we will install temporary overnight closures on the A446 northbound and southbound during October. Signed diversion routes will be in place for drivers.

Once all preparatory works are finished, we will **close sections of the A452 Chester Road (northbound) and A446 Stonebridge Road (northbound and southbound) between Stonebridge Island and M6 Junction 4** for one weekend to install the bridge deck.

These sections will be **temporarily closed to traffic after evening rush hour on Friday 23 October 2020 and reopen before morning rush hour on Monday 26 October 2020.**

If our works progress faster than expected, we will reopen the A452 and A446 earlier if possible.

During this temporary closure, diversions will be in place and clear signage will be displayed along the route for drivers.

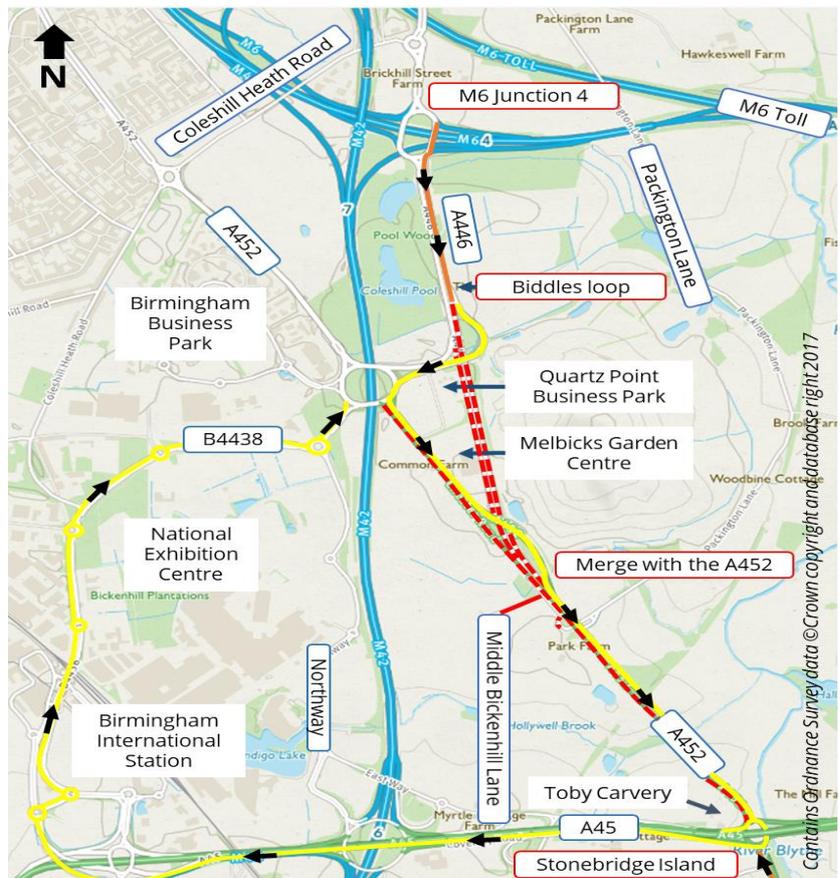
To help keep traffic flowing, we'll be providing free vehicle recovery along the planned diversion routes.

Businesses including Melbicks Garden Centre and Toby Carvery will remain accessible to road users throughout the temporary weekend closure.

We advise subscribing for news updates about HS2 in Solihull and traffic measures, including the A446 bridge installation, at: www.hs2insolihull.co.uk

Key:

- ⋯ = temporary road closures
- = permanent road closure
- = temporary lane closures
- = diversion routes
- ➔ = diversion route directions



Keeping you informed

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

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

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

Contact Us

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