

M42 Junction 6 Improvement Update

Work on the M42 Junction 6 improvement scheme has been progressing well and you will now see the footprint of roads and roundabouts starting to take shape across the area.

Work has been going continuing either side of the M42 creating the new dumbbell roundabouts which will become the new M42 junction 5A. We've also completed most of the earthworks for the new Solihull Road bridge ahead of the bridges being installed in September this year. We're still on programme to reopen Solihull Road by Christmas 2022.

We previously mentioned our footbridge installation across the A45 which was due to take place at the end of March. Due to the need to agree possession of the railway line we now intend to complete the work on the night of Saturday 30 April. This will involve closing the A45 in both directions and I have included a map of the agreed diversion route while the road is closed.

We've prepared a temporary realignment for Catherine De Barnes Lane to allow us to keep traffic on the road while we build the structure to carry local traffic across the new dual carriageway. We'll need to close Catherine De Barnes Lane for 2 nights, currently planned for 25 and 26 April to tie in to the existing road. From 27 April the road will be reduced to 30mph and traffic attempting to join Catherine De Barnes Lane from Shadowbrook Lane will only be able to turn left until early June.

We've also had the opportunity to help a local charity, Birmingham Dogs Home, with some traffic management to hold an event celebrating their 130th birthday. It was great to give back to the community in which we're working!

The next 18 months will be when the majority of the work will take place and I would like to thank you for your understanding and patience whilst we build the scheme in and around where you live. The benefits of the scheme are vast but we understand the significant disruption that it brings.

If you have any specific questions then please contact me directly at Martin.Follmer@skanska.co.uk



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