

Major Infrastructure Committee

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Major Infrastructure Report for this evening's meeting below:



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Major Infrastructure Sub-Committee Report 12 July 2023

HS2

Construction continues on HS2 and the only effects on the Parish are the occasional one-way lights on Meriden Road and the overnight closures on Diddington Lane. Construction of the Blythe Valley viaduct is due to start in earnest later this month with piling for the viaduct bases and abutments. No further news yet on the final design for the northern junction of Diddington Lane with the A452 – still waiting to see how the safety concerns of this junction will be covered!

M42 Junction 6

Solihull Road has now reopened after a 2 year closure which is a relief to both village residents and businesses. However, Catherine de Barnes Lane is now closed to through traffic for the remainder of this year at least as construction proceeds for the new link road up to the Clock Roundabout.

Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming

In Hampton in Arden the new gateway on Solihull Road was constructed immediately prior to the reopening of the road. Within the village the other outstanding measures (raised table at the existing gateway on Meriden Road and the new tables close to the station) will be constructed later this year. The design of the average speed cameras is on-going with installation due this financial year.

In Catherine de Barnes we understand that SMBC Highways are in detailed discussions with National Highways regarding the proposed traffic calming measures to be included under NH's designated funds scheme.

Parking in the Parish

Recent public meetings have highlighted a number of parking issues within the Parish, both in Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes. The recent re-opening of the Beeches as Soho Tavern has increased these parking issues. We have held an initial meeting with SMBC Highways when we were asked to agree what measures we believe will address these issues and improve safety for all road users.

The proposals are:

Hampton in Arden

- Install double yellow lines on Marsh Lane and Fentham Road for 10 metres either side of the junction.
- Install double yellow lines at the top of Marsh Lane and the High Street to replace the existing white lining and 'keep clear' markings. Short-term loading and unloading will be permitted.
- Install single yellow line on the eastbound side of the High Street opposite the village stores and Butchers Road between the terraced house and the entrance to the manor. Short-term parking permitted for a maximum of 15 or 30 minutes.
- Install double yellow lines on Shadowbrook Lane either side of the sharp bend by the entrance to the sports ground.

Catherine de Barnes

- Install double yellow lines on the eastbound side of Hampton Lane between the Nisa shop and the canal bridge.
- Install double yellow lines at the junction of Hampton Lane and Lugtrout Lane on both sides of Lugtrout Lane up to Appletree Close.

All councillors should note that current traffic regulations do not permit parking within 10 metres of a junction – the new double yellow lines on Marsh Lane and the top of the High Street reinforce this regulation and do not increase no parking areas.

We are currently holding an informal public consultation this month (commencing at the village fete held at the beginning of the month, seeking both resident's and business's views on these proposals. On completion we will discuss further with SMBC Highways to agree the required measures and initiate the formal process in obtaining the required Traffic Regulation Orders.