

Alexander Stadium Redevelopment

FAQs: communicating wayfinding, signage and hoarding

The FAQs below have been created to everyone better understand what is proposed regarding wayfinding, access and movement around the Alexander Stadium site as we approach the start of construction w/c 25 May 2020.

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1. **Question: Why is public access to the land behind the GMAC being closed off, given the government's recent announcement encouraging people to use their local parks more?**

Answer: Earthworks need to be carried out over the whole site simultaneously, so we can sustainably manage the arisings from the stadium excavation and create the platforms for the new warm-up track and throws field. Heavy earth moving plant will be in operation throughout the summer and autumn of 2020 and it would not be safe for this to be carried out in close proximity to the general public.

2. **Question: Does any other this go beyond your existing planning consent?**

Answer: No, we are carrying out works in line with 'phase 1' of the planning consent, for the redevelopment of Alexander Stadium. Wider 'phase 2' works, planned for the Commonwealth Games temporary overlay will be consulted on separately at a later date.

3. **Question: Will the introduction of new pathways, compounds and gates lead to any tree, vegetation or grass loss?**

Answer: There will be no additional loss of trees or hedges resulting from the construction of the compounds. The remaining trees, planned and consented to be removed, will be removed following consultation with the designated Ecologist, to ensure any nesting birds are no longer present.

4. **Question: The proposed hoarding seems to be leading to the loss of even more trees on the northern boundary near the canal. Is this beyond the planning permission?**

Answer: The tree felling previously consented to is incomplete in this area. The hoarding will be temporarily diverted until any nesting birds have left and until the remainder of the trees can be removed. More tree felling (at the appropriate time) is required, in line with the planning approval.

5. **Question: Will the new paths be permanent?**

The paths being put in place will either be temporary or will utilise existing paths. The redevelopment longer-term will introduce new paths to improve access to both the stadium and the wider Perry Park area.

6. **Question:** There seems to be a need for a path between Gates 2 and 4 (at the rear of the allotments between Church Road and the GMAC). Are you providing this.

Answer: It is important that we ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of workers, visitors and members of the public and as a result we are unable to provide access between Gate 2 and 4 for members of the public. We are ensuring that the canal tow path, and the route via Stadium Way, remains open to ensure a circular route is available to those wishing to walk around the site.

7. **Question:** The route parallel to the canal is not accessible. How can I get from one part of the site to another?

Answer: Like much of Perry Park's paths and trails, including the ones being restricted, not all routes are fully DDA compliant. Care should always be taken by users when exploring and enjoying the parkland and surrounding natural environment.

8. **Question:** What sort of wayfinding and signage will I see around the site?

Answer: Wayfinding signage will be erected around the site where there is an interface with the public, indicating any diversions or closures. Advance warning signs will be provided, with accessibility maps provided on the hoarding to inform the public.

9. **Question:** There will clearly need to be lots of vehicle movements and deliveries. Are there any restrictions in place or can you do what you wish?

Answer: There is strict guidance in place to prevent the free movement of construction vehicles and deliveries. These include ensuring large construction vehicles are signed in by our security team and held in the holding area until it is safe for them to proceed to site. In addition, there will be restrictions which relate to opening times of the site, number of vehicles on site and clear speed limit restrictions.

10. **Question:** How are vehicles going to leave the site via Stadium Way? There is no right turn available, is there?

Answer: This is no different to how the site has been exited from this road before. Vehicles exiting Stadium Way will need to turn left onto Walsall Road heading southbound. Vehicles needing to head north can then turn into Church Road or Perry Avenue to head in that direction.

11. Question: Will you be making these maps available online?

Answer: Yes, we will ensure they are on the stadium section of the following page on the Birmingham City Council website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/perry-barr-regen