

Perry Barr A34 Highways Works

Frequently Asked Questions - May 2020

The following FAQs have been created to provide a more detailed understanding of Phase One of the A34 Highways Works and how these will be managed.

	Question	Answer
1	When are you starting on the works and how long will these take?	<p>This first phase of works starts on 8th June and will run through to late 2020.</p> <p>The whole works will run through until the end of 2021.</p>
2	Why is this work taking place?	<p>We are carrying out these works as part of the regeneration of Perry Barr, a £500 million-plus programme which includes the delivery of new homes and improvements to public transport infrastructure, as well as the revamping of the Alexander Stadium.</p>
3	What roads will be affected by the works?	<p>The works will mainly affect the A34, A4040 Aston Lane, A4040 Wellington Road, A453 Aldridge Road, Harrier Way and Birchfield Road.</p>
4	What do the Phase One works include?	<p>This first phase is to widen parts of Harrier Way and A34. In order to do this safely, a new temporary road layout will be created. These works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site clearance, utility diversions and drainage improvements• Temporary works to enable future traffic management arrangements• Carriageway widening, to ensure safe working areas for construction• Footway works, to maintain access• Structural works for the new bridge at Birchfield Island.
5	Will the flyover still be in operation throughout this phase of the works?	<p>Yes, during this phase of works the flyover will remain in use as at present. The flyover will be demolished in a later phase of works this winter.</p>
6	Why are you making lane closures?	<p>Lane closures will be made to ensure the safety of the workforce and all road users whilst the works are taking place.</p>
7	Where will the lane closures be and when?	<p>There will be a variety of lane closures and layout changes on all affected roads, which will be communicated in advance in a range of ways, including via www.birmingham.gov.uk/perry-barr-regen.</p>
8	How do you intend to manage traffic and congestion during the works?	<p>There will be clear signage and full Traffic Management will be in place. This will be complemented by media and social media activity to promote the works.</p>

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9	Will One Stop Shopping be open as usual?	Yes.
10	Will I be able to enter and leave One Stop Shopping in the usual way by car / on foot?	Access to One Stop Shopping will be maintained at all times.
11	Will the works affect deliveries to the One Stop Centre?	No. Access for deliveries will be maintained.
12	Will the bus services operate in the normal way?	The bus services will operate as normal. Any changes to the services will be notified in the usual way. For more information on timetables go to www.wmnetwork.co.uk
13	How can I plan my journey to work?	To better plan your journeys to and from Perry Barr, visit www.wmnetwork.co.uk/plan-your-journey
14	How will cyclists be affected by the works and what steps are being taken to ensure cyclists are kept safe?	Cyclists who are confident cycling on the highway will be able to continue to do so as at present. Once complete, this scheme will extend the A34 cycle route to Perry Barr centre, with ambitions to continue the route further north.
15	As a pedestrian, will I be able to cross the A34 at all times from the One Stop Junction through to Aldridge Road?	Yes. Pedestrian crossing facilities will be available at all times. Where necessary, pedestrian diversions will be introduced.
16	There are lots of construction projects in this area, won't this work put their completion dates at risk?	All works that form part of the regeneration of Perry Barr have been carefully planned and coordinated to ensure the timely completion of all schemes.
17	What happens once this phase of works is completed?	Once this phase is completed, we will then move on to the next phase of works, which will focus on dismantling the flyover and completing the new bridge at Birchfield Island.
18	Who do I contact if I have a query about this work?	Should you have any queries about the works, please e-mail transport.projects@birmingham.gov.uk
19	How can I find out more about Perry Barr's regeneration plans?	Please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/perry-barr-regen
20	How often will you be updating us on these works and how?	We will be providing regular updates on our website and are working closely with Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) to keep people informed about what is happening in the area and provide advice on the various travel options available during the works.