

Alexander Stadium Redevelopment

Southern section of the Athletes' Route - Commencement of construction works June 2021

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Southern section of the Athletes' Route – commencement of construction works

In January 2021, we submitted a reserved matters planning application to Birmingham City Council to seek approval for the southern section of the Athletes' Route. The proposals were approved by Birmingham City Council on 13th May 2021, and are available to view on the <u>Council's Planning Online website</u>.

Construction of the southern section of the Athletes' Route will begin on Monday 21st June 2021, and will be completed in December 2021. Construction of the Route will take place in two phases, beginning with Phase One. The extent of the Phase One construction works are shown on the plan on the following slide. Once Phase One is complete, Phase Two (covering the remainder of the Route) will begin.

The designated construction area will follow the line of the Route, and include a storage compound and top soil stock pile area (an extension of the existing top soil stock pile area). The construction area will be bounded by site fencing which will remain in place until early 2022.

A pedestrian crossing point will be made available during both phases of the construction works, to ensure that members of the public can continue to walk from one side of Perry Park to the other. Signage will be installed to direct pedestrians to the crossing point.

The construction working hours will be consistent with the Alexander Stadium Redevelopment works, from 8am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturday.

During the construction works, it is probable that there will be a slight increase in the audible noise, and dust levels in the vicinity. We would like to reassure stakeholders that noise and dust levels will be monitored on a daily basis, and that dust mitigation measures will also be in place. This includes the use of mobile tanks and mist blowers.

Further information about Phase Two of the construction works will follow in due course. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Jade Tilley, Stakeholder and Public Liaison Manager for the Alexander Stadium Redevelopment at <u>Jade.Tilley@arup.com</u>.





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Southern section of the Athletes' Route – Phase One construction works



 site fencing
Pedestrian crossing point
Storage compound and top soil stock

pile area

Construction area/

Key

Indicative location of the Phase One construction area and pedestrian crossing point





Southern section of the Athletes' Route – removal and replacement of a sapling

A sapling (young tree) has recently been identified along the path of the southern section of the Athletes' Route. An image of the sapling and its location within Perry Park (marked in red) are shown below.

The sapling will need to be removed to enable construction of the Athletes' Route to proceed, and to prevent any delays to the overall Alexander Stadium Redevelopment programme. The project team is committed to minimising impacts to existing trees, and has received advice from Birmingham City Council's Parks and Nature Conservation team about the most appropriate course of action.

The sapling will be removed week commencing 21st June 2021, and an equivalent sapling will be planted in Perry Park after the Commonwealth Games to compensate for this loss. Our principal contractor McLaughlin & Harvey will first check the sapling for any bird nests, and the sapling will only be removed if there are no nests present.



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Indicative location of the sapling (in red).



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An image of the sapling