

Press release: Highways England calling on public to help shape new M42 junction

Highways England plans to improve traffic flows at an important junction for the millions of people that travel to Birmingham International Airport every year and also surrounding venues such as the National Exhibition Centre.

The project, due to start in 2020, will see the creation of a new 2.4km dual carriageway link road – aligned to the west of Bickenhill – between the A45 Clock Interchange and a new junction on the M42 south of junction 6 located north of Solihull Road.

We are inviting everyone to have their say on the details at a public consultation running from 9 January 2018 until 19 February 2018 on the preferred route for M42 junction 6.

Highways England senior project manager, Jonathan Pizzey, said

We want to make sure that local people and other stakeholders have a say in the project.

We'll be taking all comments into consideration as we complete the design, prior to making a planning application later in 2018. All comments will be considered, and we will provide a report identifying how they have influenced the design.

As part of the scheme there are also plans to improve traffic flow at the M42 junction 6 roundabout – a well-known bottleneck – by providing dedicated left turn links between the M42 and A45 at the NEC and the north east side of the roundabout. This will benefit motorists by reducing congestion and improving journey times around the junction, as well as access to and from the motorway.

We will continue to work closely with all stakeholders through the detailed design and statutory process to ensure their views and ideas are incorporated into the design where appropriate.

Construction is expected to start in 2020 and completion is due in 2023; subject to DC0 approval in 2019.

Location	Date	Time
The Arden Hotel: Coventry Road, Bickenhill, B92 0EH	Tuesday 9 January 2018	1pm to 8pm
St Peter's Church Hall: Church Lane, Bickenhill, B92 0DN	Thursday 11 January 2018	12pm to 8pm

Location	Date	Time
Catherine de Barnes Village Hall: Hampton Lane, B91 2TJ	Saturday 13 January 2018	10am to 4pm
Marston Green Parish Hall: 38 Elmdon Road, Marston Green, B37 7BT	Wednesday 17 January 2018	12pm to 8pm
Fentham Hall: Marsh Lane, Hampton-in- Arden, B92 0AH	Friday 19 January 2018	12pm to 8pm
Warwickshire Gaelic Athletic Association: The Clubhouse, Catherine de Barnes Lane, Bickenhill, B92 0DB	Saturday 27 January 2018	10am to 4pm
The Core: Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3RG	Wednesday 31 January 2018	10am to 5:45pm (A selection of presentation boards will remain at The Core until 19 February 2018)

For a copy of the preferred route announcement leaflet and more information about the scheme, visit the [M42 junction 6 Improvement](#) website.

Members of the public can also contact the project team by emailing m42junction6@highwaysengland.co.uk or by calling Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000.