

Stanks Island and Birmingham Road Improvement Scheme: Progress Update

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Overview

Since the last update, the works have developed across the whole site. Significantly, over the last two weeks, night-time closures around the site have enabled final surfacing works to take place at Stanks Roundabout and on Haywood Road. This week, those works have comprised the surfacing works at Wedgnock. Dayworks have included the raising of gullies and carriageway chambers and the installation of areas of outstanding kerbs. All utility diversions across the site have now been completed and many areas have only finishing works remains.

This month we would like to extend additional thanks and apologies for any inconvenience to those residents, businesses and visitors affected by the night closures and diversions throughout the site, these closures have been critical for the delivery of surfacing across the site.

Progress to Date



Figure 1: Works Location Plan

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Stanks Island (East/West Splitters and North/South Overbridges)

Carriageway surfacing has been completed around the Stanks Island. This comprised the raising of gullies, loop boxes around the island as preliminary works. Then during night closures of the island, the final surfacing, white lining and loop box installation.



Wedgnock NW, Wedgnock NE and Wedgnock South

Around the Wedgnock Junction, surfacing works have taken place this week. This has comprised the planing out of large areas, channels and the installation of binder and surface courses. Again, these works have taken place during night closures. The splitter island kerbing for the two splitters in this area have been completed prior to the surfacing works.



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SE Footpath

Surfacing of this area was completed at night and subsequent white lining, traffic signal loops and signage have been completed.



Haywood Road

Haywood Road in the northbound direction remains open to traffic and should be open to fully soon. Final surfacing has been completed on both sides of this road.



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Wedgnock to St Michaels Road

Planing and resurfacing works have been completed here including the raising and installation of new gullies throughout this area. A new mini pedestrian splitter island has been installed.



Budbrooke Road West

STAT utility works have been completed by all the statutory authorities with ducting in this area. NMCN will now complete the installation of the kerbs for the revised widened bell-mouth and create the footway and verge at this location.



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Traffic Signals Works (Site-wide)

TELENT have been on site installing traffic signals throughout the site. As well as installing the signal poles, cabling has been installed through the network of ducting and stakkabox chambers installed as part of this scheme. This new signalised system will be activated later in the scheme once all areas are ready.



Health and Safety

On behalf of WCC and NMCN, we apologise for the inconvenience/delays you are encountering due to the roadworks and temporary traffic management.

The traffic management near Wedgnock including the lane closure along Wedgnock Lane will continue, 24 hours a day, to facilitate works to the roundabout and north side works areas. Three-way traffic signals will also be in place during off peak times at Wedgnock/Budbrooke Road and around Eastley Crescent/Birmingham Road when work activities require it. Further details regarding these plans can be located on the website.

Night working ceases this week and surfacing, and all other works will return to day hours from next week. Birmingham Road will be closed for a large section next week for the resurfacing of the carriageway along the road. For more information on the diversion routes, please see the website.

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Further Information

Traffic management around the works will continue to be in place off-peak, in addition to the 24/7 closure of Wedgnock Lane Southbound. Any further changes to traffic management and pedestrian routes will be communicated via the website. Full pedestrian route guidance can be found on the website and on the printed maps around the area closed.

Your patience and adherence to the temporary traffic and pedestrian management, required to keep the public and workforce safe, is very much appreciated.

Works are continuing through this pandemic and we are working to get the scheme completed in a safe manner as soon as possible. The contractor is using social distancing and monitoring the most current government guidance in order to operate the site safely in this climate and has reviewed all activities to ensure they can be completed or adjusted to remain practicable.

Works are currently due to finish in Autumn 2020 due to the unexpected delays incurred by COVID-19 and other delays incurred throughout the project life. WCC and NMCN are working tirelessly to deliver this project as soon as reasonably practicable, any further updates will be communicated at a later date through the website.

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