

Stanks Island and Birmingham Road Improvement Scheme: Progress Update

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Overview

Finishing works continue to develop around the site and final areas of civils works are coming to a close. Carriageway surfacing has been completed and footway surfacing works are ongoing in the final stretch of the scheme. Over the last few weeks, fencing, topsoiling and traffic signal works are being undertaken. Again, we would like to extend additional thanks and apologies for any inconvenience to those residents, businesses and visitors affected by the closures and diversions throughout the site, these closures have been critical for the delivery of surfacing across the site.

As the works are beginning to come to a close, the final layout of the new junctions and cycle routes are becoming apparent and we hope that users are beginning to benefit from the facilities provided. Once the traffic signal commissioning has taken place in a few weeks time, the benefits should really be seen for all throughout the area.

Progress to Date



Figure 1: Works Location Plan

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Wedgnock NW

Surfacing has now been completed in this area, white lining, topsoiling and the footpath surfacing has been completed. TELENT have been on site installing the Traffic Signal Controller and readying the junction for commissioning in the coming weeks.



Wedgnock NE

The small footpath to the rear of the Wedgnock NE has been broken out and prepared for new surfacing.



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Budbrooke Road West

Carriageway surfacing has now been completed in this area and final preparations are being made to the new footpath and verge. This area has now been opened up to its new extents with the dedicated right turn lane into Budbrooke Industrial Estate open for use and the widened bell-mouth kerbline in place.



Traffic Signals Works (Site-wide)

TELENT have continued to prepare for the traffic signals commissioning which is currently programmed within the next couple of weeks and will mark a major milestone in the final stages of this project. This will include the signalisation of Wedgnock Junction, Haywood Road and the Old Budbrooke Road Junction.



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Old Budbrooke Road Junction

In this area final traffic signals works are being undertaken including replacement of old chamber boxes, lids and frames and TELENT continue to set up the permanent signals.



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.

Across the site, many areas of footpaths have been reopened following the surfacing works that have been undertaken. However, some areas still remain closed due to works within splitter islands and small areas of works remaining. Please pay attention to all pedestrian management signage and routes to remain safe whilst navigating the site.

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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 Wedgnoek 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 due to 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.

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