East West Rail Phase Two Project Newsletter Highways, Autumn 2020











As part of the consultation process for East West Rail Phase Two, the project has worked with local planning authorities and local communities to agree the construction traffic routes to be used as the project is built. In addition, the Alliance has committed to carrying out several highways improvements that are needed in order for construction traffic to use the agreed construction traffic routes safely and minimise disruption to road users.

Over recent weeks, the Alliance has started to make these improvements and work will continue in various locations across the project so we can ensure the roads are ready for the construction traffic to use.

Unfortunately, carrying out the improvement works may mean there is some temporary disruption, with partial and full road closures required in some circumstances to keep our workforce and the general public safe. We appreciate this may cause an inconvenience; however, the improvements have been designed to minimise long term disruption for local residents, keep the local road network safe and enable us to carry out our work efficiently.

The maps below indicate where we will be carrying out highways works across the length of the project. This work includes:

- Creating passing bays needed to provide safe passing points for construction vehicles road users
- Carrying out junction improvements needed to minimise traffic building up and to improve the flow of traffic.
- Road widening needed to minimise traffic building up and to allow enough clearance for construction traffic.
- Construction of access points to allow the Alliance to access EWR2 facilities and the rail line, as well as the relocation of access points for landowners where required

In addition to the improvement works, there are several main work activities which will have an impact on the local road network while we construct the new railway infrastructure. These have been listed below in more detail and are also included in the relevant local section of this newsletter.

Notification of planned highways works

All road closures across the project will be notified in advance via <u>one.network</u>, a free platform used by local and national highways authorities to provide information on planned roadworks. User friendly and free-to-view, users can register for email alerts about upcoming roadworks affecting their area. Of course, we will continue to display physical signage in the local are to advise of upcoming works.

Reducing disruption

In addition, we are building a number of 'haul roads' close to the line of the route which will reduce the need for us use local highways where possible.

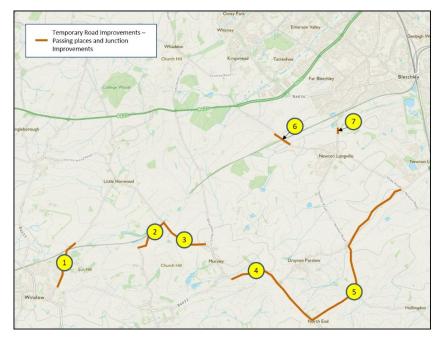
These haul roads will allow construction traffic to move between various areas of the project without using the local road network. More information on these haul roads, including their locations is included on each of the local area updates in this newsletter.

Logistics management

To manage our logistics operation, the Alliance is using Voyage Control across the project and mandating its use with all our supply chain partners. Voyage Control allows us to plan and track all of our vehicle movements for every aspect of the project, meaning we can plan our journeys as efficiently as possible and reduce our impact on the local road networks.

Finally, the Alliance is a CLOCS Champion. CLOCS is a national standard requiring members to ensure the correct behaviours are in place to promote road safety across the construction industry. As a CLOCS champion, the Alliance adheres to CLOCS standards when planning and undertaking journeys and engages with the supply chain and subcontractors to ensure standards are adhered to and to enhance road safety for all road users in the communities where we operate.

We are also FORS Gold members. FORS (The Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme) is a voluntary accreditation scheme for fleet operators which aims to raise the level of quality within fleet operations. We demand our supply chain partners are at least FORS Silver accredited and must be working towards Gold accreditation in order to work on the project.



EWR2 Highways works - east

1. Winslow Road – passing bays and haul road crossing

Duration: August - September 20 (works complete). Additional works required late autumn 2020 - late 2020

2. Station Road - passing bays

Duration: August - September 2020 (works complete)

3. Station Road – passing bays and compound access

Duration: Late autumn 2020 - late 2020

4. B4032 - passing bays

Duration: Autumn – winter 2020

5. Bletchley Road – passing bays and junction improvements

Duration: Winter 2020 - early 2021

6. Whaddon Road - accesses

Duration: Summer - autumn 2020; summer 2021; winter 2023 - early 2024

7. Newton Road accesses

Duration: Winter 2020 - early 2021

EWR2 Highways works - central

1. Queen Catherine Rd – passing bays

Duration: Autumn 2021

2. Herds Hill - passing bays & junction improvements

Duration: Summer 2021 - autumn 2021

3. Unnamed road - passing bays

Duration: Autumn 2020 - winter 2020

4. Unnamed road - passing bays

Duration: Winter 2020 - early 2021

5. Sandhill Road – passing bays

Duration: Winter 2020 – spring 2021

6. Verney Road – passing bays and junctions improvements

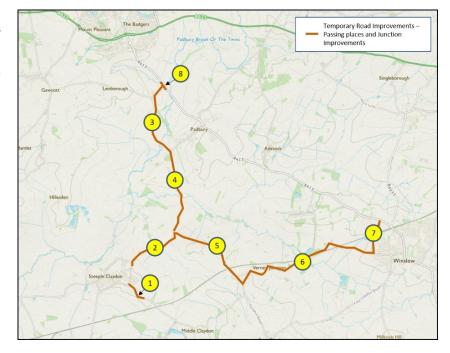
Duration: Autumn 2020 – spring 2021

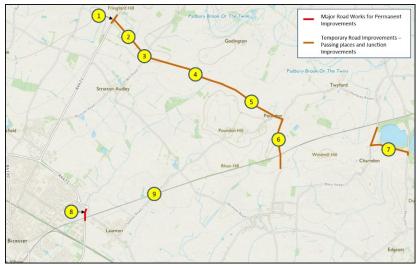
7. Furze Lane – passing bays

Duration: Autumn 2020 – winter 2020

8. A413 – junction improvements

Duration: Autumn 2020 - winter 2020





EWR2 Highways works - west

1. A4421 - junction improvement

Duration: Late summer 2020 – autumn 2020

2. Road name - passing bays

Duration: Late summer 2020 - autumn 2020

3. Mill Rd, Stratton Audley – junction improvement

Duration: Late summer 2020 - autumn 2020

4. Road name - passing bays

Duration: Autumn 2020 - winter 2020

5. Main Street, Poundon – passing bays

Duration: Summer 2020 - winter 2020

6. Station Rd, Marsh Gibbon – passing bays

Duration: Summer 2020 - autumn 2020

7. School Hill, Charndon – passing bays and junction improvements; access to bridge works

Duration: Autumn 2020 - winter 2020

8. Charbridge Lane – new highway overbridge

Description: One of the most significant construction activities in the area will be the new road bridge on Charbridge lane, which we will construct using multiple temporary road diversions to minimise disruption to the local community.

Duration: Work started in early summer 2020 and is due for completion in the summer of 2022.

Disruption: There will be partial and full road closures of Bicester Road during this period, as well as the temporary closure of public rights of way in the area. Residents will also see increased construction traffic during this time. All closures will be publicised on <u>one.network</u> and appropriate signage will be displayed.

Upcoming activity: Work over the next three months will include preparing the site for the construction of the new road bridge in the Mill Meadow area. This will involve the construction of a new temporary road which will to direct traffic away from the site so the new bridge can be constructed. In the coming weeks, the construction of the temporary road will begin. Traffic will be diverted onto this temporary road in late 2020. Whilst the temporary road is in place, we will maintain access to Tythe Barn and local allotments.

Recent Progress: We have begun archaeology, earthworks and roadworks in the Tythe Barn area and to the rear of the allotments. These works will be on going for the next three months.

9. Station Road, Launton – new highway overbridge

Description: As part of our works, the existing level crossing at Station Road will be replaced with a road bridge, providing road users with a bridge over the new railway.

Duration: The construction of the bridge started in summer 2020 and is due for completion in summer of 2022.

Disruption: There will, at times, be full and partial closures of Station Road whilst we construct the new road bridge. All closures will be publicised on <u>one.network</u> and appropriate signage will be displayed.

Upcoming Activity: Work over the next three months will include vegetation clearance and archaeology, and we will begin to construct the sub structure for the new overbridge. Following this, the superstructure for the new overbridge will begin.

More Information

This newsletter has been published as a summary of highways works across the length of the project. If you would like more information on the entire East West Rail Phase Two project, scan the QR Code opposite to read our project-wide newsletter.











