



EWR2 Highways works – Winter 2020/2021 update

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 months 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 [one.network](#), 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 area 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.

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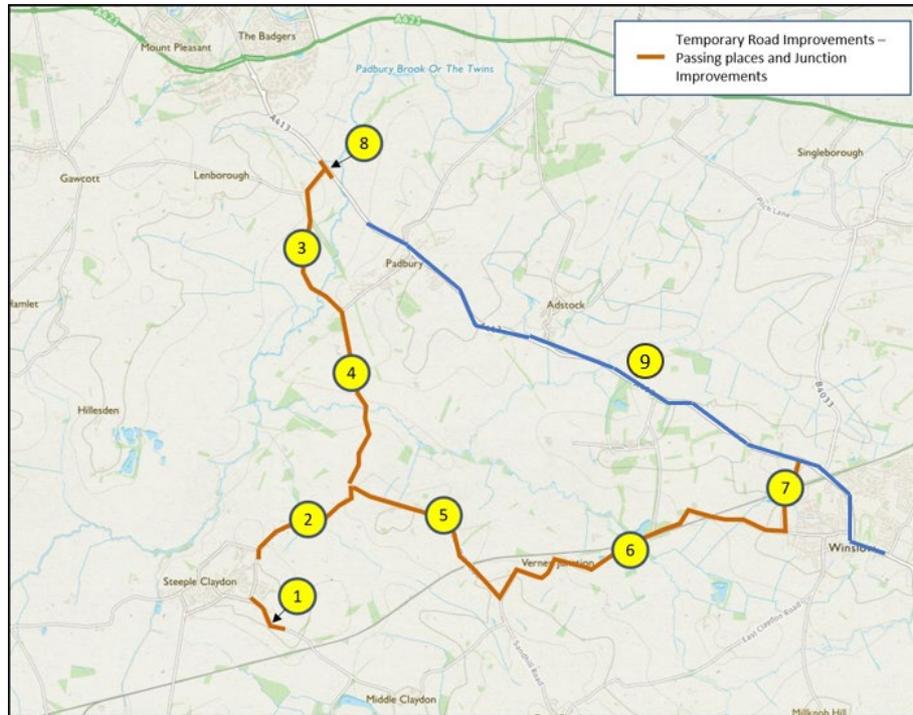
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EWR2 Highways works - central

1. Queen Catherine Rd – passing bays and access

Duration: early 2021

Note: This includes works at The Spinney at Steeple Claydon

2. Herds Hill - passing bays, junction improvements and repairs & surfacing maintenance

Duration: early 2021

3. Unnamed road - passing bays and surfacing repairs & maintenance

Duration: early 2021

4. Unnamed road - passing bays and surfacing repairs & maintenance

Duration: early 2021

5. Sandhill Road – passing bays and surfacing repairs & maintenance

Duration: spring 2021

6. Verney Road – passing bays and junctions improvements and surfacing repairs & maintenance

Duration: autumn 2020 – early 2021

Note: This includes works at Verney Road Junction (The Green)

7. Furze Lane – passing bay, access and surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: early 2021 – spring 2021

8. A413 – junction improvements and surfacing repairs & maintenance

Duration: early 2021 – spring 2021

9. A413 to Sheep Street Winslow - surfacing repairs & maintenance

Duration: early 2021 - spring 2021



EWR2 Highways works - west

1. A4421 - junction – ongoing surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: Highway improvement works are complete in this area however we will complete ongoing maintenance and repairs as required.

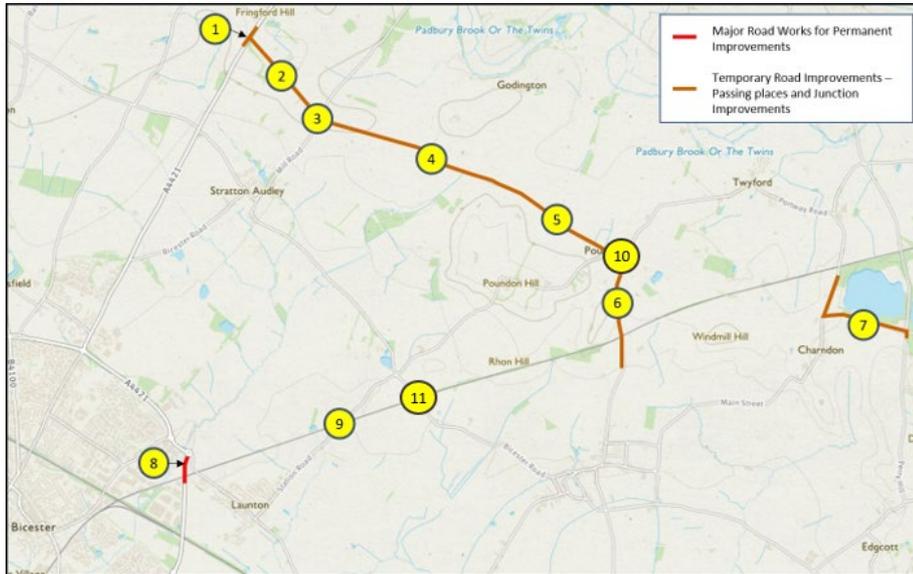
2. Road name - ongoing surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: Highway improvement works are complete in this area however we will complete ongoing maintenance and repairs as required.

3. Mill Rd, Stratton Audley – ongoing surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: Highway improvement works are complete in this area however we will complete ongoing maintenance and repairs as required.

Duration: spring 2021



4. Ongoing surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: Highway improvement works are complete in this area however we will complete ongoing maintenance and repairs as required.

5. Main Street, Poundon – ongoing surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: Works are due to complete here in spring 2021, however we will complete ongoing maintenance and repairs as required.

6. Station Rd, Marsh Gibbon – ongoing surfacing repairs and maintenance

Duration: Highway improvement works are complete in this area however we will complete ongoing maintenance and repairs as required.

7. School Hill, Charndon – passing bays, junction improvements and surfacing repairs;

Duration: spring 2021

8. Charbridge Lane 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 remains 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 [one.network](#) and appropriate signage will be displayed.

Upcoming activity: Work over the next three months will predominantly consist of the construction of the new overbridge structure. This will

involve removing the existing level crossing, constructing the working platform, piling, foundations and installation of the precast concrete components of the bridge structure.

Other works to this area will include the construction of new highway entrances to Tythe Barn and the Allotments.

Recent Progress: The temporary diversionary road of Charbridge Lane around the bridge structure has recently been completed and opened.

9. Station Road crossing and overbridge, Launton

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 still 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 [one.network](#) and appropriate signage will be displayed.

Upcoming Activity: Work has progressed well with the bridge piling and foundations complete. This has involved driving piles into the ground and then constructing a concrete mat to provide a suitable, stable foundation for the new overbridge. Work over the next three months will include the installation of precast concrete bridge components that will be assembled to construct the full bridge structure.

10. Main St. and Station Road – Passing bays, accesses and surfacing repairs

Duration: early 2021 – spring 2021

11. Bicester Road - Haul Road crossing and gas main protection slab

Duration: winter 2020 - early 2021

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