

# M42 Junction 6 Improvement Scheme

Work Update – April 21

## Catherine de Barnes Lane Clearance Works

You may well have noticed that over the last month work on the **M42 junction 6 improvement scheme** has started to be more visible. As part of the scheme, we need to remove some of the trees, shrubbery, and hedgerows located along Catherine de Barnes Lane. This clearance must take place before the new link road, or any of the bridges, overpasses and other structures can be built.

We are only removing vegetation that is absolutely necessary to allow construction of the scheme. We do understand that this may be unsettling for the local community and we are 100% committed to delivering a biodiversity net gain for the scheme. The M42 junction 6 scheme has a replanting ratio of 7:1 which means for every tree we take we are planting an additional 7 elsewhere. We are also relocating a number of hedgerows and trees.

## Clearance during nesting season

The 'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from February until August and it is recommended that vegetation works (tree or hedge cutting) or site clearance should be done outside of nesting season. To allow work during bird nesting season we have implemented a permit system which involves an ecologist carrying out an inspection 48 hours prior to the start of work, and again immediately before work starts. Only if the ecologist inspections show no sign of nesting birds does work start. If there are **any** signs of nesting birds, then the work is cancelled.

## M42 junction 6 improvement scheme working area

As we are now starting to be much more visible in the area it is worth highlighting the land in which the Development Consent Order permits us to work. The 3 images on page 2 show the scheme footprint locally and identifies the areas required by the scheme. **All** our works are contained within this footprint as we have no legal right to any other land. The exception to this is our site compound on **Clock Lane**, which we moved at the request of the local community. We were able to enter into a separate land agreement with a local landowner following close engagement with the Parish Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

### Duration of works

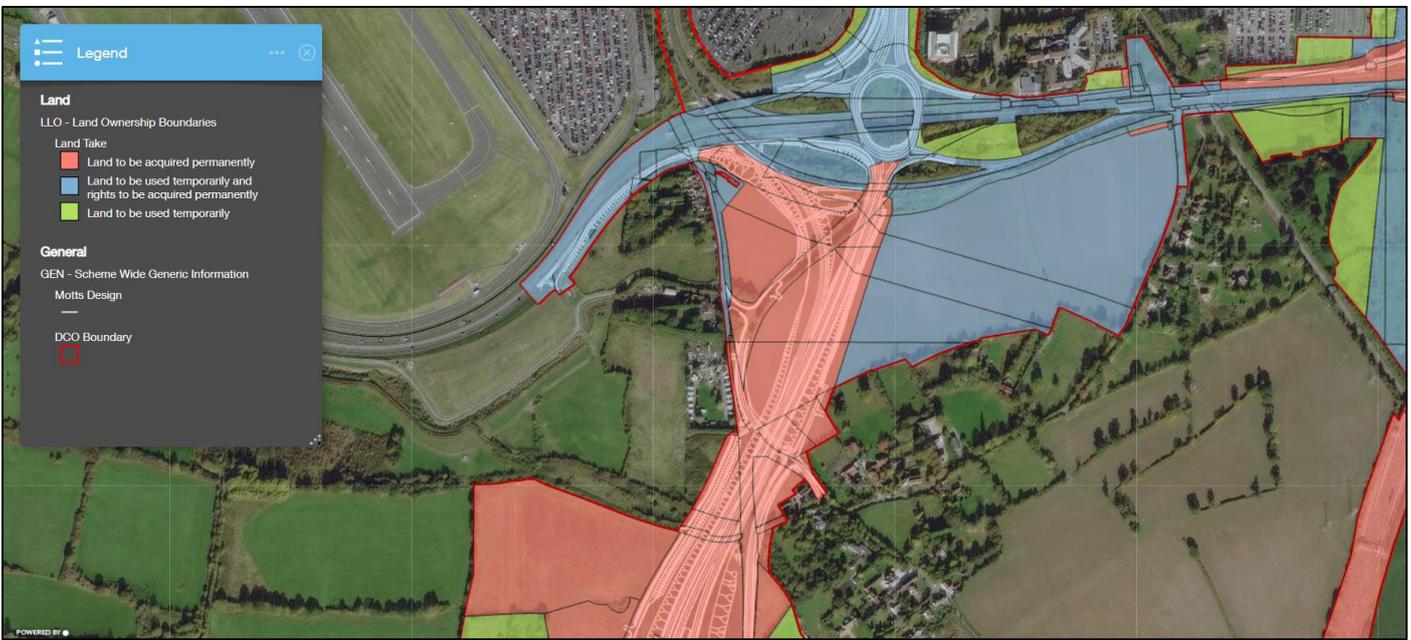
- Regular working hours are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Mon to Fri and 8:00am to 10:00pm on a Saturday
- We will be on site up to one hour before and after to prepare and tidy the site

### What to expect

- Removal of all hedgerows, trees, and shrubbery as identified within the Development Consent Order for the M42 Junction 6 Improvement Scheme
- We will use best practicable methods to minimise disruption such as using modern machinery and delivering work in a way that reduces the impact on the community

### What we will do

- Work in a way that minimises the amount of noise we make
- Keep the site safe, secure and tidy
- Only carry works out within land that we have the right to work



Images showing the local land take of the scheme and areas we will be working in

If you would like to discuss the contents of this notification further or would like a more detailed presentation on the scheme then the contractor responsible for delivering the scheme, Skanska, have a dedicated stakeholder team who would be happy to speak with you. You can either get in touch via the details listed below or alternatively you can email Skanska's Head of Stakeholder, Customer & Communication, Jon Compton, at [Jonathan.compton@skanska.co.uk](mailto:Jonathan.compton@skanska.co.uk).

This work is being delivered by the **Skanska-Mott MacDonald** Delivery Integrated Partnership on behalf of Highways England.

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