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Dear Customer

M42 junction 6 improvement scheme update

We're writing to give you an update on the construction of the new A4545 link road between Clock Interchange and the new M42 junction 5a, which is part of our upgrade to the M42 at junction 6. On 14 December 2022 we successfully opened a new footbridge across the A45 near Birmingham Airport, providing a safer and more accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists and replacing the previous crossing point at the busy and congested Clock Interchange roundabout.

What's happening next?

In our last letter, we informed you that due to adverse weather conditions in November, we were postponing our work that required the closure of Catherine de Barnes Lane until the new year. The date for this road closure can now be confirmed.

To allow us to carry out our work safely, **Catherine de Barnes Lane (North)** will be closed from **10pm on Sunday 15 January 2023 to 10pm on Tuesday 7 February 2023**. Once this closure is lifted, there will be up to **eight weeks** of temporary traffic lights in this area while our team completes civil and utility work.

Why is this road closure needed?

This closure will be used to enable the realignment and connection of Catherine de Barnes Lane onto a new 38.6m long bridge (BR04) which will span the new A4545 link road.

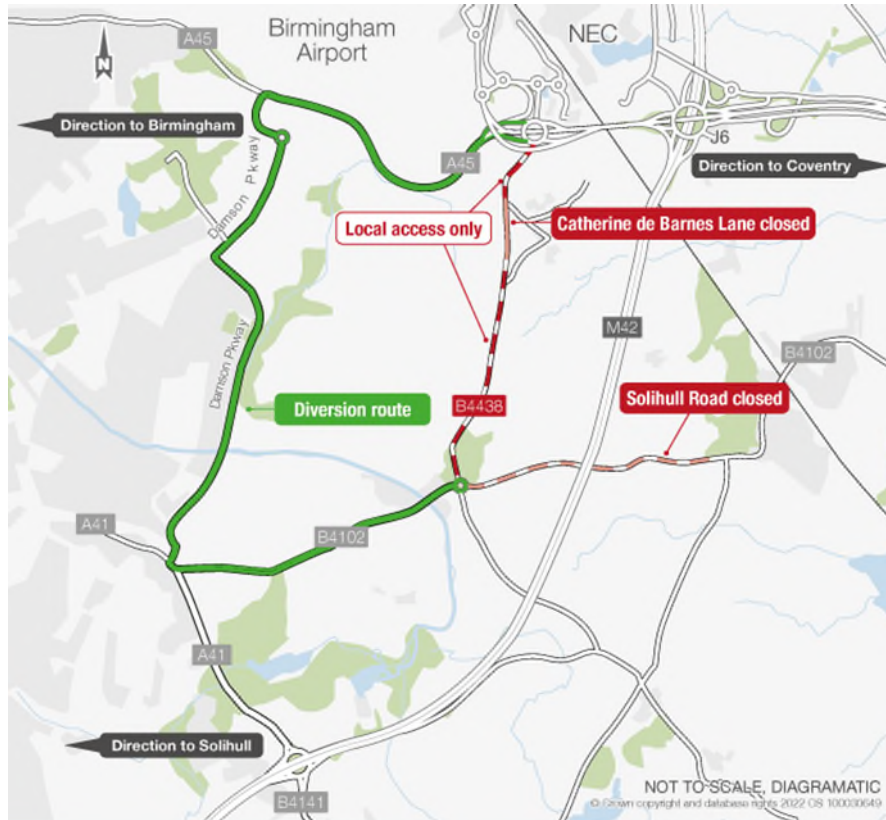
Once installed, this bridge will be used to take the existing Catherine de Barnes Lane traffic near the north entry to St Peters Lane to a new T-junction, where motorists will be able to continue towards Clock Interchange roundabout or into Bickenhill.

By implementing this realignment in this area now, we'll be able to complete the bulk excavation underneath the location of BR04 without needing to close this section of Catherine de Barnes Lane for several months.



What's next?

This will be the first of four full road closures along Catherine de Barnes Lane next year. The remaining closures are planned for spring and summer 2023. We will update yourselves of these once these have been confirmed.



When roads are closed, we'll put in place a clearly signed diversion route (shown above) which has been agreed with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council as the most suitable route for both the amount and type of traffic being diverted.

Every effort will be made to complete this work as soon as possible. You can visit our scheme webpage at <https://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/M42J6> for further updates.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience you may experience during our upcoming work. The whole team will make every effort to manage noise levels carefully and minimise the disruption to the local area.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions about this work, you can contact me at Steve.VanDerPark@skanska.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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