

PERRY BARR

Perry Barr Regeneration

Consultation on the A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme



Have your say

Consultation closes
19 July 2019



Perry Barr will see unprecedented changes over the coming years, thanks to more than £500m of investment into the area. This regeneration will deliver new homes, improvements to public transport, walking and cycling routes, new community facilities and high-quality public spaces.

The area will also play a key role in delivering the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The new housing on the former Birmingham City University campus will initially provide accommodation for athletes and officials during the Games, before being made available for local people after the Games. Alexander Stadium, which is nearby, will be redeveloped to host the athletics and Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

As part of the regeneration in Perry Barr, several different schemes are being consulted on in the coming months.

This leaflet focuses on the Highway Improvement Scheme, which is the road layout changes to the A34 Walsall Road/A453 Aldridge Road junction and adjacent roads to improve the way people travel in and around Perry Barr, including giving priority to public transport, walking and cycling.

Other schemes you will be able to have your say on this summer, include:

- Alexander Stadium – redeveloped to increase seating for both Birmingham 2022 and beyond, and improve its long-term community use for both grassroots and elite sports.
- Perry Barr Rail Station and Bus Interchange - redeveloped to improve access to the public transport network, and act as a transport hub for Birmingham 2022.

Over the summer, there will also be further updates on the following:

- Walsall to Birmingham (A34) Sprint - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, providing predictable journey times and high frequency, dependable timetables.

A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme

Our vision

In order to help with the regeneration of Perry Barr, highway improvement works need to be undertaken. To open up the heart of Perry Barr and make the area more accessible by sustainable forms of transport, we plan to redesign the roads between the Greyhound Stadium and Aston Lane/Wellington Road.

- The A34 Perry Barr flyover will be removed, putting all traffic onto a dual carriageway at ground level. This will mean that you will be able to see across the A34 between One Stop Shopping Centre and the new housing development, and the area will feel more open and easier to walk around. There will be footways on both sides of the road, linked by signalised crossings for both pedestrians and cyclists.



Existing view across A34 Perry Barr flyover to One Stop Shopping Centre



Proposed view across A34 Birchfield Road to One Stop Shopping Centre – the A34 flyover has been removed and a new layout is proposed with a controlled crossing across the A34. A bus lane and cycle route will be introduced on the southbound side of the carriageway.

- A 200m section of Aldridge Road will be closed to general traffic to provide access for pedestrians, cyclists and buses.
- The junction at A34 Birchfield Road/A4040 Aston Lane/ Wellington Road, which is currently a roundabout with pedestrian subways, will be changed to a crossroads with traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. The existing underpass will remain for traffic.
- The existing cycle route will be extended from Heathfield Road to Perry Barr Centre.
- Bus lanes on the A34 will provide priority for existing bus services and for the future Sprint services.

Construction

It will take approximately two years to complete the highway works. Construction is expected to commence in early 2020 and complete by late 2021.

We will do all that we can to minimise the disruption, including:

- a. Adopting a phased approach to the construction works;
- b. Co-ordinating with other local works;
- c. Putting out clear publicity for the phases of work and advice on how to travel to minimise delays;
- d. Business access will remain throughout the duration of the works, during business hours. Where the works might require short term unavoidable interruptions to access, we will carry out such works outside of normal trading hours.



Have your say

We want to know what you think about our plans for the changes to the A34 highway layout in Perry Barr. To achieve our vision, the Perry Barr flyover has to be removed, but we welcome comments on how the new road layout will work for everyone, however you are travelling.

You can view full details of the consultation, detailed plans of the proposed layout and Frequently Asked Questions (including why the removal of the flyover is necessary), and respond to an online questionnaire at:

www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/a34perrybarr

You can also read about other regeneration plans for Perry Barr at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/perry-barr-regen

Events

We will be holding three drop-in events, where you can see the plans for yourself and talk to the project team.

VENUE	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Doug Ellis Sports Centre	150 Wellhead Lane Perry Barr Birmingham B42 2SY	Tuesday 18 June 2019	11am - 3pm
Doug Ellis Sports Centre	150 Wellhead Lane Perry Barr Birmingham B42 2SY	Saturday 22 June 2019	9am - 12pm
Doug Ellis Sports Centre	150 Wellhead Lane Perry Barr Birmingham B42 2SY	Thursday 27 June 2019	3pm - 7pm

The simplest way to respond to this consultation is via the website, but if you are unable to access the internet, you can view printed plans and pick up a paper questionnaire at the following libraries:

LIBRARY	LOCATION	OPENING TIMES
Aston Library	99 Whitehead Road Birmingham B6 6EJ	Tue and Thu: 3pm - 4.45pm Sat: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Birchfield Library	3 Trinity Road, Birmingham B6 6AH	Tue and Sat: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Thu: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm
Hamstead Library (Sandwell)	Tanhouse Centre, Hamstead Road, Birmingham B43 5EL	Mon and Wed: 9.30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5.30pm Fri: 9.30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Sat: 10am - 2pm
Library of Birmingham	Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2ND	Mon and Tue: 11am - 7pm Wed to Sat: 11am - 5pm

If you require more information, have any questions or would like paper copies of the plans and questionnaire posted to you, please contact us at **perrybarr@birmingham.gov.uk** or call **0121 464 4412** (answer phone).

Consultation closes on **19 July 2019.**



Proposed view of A34 Birchfield Road looking north along the A34 and Aldridge Road towards the new housing development. A 200m section of Aldridge Road has been closed to general traffic and has been transformed to provide access for pedestrians, cyclists and buses with the introduction of a southbound bus lane and two-way cycle route.



Proposed view of A34 Birchfield Road/Aston Lane/Wellington Road junction looking north-west. The existing Birchfield roundabout has been changed to a crossroads with traffic lights. The pedestrian subway has been removed and pedestrian and cyclist crossings have been introduced at ground level.

KEY:

- Carriageway
- Footway
- Landscaping
- Cycle lane
- Shared use (pedestrian and cycle)
- Pedestrian and cycle crossing with traffic signals (Toucan)
- Pedestrian crossing with traffic signals
- Bus lane
- Bus stop
- Sprint Bus stop

