

A34 – Walsall to Birmingham via Sandwell Sprint route

On sections of the road where there is no detailed map below, no changes to the road layout are proposed. Sprint will use existing bus lanes where they exist and mix with general traffic everywhere else.

A34-01 - Bridge Street, Darwall Street, Tower Street loop.

This is option B for Walsall town centre, with **Sprint stop on Darwall Street**; you will be asked which option you prefer.

A34-02 - Bridge Street to Freer Street.

This is option A for Walsall town centre, with **Sprint stop on Bridge Street**; you will be asked which option you prefer. Option A would mean the taxi rank is shortened (capacity reduced by approximately three vehicles) and the Ring & Ride stop would be moved round the corner.

A34-03 - Ablewell Street to Springhill Road, Pool Street, past Methodist Central Hall and Lidl.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall town centre), a bus lane is created by changing the roundabout at Pool Street to a t-junction, reallocating some space from general traffic and removing parking spaces to allow buses to travel north towards Upper Rushall Street (contraflow bus lane). 18 new parking spaces are created on Springhill Road and Ablewell Street.

Between A34-03 and A34-04, Sprint will share road space with general traffic on Birmingham Road. Current bus stops will be upgraded to create **Walsall Six Ways Sprint stop**.

A34-04 - Birmingham Road, Broadway to Cricket Close, past Metro Inns. Includes **Broadway Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by moving and changing the width of the pavement.

A34-05 - Birmingham Road, Ravensdale Gardens and Lake Avenue to Queens Road. Includes **Queens Road Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by moving back the pavement on opposite side (Lake Avenue side) and moving the general traffic lanes across.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham) a layby is created near Queens Road to allow Sprint to overtake local bus services.

Between A34-05 and A34-06, Sprint will share road space with general traffic on Birmingham Road. Current bus stops will be upgraded to create **The Bell Sprint stop**.

[A34-06](#) - Birmingham Road, Walstead Road and Bell Road to Beacon Road, past The Bell pub and Handsworth RUFC.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by reallocating space from road markings.

[A34-07](#) - Birmingham Road, Skip Lane to Merrion's Close, past Aston University Recreation Centre.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham) a new bus lane will be created by reallocating space from general traffic.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), Sprint will use existing bus lanes.

Between A34-07 and A34-08, Sprint will use existing bus lanes on Birmingham Road.

[A34-08](#) - Birmingham Road, Chapel Lane to north of motorway junction. Includes **Chapel Lane Sprint stop**.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham) a new bus lane will be created by moving back the pavement. A 1.5m wide cycleway will be provided.

Between A34-08 and A34-09, Sprint will use the Great Barr flyover, using the existing bus lane for the southbound journey (towards Birmingham) and sharing road space with general traffic for the northbound journey (towards Walsall).

[A34-09](#) - Birmingham Road, Pages Lane and Scott Road to Cross Lane, past Holy Name Church. Includes **Cross Lane Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by removing parking space and by moving back the footway at Pages Lane. Three new parking spaces are created on Cross Lane.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham), the existing bus lane is extended beyond Cross Lane.

[A34-10](#) - Birmingham Road, Cross Lane to Sundial Lane, by Great Barr Methodist Church. Includes **Cross Lane Sprint stop**.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham), the existing bus lane is extended beyond Cross Lane by reallocating space from general traffic and narrowing the central reservation.

Between A34-10 and A34-11, Sprint will share road space with general traffic through the Scott Arms junction. Current bus stops will be upgraded to create **Scott Arms stop**.

[A34-11](#) - Walsall Road, Jayshaw Avenue and Calshot Road to Stanford Avenue, past St Paul's Church.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham), a new bus lane will be created by removing parking space.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by narrowing the central reservation and grassed areas next to the road, and by removing parking space. The new bus lane will link with existing bus lane.

[A34-12](#) - Walsall Road, Booths Farm Road to Tower Hill and Beeches Road, past The Towers pub. Includes **Booths Farm Road Sprint stop**.

In both directions, new bus lanes will be created by removing parking space.

[A34-13](#) - Walsall Road, junction with Tower Hill and Beeches Road. Includes **Tower Hill Sprint stop**.

Sprint uses existing bus lanes. Traffic calming measures on Tower Hill.

[A34-14](#) - Walsall Road, Tower Hill and Beeches Road to Perry Park Crescent. Includes **Tower Hill Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by removing parking space.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham), a new bus lane from Fairview Avenue will be created by removing parking space.

[A34-15](#) - Walsall Road, Tower Hill Medical Practice to Perry Avenue and Church Road, past Perry Barr Crematorium and Alexander Stadium. Includes **Alexander Stadium Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), a new bus lane will be created by removing parking space.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham), Sprint use the existing bus lane, then a new bus lane will be created from Perry Avenue and Church Road by changing the parking restrictions.

[A34-16](#) - Walsall Road, The Tennis Court pub to north of Cliveden Avenue. Includes **Glendower Road Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), the existing bus lane opposite the Tennis Court pub will be improved by removing some parking spaces.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham) a new bus lane will be created by removing parking space and changes to parking a loading restrictions.

[A34-17](#) - Walsall Road, Cliveden Avenue to Regina Drive.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham) a new bus lane will be created by removing parking space and changes to parking a loading restrictions.

Between A34-17 and A34-18, The road layout and location of **Perry Barr Sprint stop** will be part of a separate consultation.

[A34-18](#) - Birchfield Road at Heathfield Road and Trinity Road, past Holy Trinity Church and Jame Masjid Mosque. Includes **Heathfield Road Sprint stop**.

Some widening of the road and extension of existing bus lanes. Crossings changed to allow pedestrians to cross in fewer stages.

[A34-19](#) - Birchfield Road, Arden Road and Wilson Road to from Six Ways. Includes **Aston Six Ways Sprint stop**.

Two options are being considered here - building the Sprint stop to serve Six Ways (this will mean some changes outside the parade of shops between Mansfield Road and Witton Road: moving a loading bay and removing some parking space) or routing the Sprint through the underpass without stopping. You will be asked which you prefer.

[A34-20](#) - High Street, Old Park Walk to Burlington Street, past Barton Arms and Newtown Pool and Fitness Centre. Includes **Newtown Sprint stop**.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), the existing bus lane will be extended to Newbury Road by reallocating space from general traffic and banning the left turn into Newbury Road (at the swimming pool) for all traffic.

[A34-21](#) - Newtown Row at St Stephens Street.

For the northbound journey (towards Walsall), the existing bus lane will be improved with a section of bus bypass, with slight narrowing of the pavement, through the junction.

[A34-22](#) - Newtown Row, Lower Tower Street to Miller Street, including junction with Newtown Middleway. Includes **Lower Tower Street Sprint stop**.

For the southbound journey (towards Birmingham), a new section of bus lane will be created between Pritchett Street and Manchester Street by removing parking spaces. New parking spaces will be created on Pritchett Street.

[A34-23](#) - Lancaster Street, Prices Street to Bagot Street.

New bus lanes through underpass at Lancaster Circus: underpass will be bus/taxi/pedal cycle only.

[A34-24](#) - Lancaster Circus and James Watt Queensway. Includes **Aston University Sprint stop**.

New bus lanes through underpass at Lancaster Circus: underpass will be bus/taxi/pedal cycle only.

Southbound (towards Birmingham city centre) Sprint stop will be built on pavement extended from the existing pedestrian crossing.

Northbound (towards Walsall) Sprint stop will be built on pavement widened to accommodate cycleway.

A34-24 also shows a left-slip bus lane will be for access to James Watt Queensway from A38 Corporation Street. This will be used by the Sutton Coldfield to Birmingham via Langley Sprint route.

In Birmingham city centre, the exact locations of Sprint stops will be part of a future consultation.

Includes **Birmingham Moor Street Sprint stop**.