

The Road Ahead

Keeping our neighbours in the know



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Welcome to the first edition of The Road Ahead: Helping Newark Flow – a monthly newsletter to keep our neighbours informed about the construction of the Southern Link Road (SLR). A project part of the Middlebeck development, delivered by Urban&Civic.

Activity planned for August

During August you will see archaeology, earthworks, diversion of power cables, and creation of haul routes within the development. Some of these activities may appear similar as you walk or drive near our development, however many of them will not have a direct impact on the community.

Earthworks

Earthworks are often the first activities to commence during a civil engineering project. We need to move earth from one area within the development to the other, including topsoil and some of the sub-layers.

We use large vehicles to move earth as this is most efficient and quickest, leading to the least disruption possible. Our delivery partners also wet the ground using a bowser, which is like a commercial hose, to dampen the floor to reduce dust.

Movements within the development will continue during the next months with earthwork activity pausing in October 2023 for the winter season. In February 2024, earthworks will resume for a second and final season.

Haul Routes

All construction vehicles will access the development from Bowbridge Lane along the first phase of the Southern Link Road which opened in 2017. We have also installed additional signage from the A46 to aid construction vehicles in locating the development quickly.

Our delivery partners will create haul routes within our development boundary over the River Devon to allow movement of materials from the south of the river to the north.



Archaeology

Ongoing archaeology work will continue across the site with a focus on the area adjacent and south of Hawton, shown in this map.

Hours of operation on weekdays are 07.30 – 16.30. No activity will happen during the weekend. All works will be manual and not involve machinery without prior notification. Should items of historic significance be found, then the area to be excavated may be expanded.

Overhead power lines

Two sets of power lines run across the site, one set are large supported by metal pylons and the other are smaller supported by wooden posts. During August, we start the removal of the smaller cables which are supported on wooden poles and carry 33kv of power.

Public Rights of Way

Across Middlebeck there are several public access routes for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders. From Friday 11th August, we are opening up an additional public route, in response to community feedback to allow pedestrians to follow the secure boundary of the development. The route shown in this map below is highlighted in yellow and runs from south of Hawton to Bowbridge Lane.

Timeline for construction

The Southern Link Road is scheduled for completion in March 2025, with the final connection to the A46, including the new roundabout to be open December 2025.

Connect with us

If you have a question, that isn't answered by reading this newsletter you can visit us at The View, Bowbridge Lane, NG24 3XP. We are located above Gannets café, accessible from the car park and open Monday – Friday between 09.00 – 17.30.

Alternatively, you can email us newark@urbanandcivic.com or call us 07391 417 091.

