



# The Road Ahead

*Keeping our neighbours in the know*

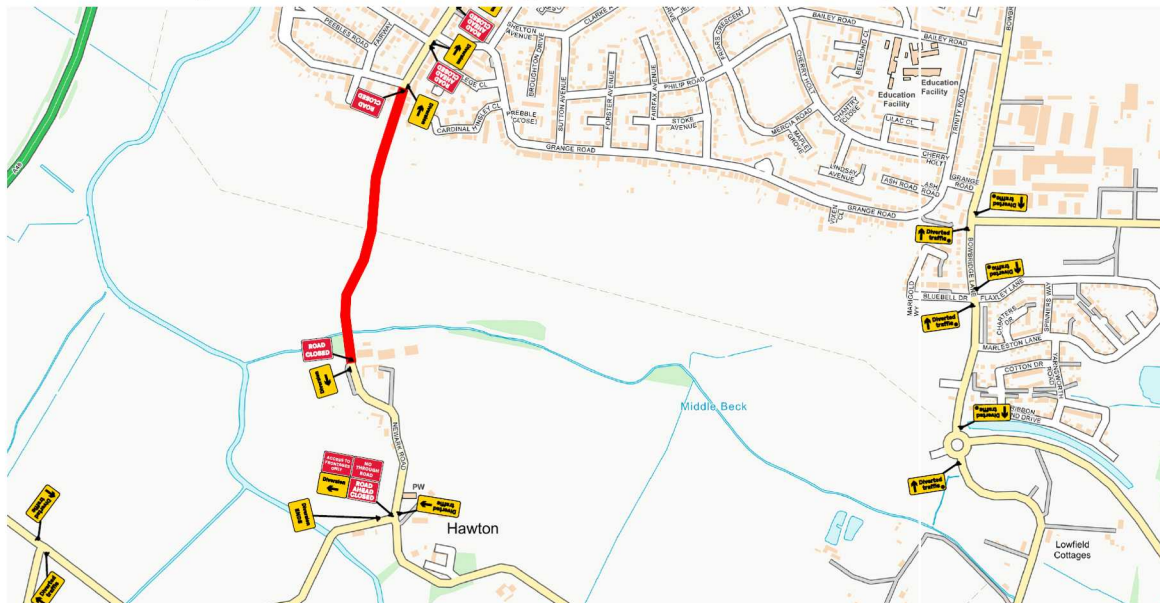
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THE SOUTHERN  
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Welcome to the sixth edition of The Road Ahead – a monthly newsletter to keep our neighbours informed about the construction of the Southern Link Road (SLR).

We are now well underway with the construction of the road and whilst progress this month has been hampered by the impact of flooding, we have made progress to lay asphalt on the section near Bowbridge Lane in the direction of Hawton – making it look a lot more like a road. Importantly, we have just learned the start date of the upcoming closure of Hawton Road, subject to approvals from NCC.

## Upcoming Closure – Hawton Road – expected from 26th February

This will be a full road closure, meaning there will be no access for pedestrians or cars along Hawton Road between the village of Hawton and the edge of Newark (Hawtonville), shown in red below:



### Why is a full road closure necessary?

This will be a live construction site and health and safety considerations mean we cannot allow pedestrian access. The new road being constructed follows a slightly different route to the original road and will be 2 metres higher where it connects to Hawton village. We will also need to divert underground services and utilities, install a new culvert near the new roundabout where the road connects into Hawton, and relocate overhead lines. The safety implications of these activities mean a full closure must take place.



## How long will the road be closed?

The road closure is expected to last until the end of August. This is a full closure for 6 months, which has been reduced from the initial timescale given of 9 months. We will keep you up to date on our progress.

## Signage and Diversions

A notice of the road closure will appear in the Newark Advertiser shortly and signs will be placed at the roadside 2 weeks prior to the closure to inform motorists and pedestrians. Full diversions will be in place, as approved by Nottinghamshire County Council. These will be found on the live map at <https://one.network/> Yellow directional signage will also be in place indicating diversion routes once the closure begins.

## What will the final layout of Hawton Road look like?

The below plan shows the new road layout, including the roundabout that will be added where Hawton Road meets the new southern link road.



## Ongoing communication

Urban&Civic will continue to provide regular updates through a variety of channels, including our new physical noticeboards in key locations, face-to-face meetings and our dedicated SLR webpage ([www.middlebecknewark.com/southern-link-road](http://www.middlebecknewark.com/southern-link-road)). We have issued this update as soon as we have been given a specific date for the closure. If you have a question, that isn't answered by reading this newsletter, you can contact us directly at [newark@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:newark@urbanandcivic.com)



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