



North Warwickshire  
Borough Council

**Warwickshire County Council in partnership with**

**North Warwickshire Borough Council**

## **LOCAL IMPACT REPORT**

### **Executive Summary**

#### **Planning Act 2008**

#### **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project**

**Reference:** TR010027

**Address:** M42 Junction 6

**Appellant:** Highways England

**Proposal:** Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the M42 Junction 6

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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## **Executive Summary:**

Warwickshire County Council, in partnership with North Warwickshire Borough Council has prepared and submitted the Local Impact Report in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. The Local Impact Report sets out the Authorities position in regards to the application submitted by Highways England in relation to M42 Junction 6.

The Local Impact Report has been prepared and drafted by Warwickshire Council, with consultation of internal departments and the input of North Warwickshire Borough Council.

The M42 Corridor is of strategic importance for the operation of the Strategic Road Network both nationally, regionally and locally. It is also an important corridor that provides connectivity which underpins economic growth nationally, regionally and within the Warwickshire sub-region. In addition the M42 provides access to a key asset for the region in the form of Birmingham Airport, which is the region's international gateway to international markets and trade.

Overall based on the assessment of the development scheme, there will be significant operation benefits to the M42 Corridor building resilience and reliability into the Midlands Motorway Hub and improving access to Birmingham Airport. It is considered by the Authorities that the M42 Junction 6 improvements will have a positive impact on economic growth.

The scheme accords with the Strategic Economic Plans for the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership. As well as meeting the requirements of National Planning Policy, the Airport Accessibility Strategy within the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan, and Birmingham Airport Surface Access Strategy.

However there are a number of matters which need to be considered as part of the consideration of the development proposals. Whilst they are likely to be of neutral impact, the following points need to be addressed;

- Ecological Considerations;
- Traffic Management, Closures & Diversion Routes;
- Construction Traffic Management, and
- Communications Strategy.

Full explanation of these matters is provided in Chapter 5 of the Local Impact Report.

Alongside the application Highways England is engaging with Warwickshire County Council, and both are in the process of the development and agreement of a Statement of Common Ground, to resolve the matters identified.

Though it should be noted that both Authorities continue to work with Highways England, and will continue the communications with them as the scheme is implemented.

In conclusion, both Warwickshire County Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council fully support the proposals, which when completed will deliver real benefits nationally and regionally.