

A46 Coventry Junctions

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We're making journeys better in the Midlands by operating, maintaining and modernising major A roads and motorways – delivering an extensive government investment programme. We're committed to ensuring that the region's roads are fit for now and for the future.



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Introduction

Highways England is developing a scheme to upgrade the A46/A428 Binley junction, including a flyover and upgrade of the road.

The upgrade of the Binley junction will lead to more reliable and safer journeys for people and businesses by reducing congestion and providing more capacity on the road.

The A46 Coventry Junctions scheme was committed to within the government's £15.2bn Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 2015-2020.

The scheme included both the Binley and Walsgrave junctions.

We are taking a phased approach to the scheme, and will progress with Binley junction first as it currently suffers from heavy congestion, making journey times unreliable for drivers on the A46 as well as for local traffic. This congestion will increase as traffic levels grow due to future developments in the area.

Over the last year, we have identified and assessed an option for a grade separated flyover junction, which we believe will meet the needs of road users and the community, and we would like to hear your views on this.



Why do we need this scheme?

The A46 is a strategic link between the East and West Midlands, connecting Coventry and Warwickshire to the motorway network. Current levels of congestion are having a serious effect on communities and businesses and could constrain future development in the area.

Upgrading the A46/A428 Binley junction will:

1. Support the growing economy

The scheme will provide additional junction capacity in an area that is already busy and which is forecast to become much busier in the coming years as traffic increases.

2. Support the smooth flow of traffic

The scheme will enable traffic to flow more freely. This will improve journey time reliability, making life easier and safer for businesses, commuters and local traffic.

3. Improve safety

The scheme will improve safety and reduce driver stress by separating local traffic from long-distance and business traffic. We will also provide safe access for non-motorised users to cross the A46.

4. Enhance the environment

We will work to minimise impact on the environment and enhance environmental features where possible.

Our proposal

In line with the requirements of the Roads Investment Strategy (RIS), we are proposing to revise the existing roundabout at Binley.

The A46 dual carriageway will be built up as a flyover on an embankment over the top of a revised roundabout, with connections via slip roads. Local traffic will continue to use the revised roundabout with access to and from the A46. This will separate local traffic (connecting on to and using the A428) from through-traffic, so that drivers on the A46 will not need to slow down for a roundabout as they do now. The design will incorporate

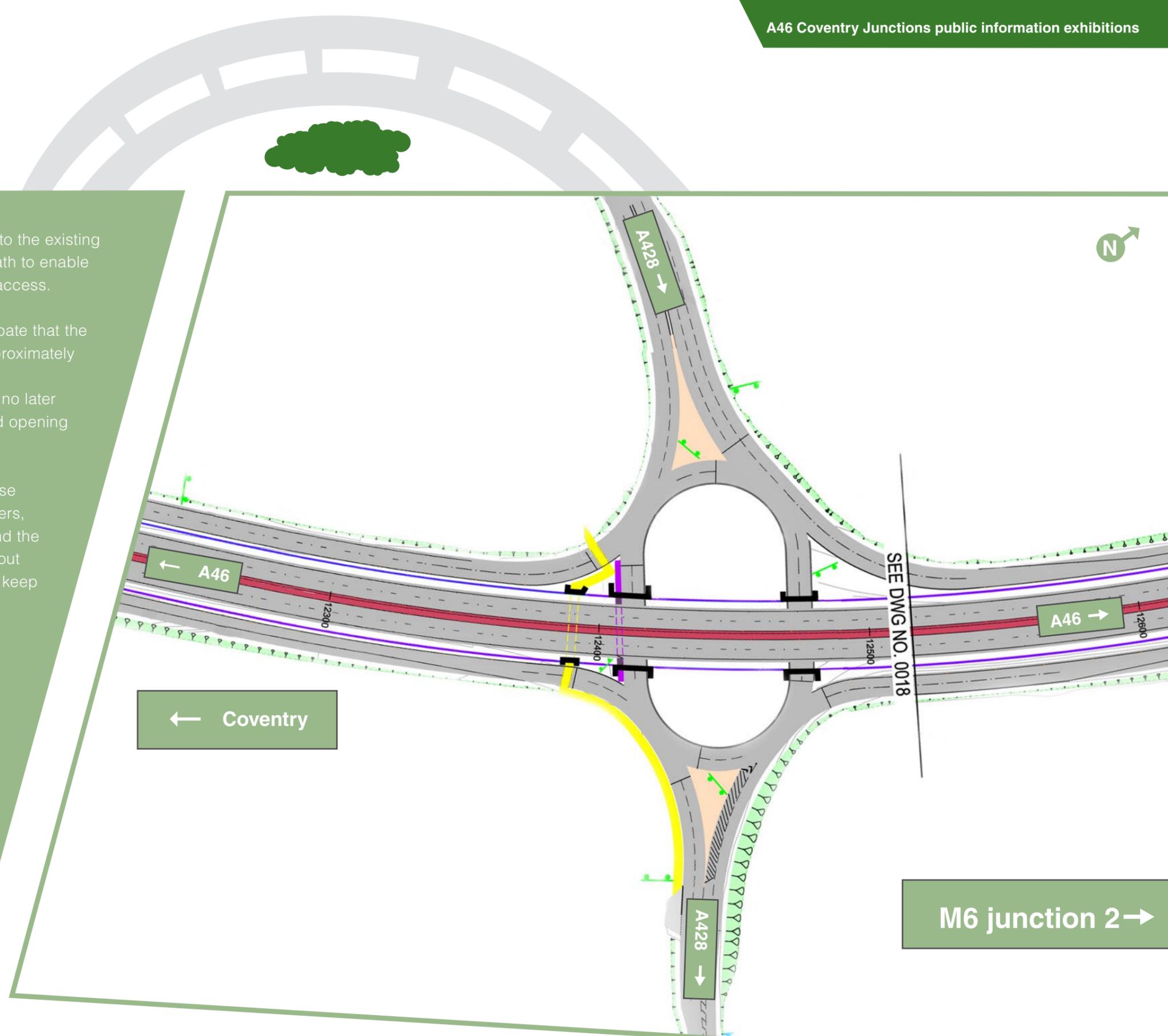
some improvements to the existing footway and cycle path to enable non-motorised user access.

At present, we anticipate that the scheme will take approximately 2 years to build, with construction starting no later than March 2020 and opening to traffic in 2022.

We will aim to minimise disruption to road users, local communities and the environment throughout the scheme, and will keep you informed.

Key symbols:

	PROPOSED RETAINING WALL		WATER COURSE
	PROPOSED CARRIAGEWAY		FLOOD ZONE 2
	PROPOSED HARDENED VERGE		FLOOD ZONE 3
	PROPOSED FOOTWAY & CYCLE PATH		SPLITTER ISLAND
	PROPOSED CENTRAL RESERVE		PROPOSED 2M WIDE VERGE FOR APPARATUS
	PROPOSED EARTHWORKS		PROPOSED SIGNAGE
	ACCESS TO GREENS GARDEN CENTRE TO BE RETAINED		PROPOSED SIGNAGE (INDICATIVE)
			EXISTING SIGNAGE



Environmental and local effects

We attach great importance to the environment and local impacts. Our environmental and design specialists are working together throughout the design process. We are currently undertaking surveys, which will be concluded by the end of the year.

As the volume of traffic and congestion continues to rise, the A46 has a greater impact upon the local environment. We have considered this in our development work so far with several issues requiring consideration.

Noise and vibration:

We will undertake an assessment of noise impacts associated with the proposed scheme. We will aim to minimise and mitigate any adverse effects where appropriate.

Air quality:

We will undertake a detailed air quality modelling exercise to predict the potential changes to local air quality and regional emissions. We will aim to identify any potential adverse air quality impacts as early as possible to enable mitigation to be incorporated into the scheme design, particularly with respect to public health and sensitive ecological habitats.

Water quality:

We will establish the existing water quality conditions and assess the proposed scheme to ensure impacts to any rivers, lakes and groundwater are minimised where possible.

Land take:

Some land take will be required and we are engaging with affected landowners to understand any concerns or suggestions to incorporate into our design. We have designed the scheme to reduce the impact on land take as much as possible.

Biodiversity:

Ecological surveys are being undertaken to identify key habitats and species in the area. Mitigation will be employed to protect and, where possible, enhance biodiversity.

Visual effects:

The proposed scheme has the potential to have a visual impact for nearby properties, including footpaths and local roads. We will undertake assessments to determine the significance of these impacts and, where appropriate, propose suitable mitigation measures which may include planting and/or fencing to provide screening.

Next steps

We would like to hear your views on the proposed design so we can develop the scheme further with the understanding of local concerns and suggestions.

Please tell us your feedback by 17 March 2017, so we can review the responses.

Once the design is finalised, we will apply for a Compulsory Purchase Order, under the Highways Act. The construction will begin no later than March 2020, and the scheme will be open for traffic by the end of 2022.

Share your views

We want to hear your views. Your opinion is important to us.

Visit one of our public exhibitions to meet our project team and learn more about the proposed scheme. You can complete a questionnaire at one of our exhibitions. Alternatively, you can contact us by post.

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Friday 17 February 2017
1pm – 8pm

Community Centre, Warwickshire Shopping Park, Coventry, CV3 2SB (next to the NHS Eye Clinic)

Saturday 18 February 2017
10am – 4pm

Binley Woods Village Hall, Rugby Road, Binley Woods, Coventry, CV3 2AX

We look forward to hearing from you



Questionnaire

Please provide us with your feedback by 17 March 2017.

Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire. Your views are important to us.

You can submit your completed questionnaire at our exhibitions. Alternatively, you can detach your completed questionnaire from the leaflet and post it to us at A46 Coventry Junctions Team, Freepost RTUL-KAKE-BCTR, PO Box 73943 (Mouchel), London, EC4P 4HN or email it to A46CoventryJcns@highwaysengland.co.uk

More information about the project is available on our website: www.highways.gov.uk/a46-coventry-junctions.

Questionnaire begins here (1 -7)



1. How often do you use the Binley roundabout on the A46?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Rarely
- Never

2. If you do use Binley roundabout on the A46, please indicate your main reason for doing so.

- Work/commuting
- Leisure/personal

3. To what extent do you agree/disagree that the Binley junction needs improving?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Do you use the Binley junction as a non-motorised user? If so, do you have concerns regarding the footways and cycle paths?

- Yes
- No

Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

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Please provide us with your email address and/or your name and address. If you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, please provide your post code only.

Name:

Email:

Address:

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Questionnaire continued overleaf



Questionnaire

5. From viewing Highways England's proposal, do you support the proposed scheme?

Yes
No

Please explain your reasons for your support or otherwise. Is there anything else we should consider?

Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

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6. Did you visit any of our information exhibitions?

Yes
If yes, which one?

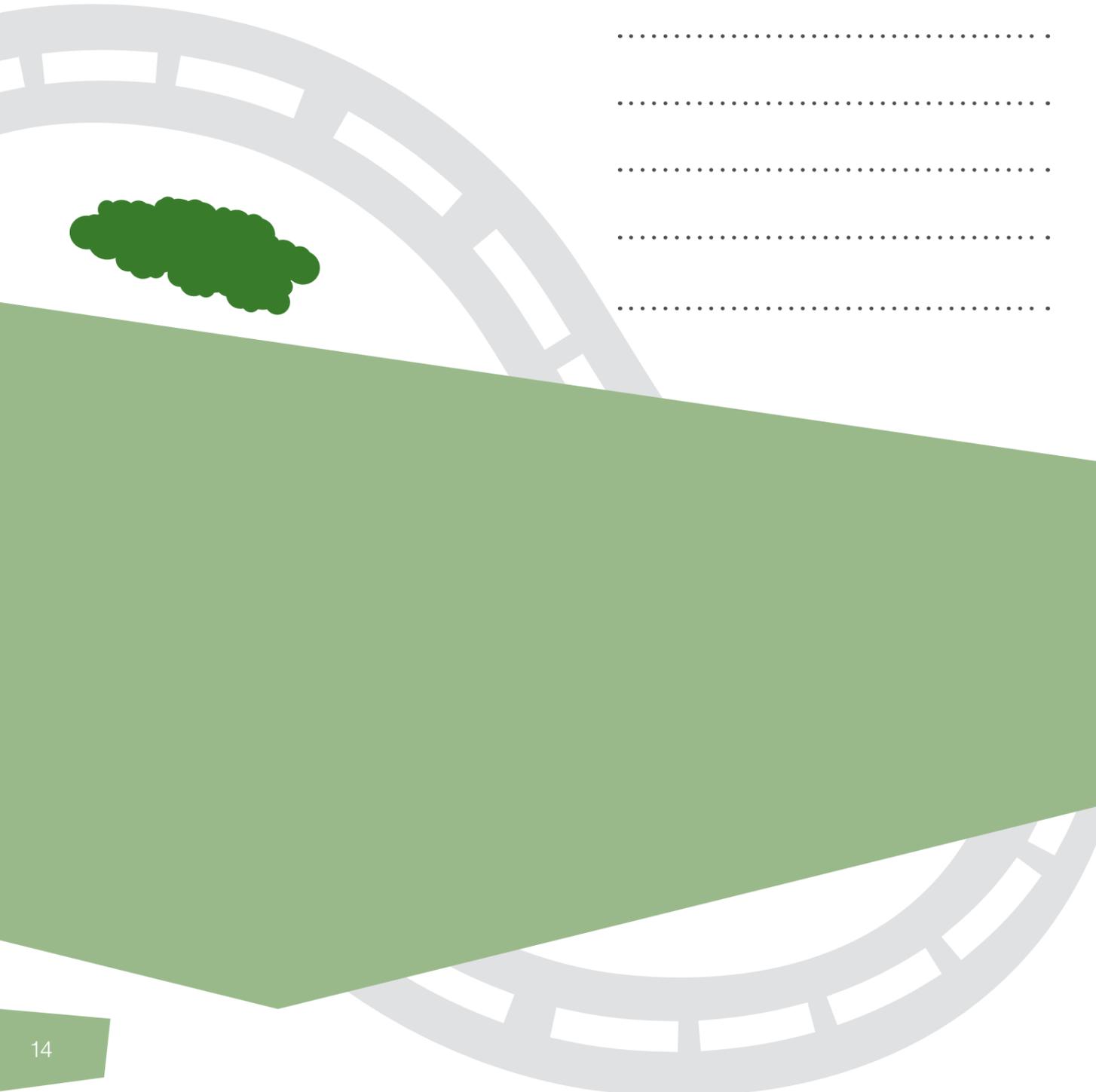
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7. How did you find out about the A46 Coventry Junctions information exhibitions?

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Thank you for your feedback



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