

Dunkettle Progress Update

4th February 2022

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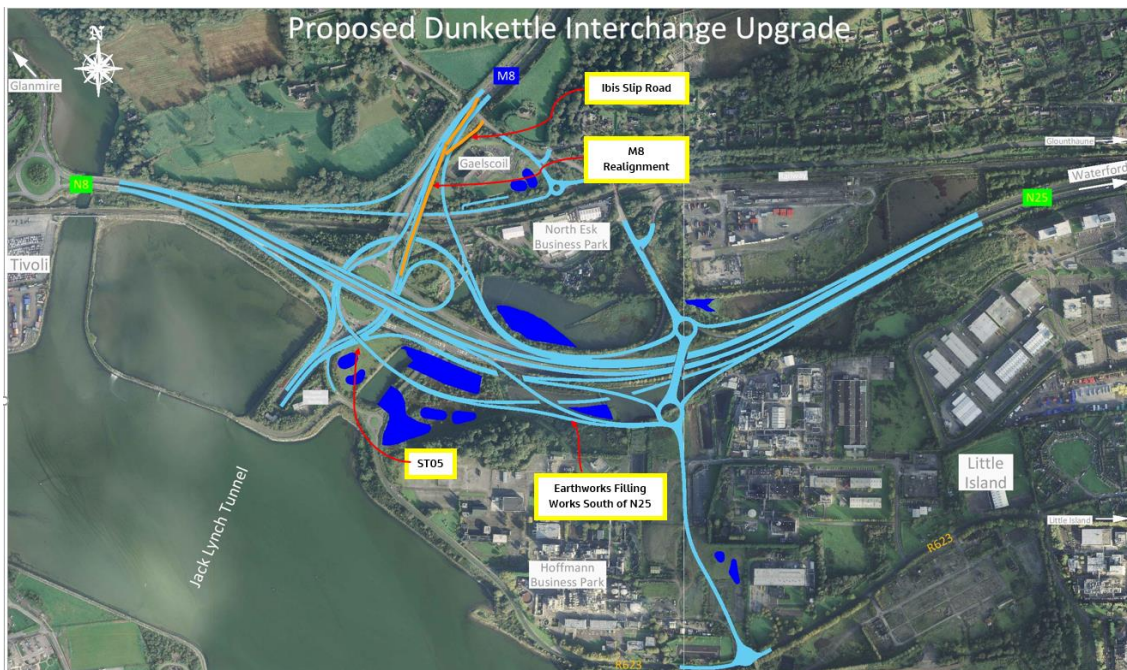


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Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade Project



- Structure ST08 opened to Southbound traffic on Sunday the 30th January 2022. Delays to Southbound traffic on the M8 have increased slightly as a result during the morning peak. Optimisation of the Interchange Roundabout traffic lights will continue to be progressed over the coming period but motorists should continue to allow additional time for their journey if using the M8 Southbound, particularly during peak times.
- Following on from the opening of Structure ST08 works on the existing M8 footprint have continued and we expect to reopen the Ibis slip-road to the M8 at approximately 10:00am on Sunday the 6th February 2022.
- In order to facilitate the Ibis slip-road reopening the M8 southbound will be closed from 22:00 on Saturday 5th February 2022 until 05:00 on Sunday 6th February 2022. Traffic will be diverted locally via the R639 through Glanmire.
- Over the coming week works will continue on construction of the new M8 Northbound lanes which will be directed over the new Structure ST08 over the next week or so. A detailed timeline for this opening of the new M8 Northbound lanes will be set out in next week's update.
- The 4 columns at the eastern abutment of Structure ST05 have now been cast - see photograph below. Over the following fortnight the 4 columns of the western abutment of Structure ST05, immediately adjacent to the Southbound approach to the Tunnel, will be cast.



Works ongoing for the columns to Structure ST05.

- Works are also continuing in association with the new Links proposed in the area south of the N25 - see photograph attached.



Embankment construction works ongoing alongside the N25 westbound.

**Ongoing works on the steeped side slopes of the new N25 WB to M8
NB Link road:**



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N40 Intelligent Transport Systems

Installation of gantry mounted Variable Message Signs and other infrastructure to display traffic information such as journey times.

Works will continue next week on the ITS sites as follows:

- Equipment installation is approaching completion on the Intelligent Transport Systems being installed on the approaches to the Dunkettle Interchange with commissioning ongoing and scheduled to accelerate through February and March 2022.
- All 12 pairs of Over-Height Vehicle Detectors (OHVDs) are now in place awaiting commissioning and calibration. See photo below.



Over-Height Vehicle Detection cameras in place on the N40 northbound approach to the Jack Lynch Tunnel.

- All seven of the portal gantries installed across the N40, M8 and N25 approaches to the Dunkettle Interchange have now had their Variable Message Signs (VMS) and Lane Control Signs (LCS) installed. The photo below shows these signs in use on the M8 southbound to supplement the on-road traffic management for the lane closure, displaying warning messages, guidance arrows regarding lane closures and cautionary speed on the open lane. This provides a preview of how these signs will be used when required on the upgraded Dunkettle Interchange.



Variable Message Signs (VMS) and Lane Control Signs (LCS) on the M8 southbound approach to the Dunkettle Interchange.

As always, if there are any queries or comments in relation to these works, please contact us at:

Phone: 1800 810077 (at any time), **Email:** roadconstruction@ccc-site.com.



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