

# Dunkettle Progress Update

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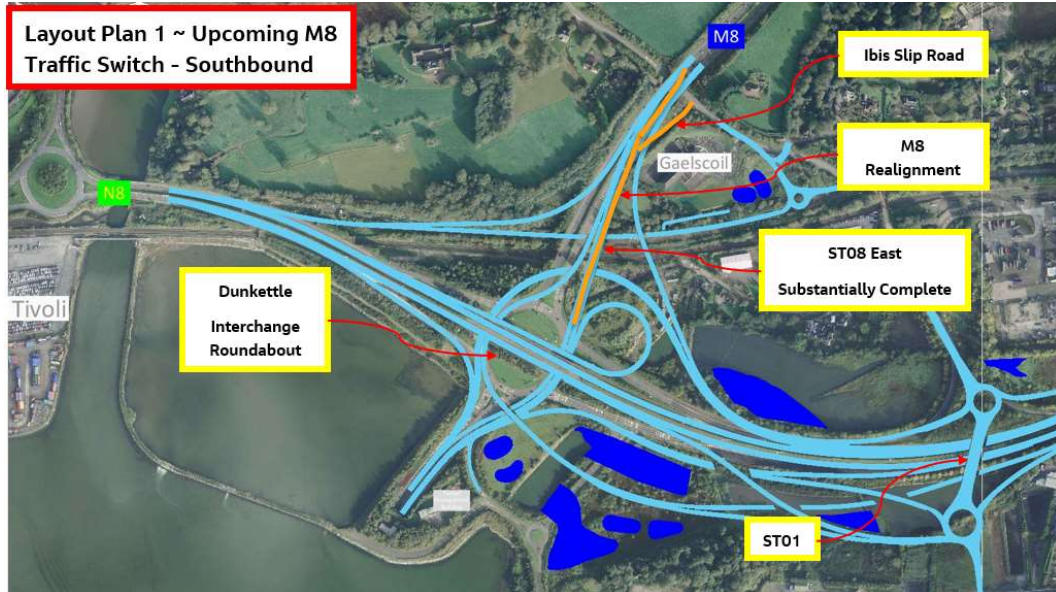
## Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade Project

- Regular commuters using the Dunkettle Interchange will be aware of the fact that significant progress has been made on the Interchange upgrade works during 2021. A number of the new structures required are complete and works are now underway on all of the main structures. Also embankment construction associated with the various new Link roads is advancing in all areas of the site.
- To date, construction works have been largely off-line. However, over the coming weeks and months a number of new Links and associated structures will be opened to traffic, commencing from later this week.

**Summary:**

- Details of upcoming traffic management arrangements and openings are set out hereunder. In summary, we are proposing to temporarily close the Ibis slip road for a period of just over one week, reduce the M8 southbound to a single lane, open ST08 East, direct M8 northbound traffic over the new structure and then permanently open Link U and Link T - see layout plans below. The new arrangement will result in slightly increased delays to M8 southbound traffic during the AM peak until Structure ST01 opens - currently scheduled for Q3 2022. However, every effort will be made to mitigate this delay and the approach proposed has allowed us to bring forward the due completion date by several weeks.

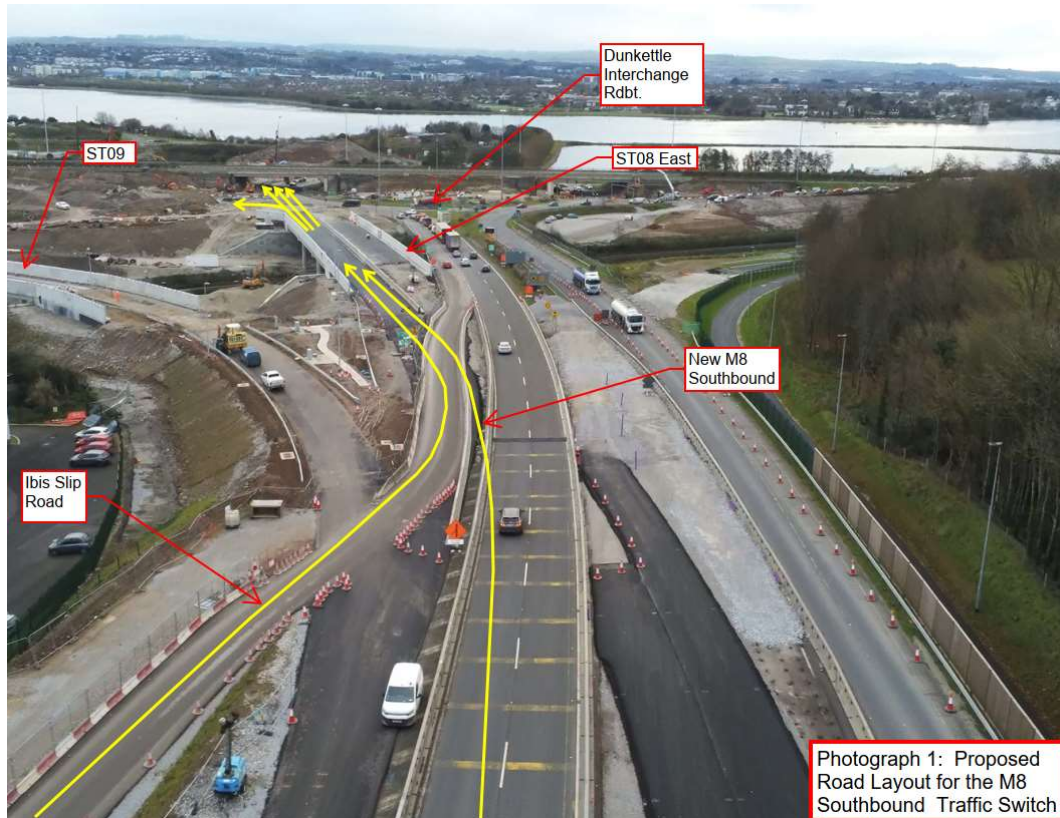
- We are proposing to open the recently completed structure ST08 to traffic over the coming days. (See layout plan 1 below).



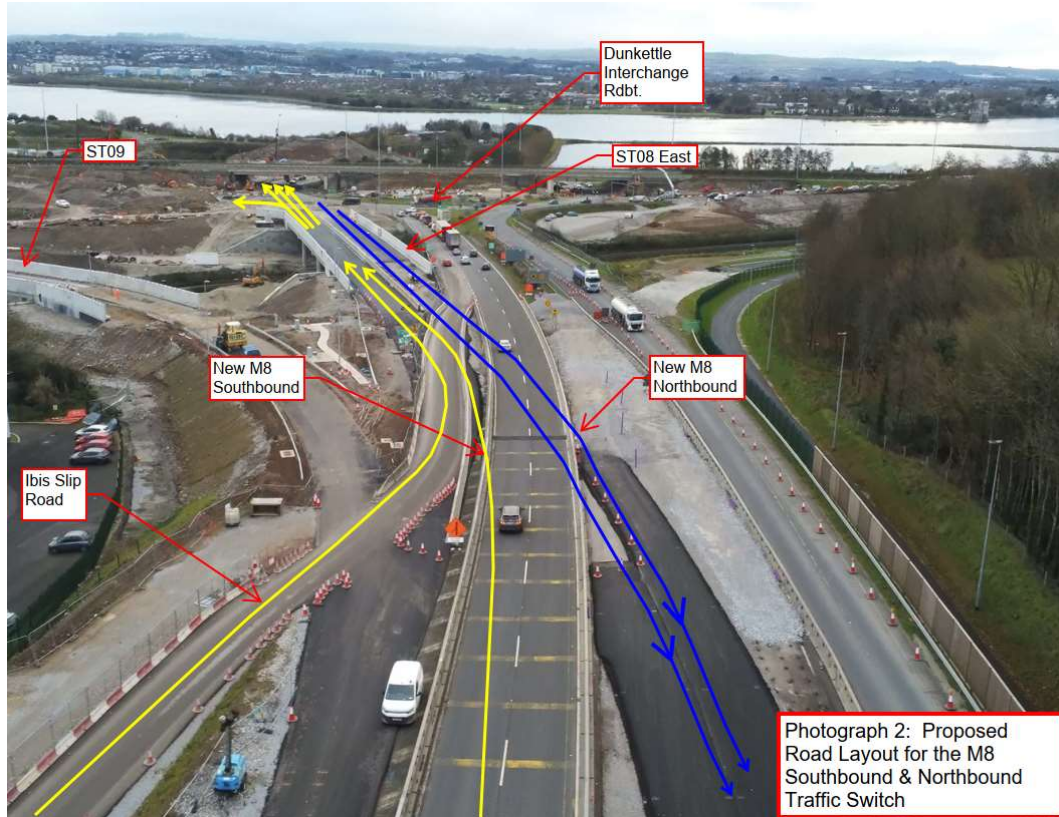
Opening of this structure will involve a number of intermediate traffic management steps as follows:-

- The Ibis slip-road from local road L-2998 to the M8 will be temporarily closed from 10am on Thursday the 27th January 2022 until Sunday the 6th February 2022.
- M8 southbound traffic will then be reduced to 1 lane from Thursday the 27th January 2022. Structure ST08 will then be opened to traffic on Sunday the 30th January 2022 with M8 southbound traffic directed over the new structure.
- As noted above, the Ibis slip-road will then reopen on 6th February 2022 when all necessary enabling works have been completed.

- 3 traffic lanes will continue to be available on the immediate approach to the Interchange traffic lights – see marked up photograph 1 below.

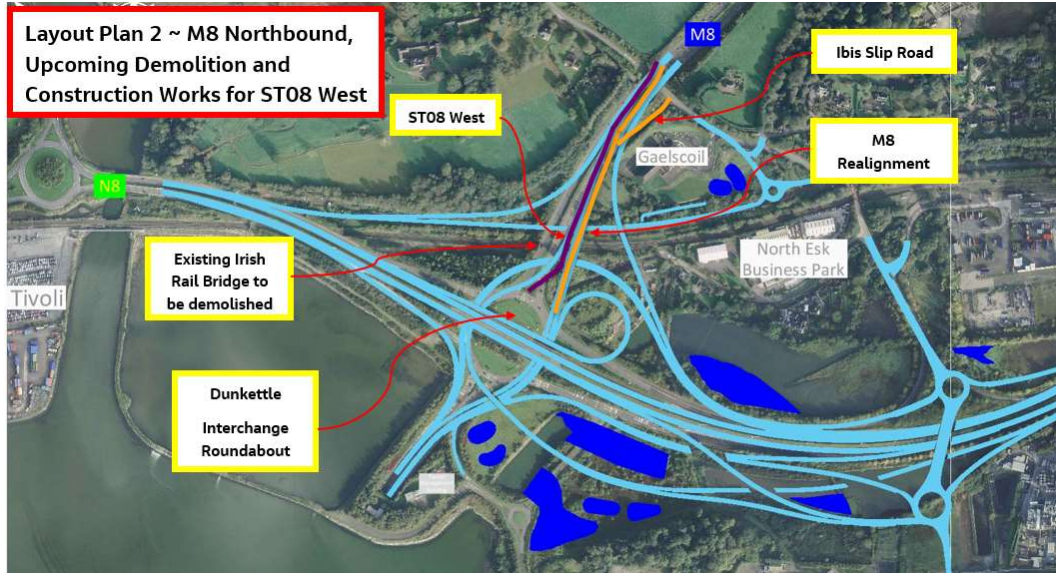


- The M8 northbound lanes will then be directed over the new structure from mid-February 2022 and this temporary arrangement whereby the M8 southbound and northbound lanes will be carried across the new structure will remain in place for several months, until Q3 2022. See marked up photograph 2 below.



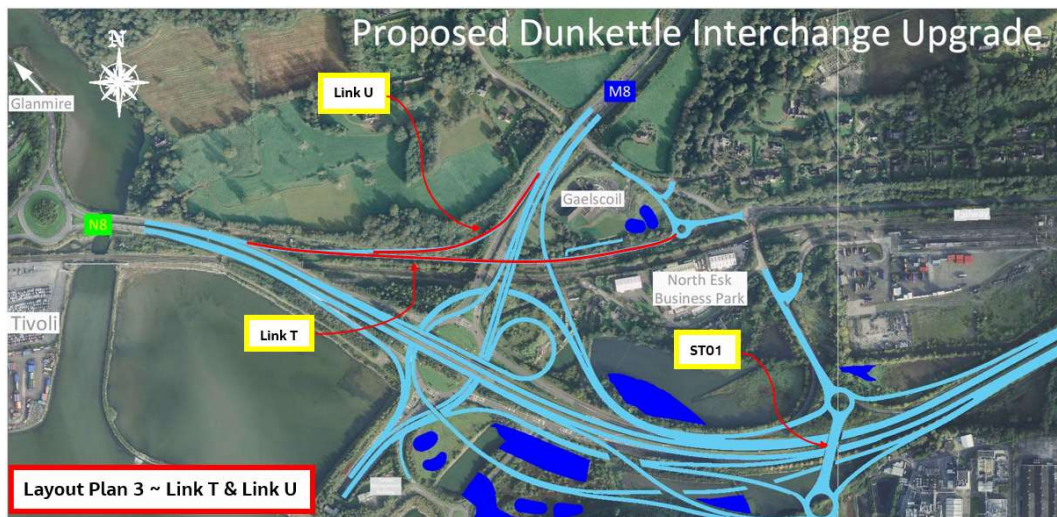
- This temporary traffic management layout is required in order to facilitate demolition of the existing rail structure at this location and construction of the western section of structure ST08 – see layout plan 2 below.





- The traffic management arrangement will result in slightly increased delays for M8 southbound traffic during the am peak, as traffic volumes return to pre-Covid levels. Motorists proposing to utilise the M8 southbound for their journey during am peak times should allow additional time for their journey. Our expectation is that the 3 lane configuration on the immediate approach to the roundabout will help to minimise any additional delay arising. Also, we will be reconfiguring the traffic light sequencing over the next couple of weeks in order to further minimise any additional delay arising for M8 southbound traffic.
- The single lane section of the M8 will be patrolled and kept under review throughout it's period of use and emergency/incident response arrangements will also be in place throughout, freephone 1800 81 00 77.

- Free flow Link U, which will cater for traffic from Tivoli roundabout wishing to head north on the M8 is then scheduled to open permanently in early March 2022, removing this traffic flow from the Interchange roundabout area. (See layout plan 3 below).
- Link T (see layout plan 3 below) which will cater for Dunkettle local traffic from the Tivoli roundabout is then scheduled to open permanently during Q2 of 2022. We then expect that the permanent opening of structure ST01 will take place in Q3 of 2022.



- More accurate dates for all of the above openings will be provided as they become available via the weekly updates and via the Project website.
- Implementation of the traffic management arrangements set out above will facilitate early delivery of the Project. The due delivery

date for the Project has been brought forward from end of March 2024 to mid-February 2024 and works remain on track for completion by this new due date.

Please see hereunder link to recent drone footage showing the proposed traffic management phasing arrangements for the upcoming M8 transition works.



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

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