

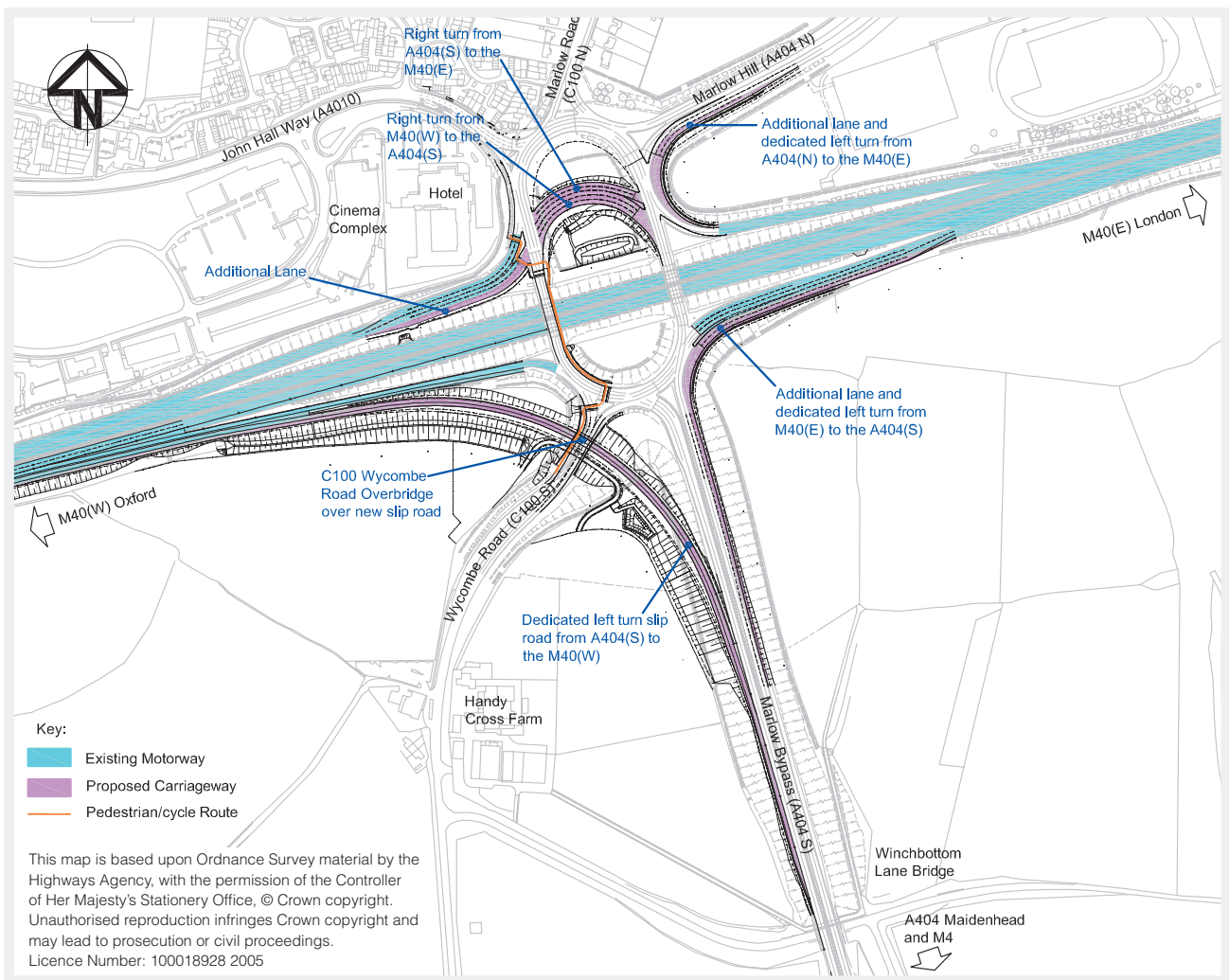
A404/M40 Handy Cross Junction Improvement Newsletter 2

September 2005

Public Exhibition

As construction is about to start this October on improvements to the M40/A404 Handy Cross Junction, this is your opportunity to come along to an exhibition and find out what this means for you.

You can meet the Highways Agency, the contractor Edmund Nuttall and consultants Hyder Consulting to discuss what will be happening between now and completion in November 2006.



The works include:

- Construction a new slip road between the A404 Marlow Bypass and the M40 heading westbound.
- A new bridge carrying Wycombe Road over the new link road.
- New retaining walls to accommodate additional lanes built on sloping ground, from M40 westbound onto A404 southbound and from A404 northbound onto M40 eastbound.
- A widened slip road from the M40 eastbound onto the existing roundabout and new lanes through the roundabout carrying traffic onto the southbound A404.
- New lighting, signs and traffic lights.

Visit us at The Holiday Inn (High Wycombe), next to Junction 4 of the M40, on the following dates:

Friday 14th Oct 2005	2pm - 9pm
Saturday 15th Oct 2005	10am - 4pm

Some disruption to traffic is expected during construction, although this will be kept to a minimum through carefully planned night and weekend working and speed restrictions.

How have we got here?

The key dates in the progress of the project are:

Event	Date
Edmund Nuttall appointed contractor	June 2003
Pre-orders exhibition	December 2003
Draft Orders published	April 2004
Public Inquiry at Wycombe District Council	November 2004

Inspector recommended approval and Secretary of State agreed	March 2005
Orders published	May 2005

What happens next?

The works programme is as follows:

Event	Date
Construction start Week commencing	26 October 2005
New bridge and retaining walls	Winter 2005/6
Earthworks and link road construction	Late Spring/early Summer 2006
Surfacing, road signs and markings	Autumn 2006

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