

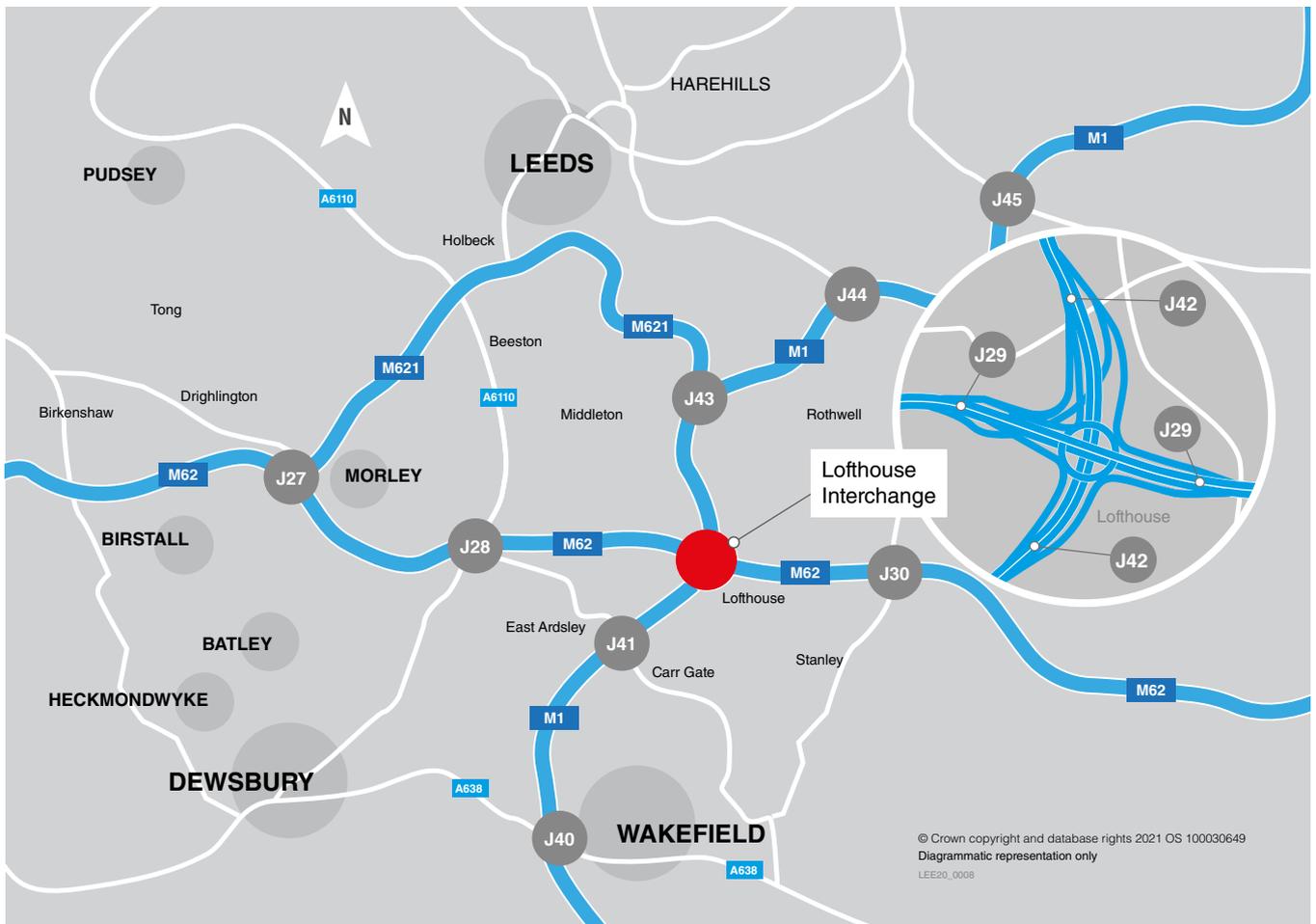
# M1/M62 Lofthouse Interchange

## Fact sheet – environmental surveys

The government published its Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 2 in March 2020, covering the period 2020-2025. In addition to projects that government is asking Highways England to build during this period, it has also asked us to develop plans for 32 pipeline schemes, including M1/M62 Lofthouse Interchange. These projects may be considered by government for delivery in future Road Investment Strategies and are

subject to funding approval and development consent.

Through this scheme we plan to create additional capacity at the M1/M62 Lofthouse Interchange. As part of our development work, Aecom (working on behalf of Highways England) will be undertaking non-intrusive walkover surveys in your area from February 2021 onwards.



## Environmental field surveys

Our countryside is home to some amazing plants, animals and habitats, and many of them are protected by law. Knowing exactly where they are is vital to making sure we can take steps to avoid them or keep any impact to a minimum. High-level ecology surveys will be undertaken to identify constraints and opportunities before a full preliminary ecological appraisal is undertaken. These surveys will identify potentially sensitive areas and highlight where further, more detailed surveys are required. They will also help to identify signs or potential habitat that support protected or notable species. The results of the surveys will also be used to identify opportunities for enhancement during scheme development work.

We will also be undertaking surveys that investigate cultural heritage resources, as well as water and landscape features. All surveys will be non-intrusive walkover surveys during daylight hours. Our surveyors generally work in pairs on foot and are practised at carrying out surveys. All staff will carry photo identification cards and a written permission letter from Highways England, while all surveys will be undertaken in compliance with the government's COVID-19 guidance.



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