

# **Sustainability and Procurement: The SAPIENS Network Conference**

20 June 2024

The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, United Kingdom

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## I. Essential Information

The SAPIENS Network Conference will address a multitude of legal, economic, political, and management issues related to procurement and sustainability, from the protection of the environment to labour rights, fair trade, and women's empowerment. The Early-Stage Researchers of the 10 European universities of the SAPIENS Network will present their research results alongside established scholars and stakeholders from around the globe.

On Thursday, 20 June, the conference will start at 9 AM and end at 6 PM. We will conclude the conference with a dinner. The conference venue is the Aston Webb Building (room WG5). The Aston Webb Building is [R6 on the Edgbaston Campus map](#) (Annex 1) and is situated near the East Gate of the University of Birmingham **Edgbaston Campus** (address and travel information is provided in Part II of this document).

### *Information for Speakers*

Your contributions are vital to the success of the conference. Each speaker has been allocated 30 minutes within a panel. We value your insights and ask each speaker that your presentations do not exceed 20 minutes. The remainder of the time will be devoted to questions and discussion, usually after the presentations. Timekeeping by panel chairs will be strict to ensure a smooth and engaging conference. You may use slides (PowerPoint or other common software). We kindly ask you to submit your presentation to Natalia Spataru, email: [n.spataru@bham.ac.uk](mailto:n.spataru@bham.ac.uk) no later than 10 June.

### *Information for all Participants*

If you have not done so, please register for the conference by May 25, 2024 at [this link](#).

On Wednesday, 19 June, an optional activity is a visit to [the Cadbury World](#): a fun chocolate trip where the participants will enjoy a 4D Chocolate Adventure, the Bournville Experience, and the African Adventure play area before they enter the self-guided tour of the main attraction. Please arrive at the Cadbury World at 1 PM. You will need to arrange your own transportation to get there. Annex 6 provides information on how to arrive at the Cadbury World.

## *Food*

After the Cadbury visit on June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, we will have dinner at the Edgbaston Park Hotel. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM, the conference dinner will also be held at the Edgbaston Park Hotel.

Good food that suits your needs is essential. When registering, please indicate whether you will attend both dinners on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and whether you have dietary requirements. If you have any dietary requirements, we will forward them to the restaurant.

## II. Travel Information

### **How to arrive at the University of Birmingham Edgbaston Campus**

Address: University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT UK

### **Travelling by air**

Birmingham Airport (formerly known as Birmingham International Airport) has direct flights from locations in the UK, the USA, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

Air-Rail Link provides a free, fast connection between the airport terminals and Birmingham International railway station. It operates every two minutes (journey time 90 seconds). Birmingham International Railway Station has frequent services to New Street Station in the city centre (journey time around 15 minutes). Alternatively, the journey by taxi from the airport to the University takes approximately half an hour. You can find black cab taxi services at the airport exit, or you can order a taxi through the [Uber app](#).

### **Travelling by rail**

Most cross-country services to Birmingham arrive at Birmingham New Street station. You can book your train tickets on [Trainline](#). Up to six trains an hour depart from the Birmingham New Street station for the University station on the cross-city line (final destination: Longbridge or Redditch). Turn left as you leave the University station, and the Aston Webb Building is in Chancellor's Court, near the clock tower.

### Travelling from London to Birmingham

If you travel from London, there is a frequent train service from London Euston railway station to Birmingham New Street Station (the journey time on the fastest train is around 1 hour 30 minutes). You can book your tickets on the [Trainline website](#).

From Heathrow Airport. Take the Heathrow Express train to Paddington Station and then the Underground or a taxi to Euston Station. Alternatively, an Airbus runs from Heathrow Airport directly to Euston Station

From Gatwick Airport. Take the Airport Express train to Victoria Station and then the Underground or a taxi to Euston Station.

### **Travelling by bus**

The services run frequently from the city centre. To arrive at the University North Gate from the New Street Station, walk 3 minutes to the St Martin's Queensway bus stop, then take X21 or X22 (Annex 3). Bus timetables are available on the [National Express West Midlands website](#).

### **Taxis**

There are taxi ranks at New Street station and throughout the city centre. The journey from the city centre to the Edgbaston Campus takes about ten minutes. Alternatively, you can request a ride to the Edgbaston Campus through the [Uber app](#).

## **III. Accommodation Information**

### **Edgbaston Park Hotel**

Adress: 53 Edgbaston Park Road Birmingham B15 2RS

The hotel is set on the University of Birmingham campus. Attendees who have reserved rooms at this hotel may find it as G23 on the Campus map (Annex 1).

Alternative accommodation options:

### **Premier Inn Birmingham City Centre (New St Station) Hotel**

- 3-star hotel
- Address: Exchange Buildings, Stephenson Pl, Birmingham B2 4NH
- Website: <https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/west-midlands/birmingham/birmingham-city-centre-new-st-station.html>

- Distance to the University campus by:
  - West Midlands railways: 20 min
  - Bus: 23/29 min

See Annex 4 for information on how to get to the Edgbaston Campus from Premier Inn.

### AC Hotel by Marriott Birmingham

- 3-star hotel
- Address: The Mailbox, 160 Wharfside St, Birmingham B1 1RL
- Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-gb/hotels/bhxac-ac-hotel-birmingham/overview/>
- Distance to the University campus by:
  - West Midlands railways 24 min
  - Bus: 26 min

See Annex 5 for information on how to get to the Edgbaston Campus from the AC Hotel by Marriott.

## IV. University of Birmingham (UoB)

Founded in 1900, Birmingham represented a new model for Higher Education. It was England's first civic university, a place where students from all backgrounds were accepted on an equal basis. At the heart of the campus are the redbrick buildings of Chancellor's Court. Designed by leading architect Sir Aston Webb (who also designed other British landmarks such as the façade of Buckingham Palace and the Victoria and Albert Museum), most of the work was finished in 1909 and remains the focal point of the UoB campus. In the centre of the courtyard is the soaring clock tower, affectionately known as 'Old Joe', which can be seen across the city of Birmingham: an emblem of the University's prestige. The UoB also has a campus in Dubai located in Dubai International Academic City (DIAC).

For more than 100 years, UoB research has influenced how we live our lives. The UoB is where pacemakers and plastic heart valves were developed, where the first artificial vitamin (Vitamin C) was synthesised, and where the cavity magnetron was developed, leading to applications such as radar and the microwave oven. In addition, allergy vaccines were pioneered, the key components of artificial blood were synthesised, and the first clinical trials of the contraceptive pill outside the US were carried out, having a fundamental impact on the lives of women worldwide.

## V. Birmingham Law School (BLS)

For almost a century, BLS has led the way in legal education and research. Today, it continues to provide students with innovative, challenging, and research-driven education. BLS is a truly global, civic, and diverse community reflected in our staff and students, who have important impacts around the world through research, teaching, and enterprise.

According to the Research Excellence Framework 2021 (REF2021), the BLS is among the UK's top 10 universities for research quality. 87% of BLS research activity is world-leading or internationally excellent (REF2021). According to the recent Times Higher Education's World University Rankings 2023, BLS is in the Top 75 world Law Schools.

## VI. Things to see in Birmingham

**Symphony Hall** – considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the world, officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 12 June 1991.

**Winterbourne House and Garden** – heritage attraction/ historical building built in 1903 for John Nettlefold, a pioneer of early housing reform in Birmingham, when the city severely lacked decent homes for working people.

**Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery** – has 9 venues that provide a fascinating glimpse into Birmingham's rich and vibrant past and showcase world-class museum collections. Admission is free.

**Sarehole Mill** – a 250-year-old working watermill famous for its association with author J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of the high fantasy works 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings'.

**The Bear Grylls Adventure** – experience eleven epic activities at the Bear Grylls Adventure. Escape the ordinary, experience the awesome and try something new.

**Black Country Living Museum** is an open-air museum of rebuilt historic buildings in Dudley, West Midlands, England. Experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the Black Country as you explore shops, houses, and industrial workshops rebuilt in the canalside village.

## VII. Emergencies

Police, fire brigade, ambulance: 999.

## Annexes

### Annex 1

#### Edgbaston Campus Map

##### Red Zone

R0 The Harding Building  
 R1 Law Building  
 R2 Frankland Building  
 R3 Hills Building  
 R4 Aston Webb – Lapworth Museum  
 R5 Aston Webb – B Block  
 R6 Aston Webb – Great Hall  
 R7 Aston Webb – Student Hub  
 R8 Physics West  
 R9 Nurfield  
 R10 Physics East  
 R11 Medical Physics  
 R12 Bramall Music Building  
 R13 Poynting Building  
 R14 Barber Institute of Fine Arts  
 R15 Watson Building  
 R16 Arts Building  
 R17 Ashley Building  
 R18 Strathoona Building  
 R19 Education Building  
 R20 J G Smith Building  
 R21 Muirhead Tower  
 R23 University Centre  
 R24 Staff House  
 R26 Geography  
 R27 Biosciences Building  
 R28 Murray Learning Centre  
 R29 The Alan Walters Building  
 R30 Main Library  
 R31 Collaborative Teaching Laboratory  
 R32 Teaching and Learning Building  
 R33 Fry Building  
 R34 Cuore

##### Orange Zone

O1 The Guild of Students  
 O2 St Francis Hall  
 O3 University House  
 O4 Ash House  
 O5 Beech House  
 O6 Cedar House  
 O7 Sport & Fitness

##### Green Zone

G1 32 Pritchatts Road  
 G2 31 Pritchatts Road  
 G3 European Research Institute  
 G4 3 Elms Road  
 G5 Computer Centre  
 G6 Metallurgy and Materials  
 G7 IRC Net Shape Laboratory  
 G8 Gisbert Kapp Building  
 G9 52 Pritchatts Road  
 G10 54 Pritchatts Road – Institute for Global Innovation  
 G11 Maples Nursery  
 G12 Winterbourne House and Garden  
 G13 Hornton Grange  
 G14 Garth House  
 G15 Westmere  
 G16 Lucas House  
 G18 Priorsfield  
 G19 Park House  
 G20 Wolfson Advanced Glasshouses  
 G22 Elms Day Nursery  
 G23 Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre  
 G24 Centre for Human Brain Health  
 G25 EcoLab

##### Blue Zone

B1 Medical School  
 B2 Institute of Biomedical Research including IBR West  
 B3 Wellcome Clinical Research Facility  
 B4 Robert Aitken Institute for Clinical Research  
 B5 CRUK Institute for Cancer Studies and Denis Howell Building  
 B6 Research Park  
 B7 90 Vincent Drive  
 B8 Henry Wellcome Building for Biomolecular NMR Spectroscopy  
 B9 Medical Practice and Dental Centre  
 B10 Advanced Therapies Facility  
 B11 BioHub Birmingham  
 B12 Health Sciences Research Centre (HSRC)

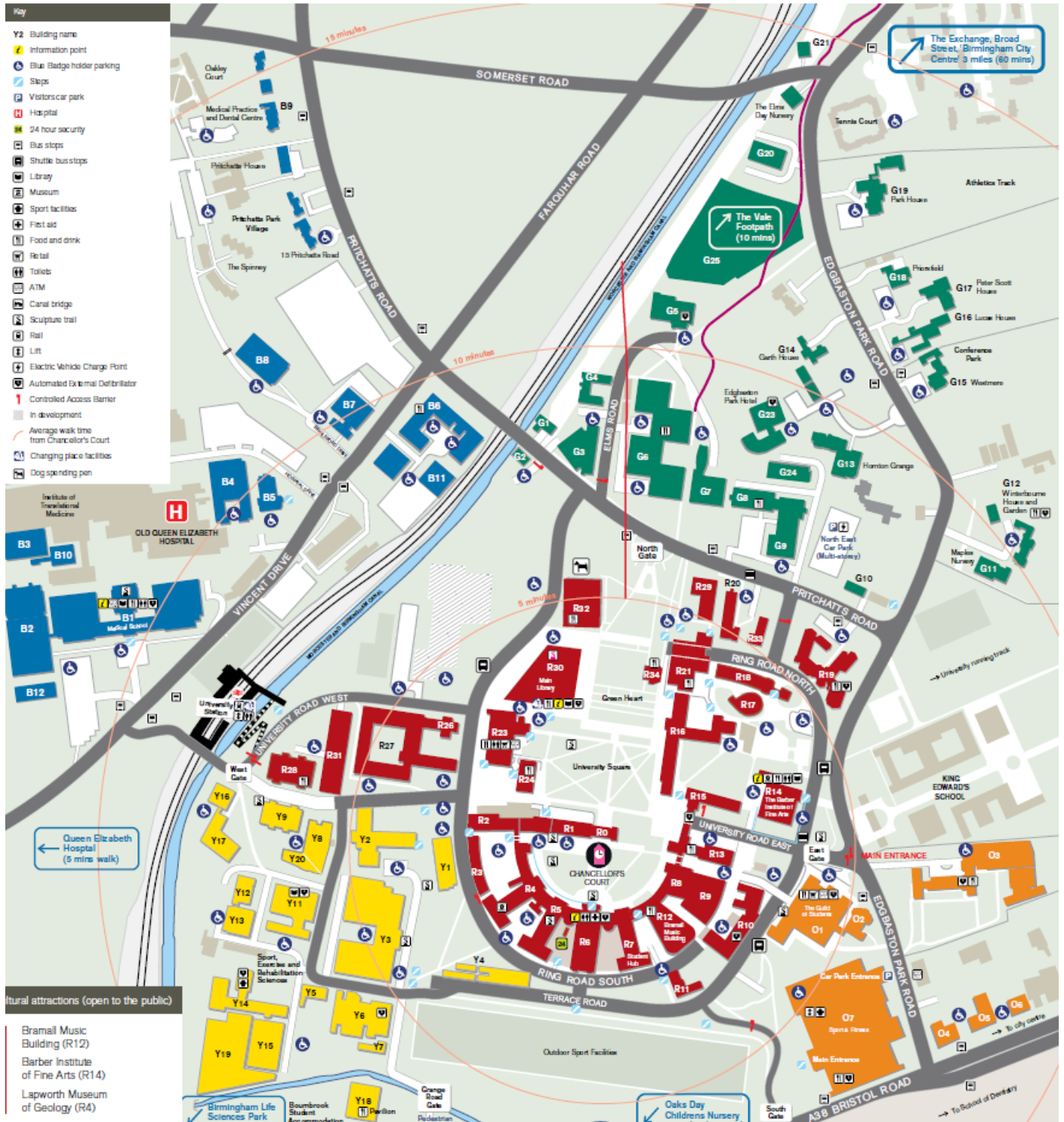
##### Yellow Zone

Y1 The Old Gym  
 Y2 Haworth Building  
 Y3 Engineering Building  
 Y4 Terrace Huts  
 Y5 Estates West  
 Y6 Maintenance Building  
 Y7 Grounds and Gardens  
 Y8 The School of Engineering  
 Y9 Computer Science  
 Y11 Chemical Engineering  
 Y12 Biochemical Engineering  
 Y13 Chemical Engineering Workshop  
 Y14 Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences  
 Y15 Civil Engineering Laboratories  
 Y16 Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
 Y17 Public Health  
 Y18 Bournbrook Student Accommodation  
 Y19 NBIF  
 Y20 UKRRIN



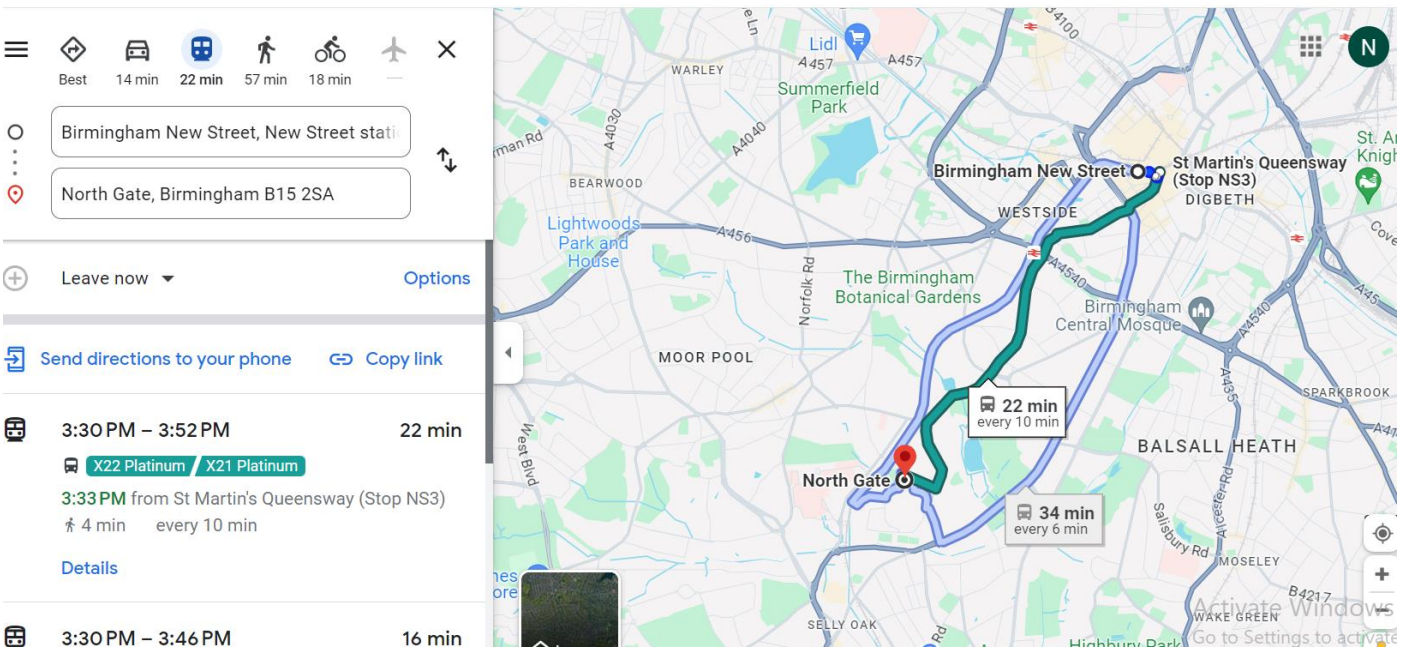
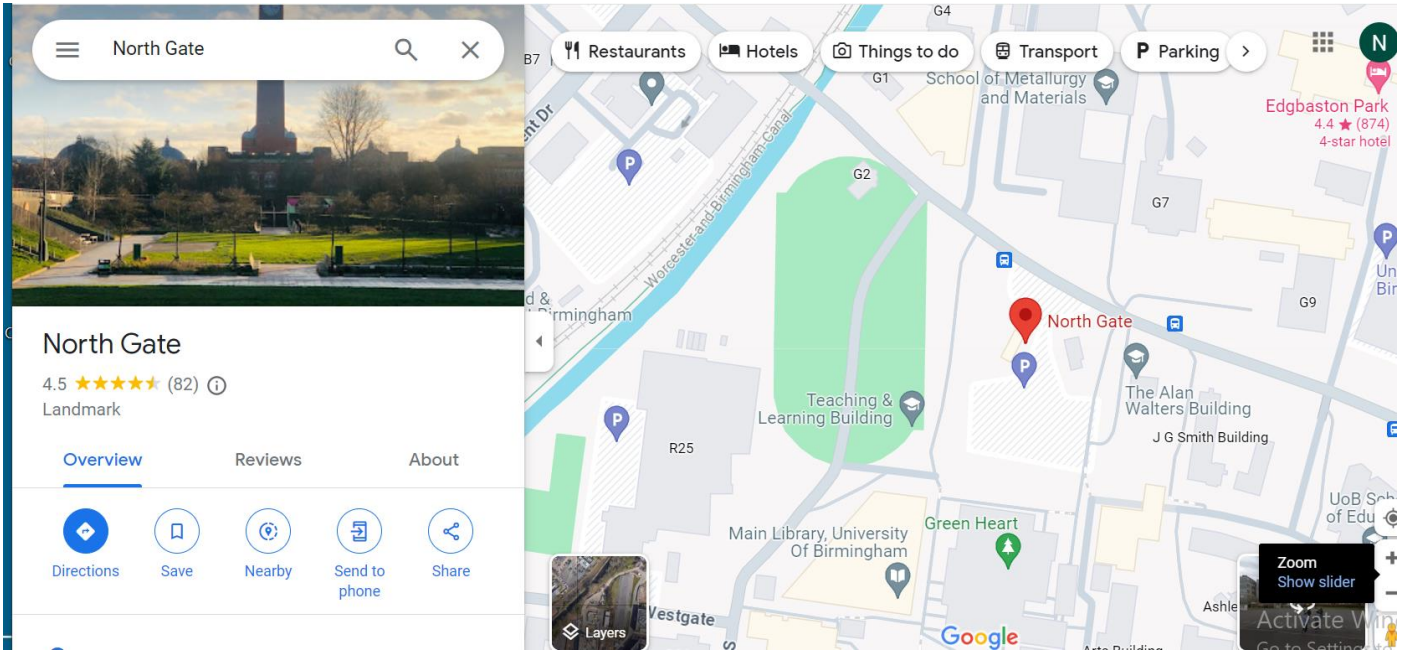


Annex 2





Annex 3



Annex 4

**Premier Inn Birmingham City Centre (New St Station) hotel**  
 4.3 ★★★★★ (1,352) · 3-star hotel

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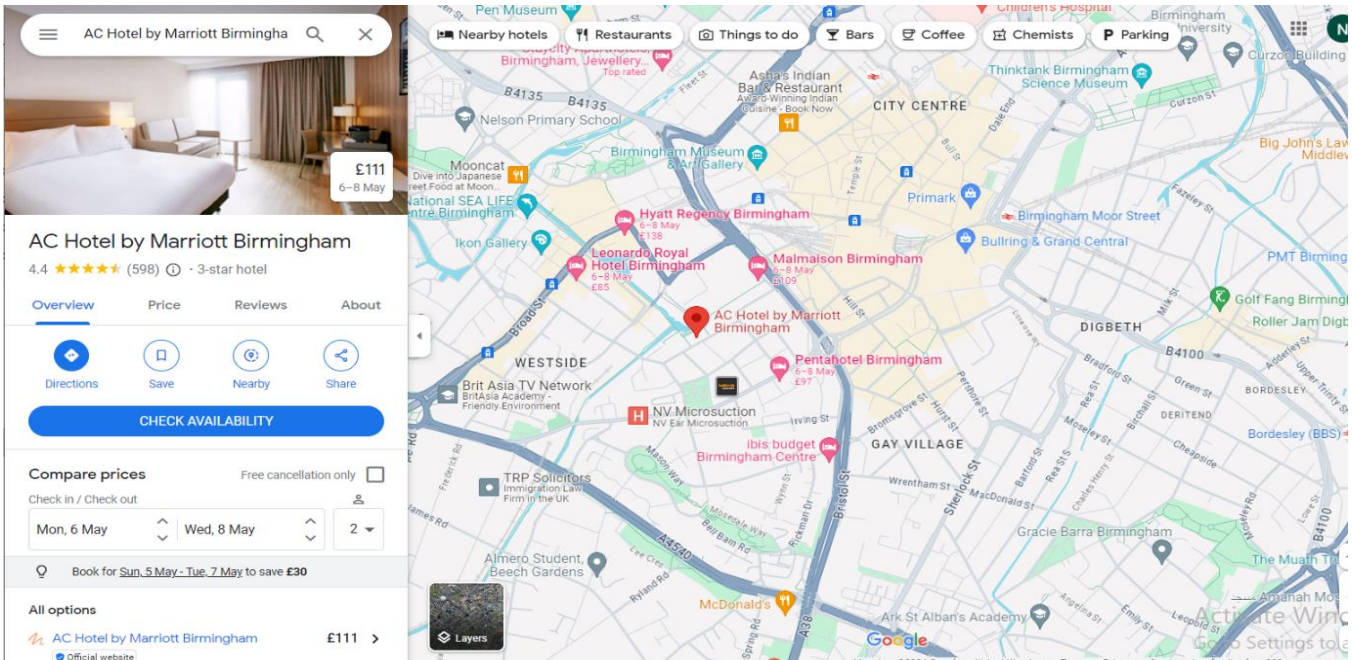
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via Edgbaston Park Rd	12 min	3.3 miles
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Details

Explore nearby Premier Inn Birmingham City

Map details: University of Birmingham Law School, Edgbaston Golf Club, 12 min, 3.3 miles.

## Annex 5



AC Hotel by Marriott Birmingham

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4.4 ★★★★★ (598) · 3-star hotel

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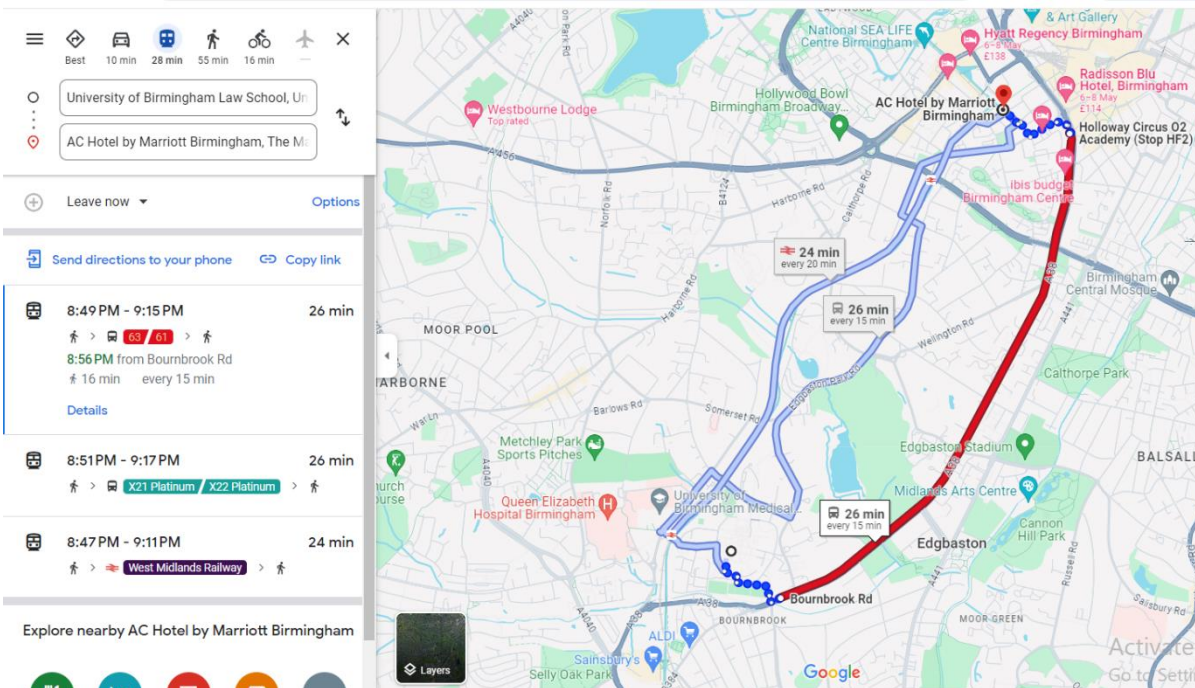
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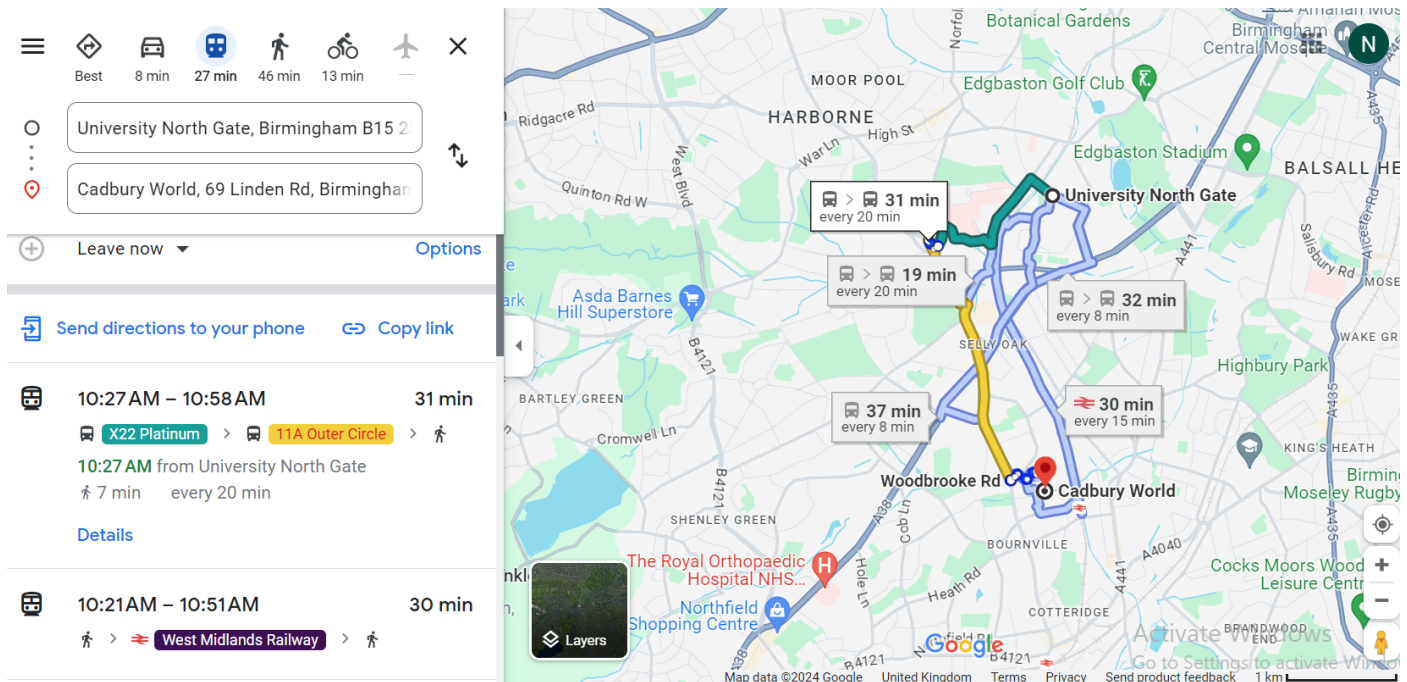
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Explore nearby AC Hotel by Marriott Birmingham

## Annex 6



To arrive by bus from the University North Gate, take the X22 bus and ride four stops until the Windermere House stop. Walk 2 minutes to the Metchley Hall Stop and ride nine stops until the Woodbrooke Rd stop.

To arrive by train, go to the University railway station. After five stops, you will arrive at Bournville. After a fifteen-minute walk, you will have arrived at Cadbury World.

Alternatively, a taxi (which may be ordered via Uber app) will take 8 minutes to drive you to the Cadbury World from the University North Gate.