

Senior Road Executives' Programme, 2011

From 4th to 16th April 2011 the School of Civil Engineering welcomed 40 participants in the annual Senior Road Executives' programme, led by [Dr Michael Burrow](#). Each year Dr Burrow provides education and training for highway engineers over four linked, 3-day intensive residential courses. Working in association with the International Road Federation, the courses provide participants with high quality, up-to-date details on regulatory and institutional reforms; finance; enforcement, traffic management and safety issues; and asset management principles.

Making it as relevant and recent as possible, Dr Burrow includes site visits where possible and for 2011, where is more relevant and timely than the currently-built Selly Oak New Road. Following their day's activities, the 40 executives donned their hard hats and high-vis gear to tour the site and hear about the challenges and achievements of the project from Mr John Daft, Birse Civils' project manager.



Site visit to Selly Oak New Road (photograph courtesy of Birse Civils)

Dr Burrow has led the Senior Road Executives' Programme for more than 15 years and many of the world's leading road engineers are alumni of the course. Not only does the content of each module enable students to gain valuable knowledge, academic participants also have the opportunity to disseminate their latest research findings and explore areas for new collaboration and developments. Dr Burrow commented, "I believe that we've achieved an effective balance of interactive lecture-style sessions, case studies from around the world, question and answer times and site visits, so our participants learn new concepts, discuss pertinent issues with each other and come up with solutions relevant to their own countries' needs." Each year, students comment about how relevant and helpful the course has been and encourage their colleagues to attend future programmes.

For more information on the Senior Road Executives programme, please visit www.sreprogramme.org