

COTTERIDGE ISLANDS AND KINGS NORTON GREEN (AREA 4)

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Cotteridge with its shops, bus stops and double island lies at the intersection of Pershore Road and the A4040, forming an extremely busy node. From here Pershore Road runs toward Birmingham City Centre while the A4040 heads toward Selly Oak. Middleton Hall Road also runs west towards the M5. Nearby, Kings Norton station is a transport hub for both Cotteridge and Kings Norton and is used by passengers travelling on the cross-city line. Buses also connect here for the inner ring road and city centre, Longbridge, Alcester Road, and Solihull. This node is consistently congested with road traffic and from the satellite view its layered history is visible. The railway station now on the Cross City Line was originally part of the Birmingham to Gloucester Railway and the nearby Worcester and Birmingham canal splits here from the Stratford and Avon canal at the Avon ring.

Further down the hill, Kings Norton Green has a busy five-way traffic island where Pershore Road South becomes Redditch Road at the intersection of Wharf Road. Wharf Road and the Navigation Inn take their names from the Canal. Also on this Island is the Cooperative food hall and the carpark for the store with its food loading bay backs onto the Green. The Green and its shops date back 500 years. Together Cotteridge and Kings Norton form a palimpsest of interconnected navigational nodes.
