

Our ref: M27SOUTHAMPTON/JC

Highways England

Bridge House
Walnut Tree Close
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Dear Sir/Madam,

M27 Southampton Junctions Scheme

I am writing to inform you that Highways England, in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council, are consulting on the proposed scheme to improve the route into Southampton from the M27 at junction 8 via Windhover Roundabout and the A3024 corridor (Northam Road-Bitterne Road West-Bursledon Road).

The proposed scheme – known as M27 Southampton Junctions – seeks to address current issues and constraints along the corridor to reduce congestion on local roads particularly at pinch points, improve journey times and support more journeys by bus, walking and cycling. This will help reduce congestion on local roads and on the M27 itself between junctions 5 and 8. If these improvements are not made traffic congestion and queuing will worsen if this is not addressed on the local network, there will be wider impacts on planned housing and employment growth and poor air quality will persist.

In line with the Government's 2015-2020 Road Investment Strategy, Highways England is working with Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council on the scheme.

We are focusing our proposals for this route on five main sections. These are: Northam Road Rail Bridge, Bitterne Rail Bridge, the A3024 corridor (Northam Road-Bitterne Road West-Bursledon Road), Windhover roundabout and M27 junction 8.

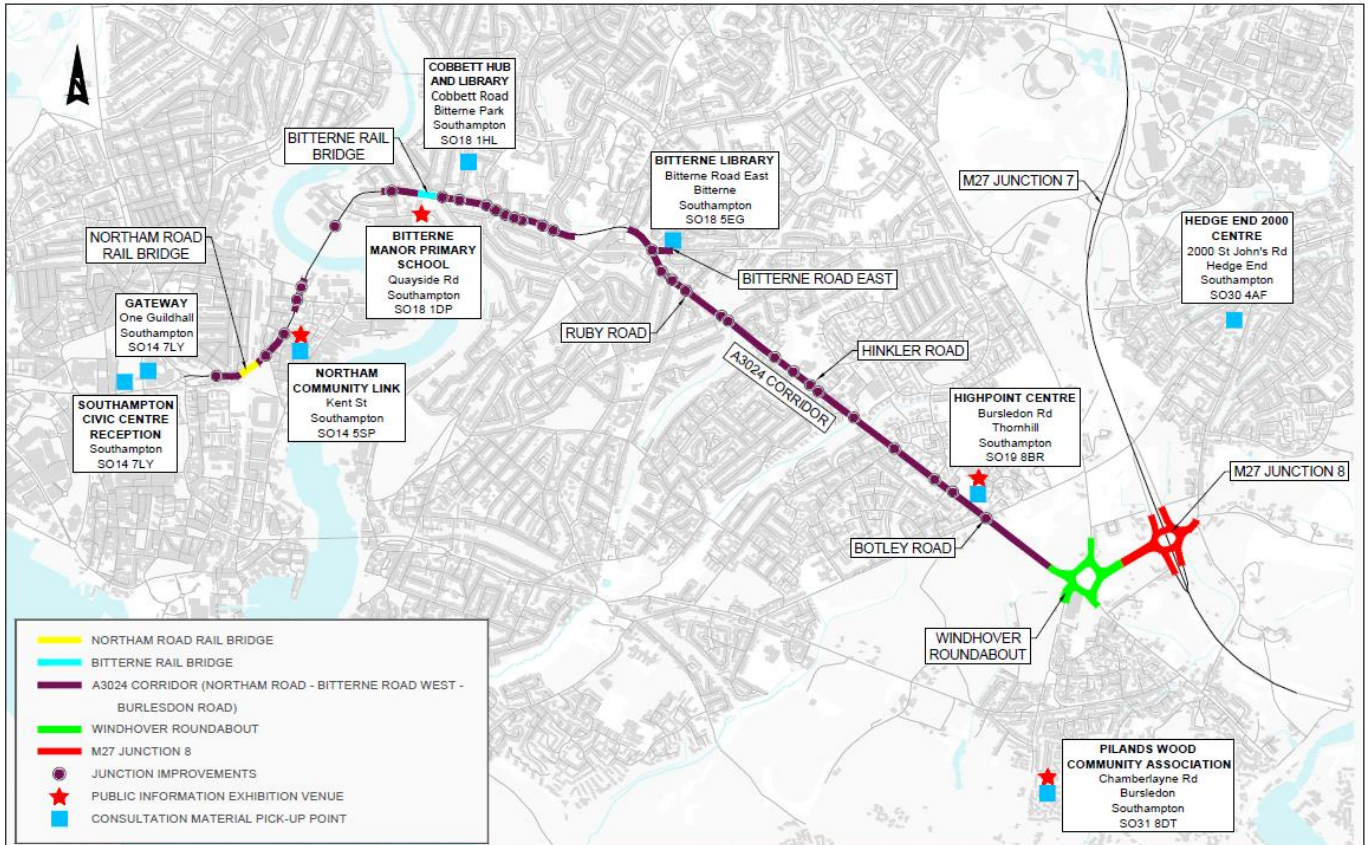
A plan of the proposed scheme is provided on the reverse of this letter.

We are carrying out a public consultation to obtain your feedback on the proposed scheme which will run for 6 weeks from **19 September 2017 to 31 October 2017**. Please share this letter with your employees and members who are also encouraged to have their say. To find out more you are invited to visit one of the **Public Information Exhibitions** taking place on:

Venue	Address	Date	Time
Pilands Wood Community Centre	Chamberlayne Rd, Bursledon, Southampton, SO31 8DT, UK	22 September 2017	4pm - 7pm
		23 September 2017	10am - 4pm
Highpoint Centre	Bursledon Rd, Thornhill, Southampton, SO19 8BR, UK	25 September 2017	4pm - 8pm
		26 September 2017	4pm - 8pm
Bitterne Manor Primary School	Bitterne Road East, Bitterne, Southampton, SO18 5EG, UK	29 September 2017	4pm - 9pm
		30 September 2017	10am - 4pm
Northam Community Link	Kent St, Southampton, SO14 5SP, UK	02 October 2017	4pm - 9pm
		03 October 2017	4pm - 9pm

The exhibitions will provide detailed information about the proposed scheme and how it was selected. Members of Highways England, officers from Hampshire and Southampton Councils,

and our supporting consultants will be available to explain the proposals and answer any questions.



There are also other ways for you to get involved:

- Pick up copies of the consultation brochure and questionnaire at the locations shown on the map above, available from **19 September to 31 October 2017**
- Online via our website (from 19 September 2017) www.highways.gov.uk/m27southamptonjunctions to access further information and to complete the online questionnaire
- Email M27SouthamptonJunctions@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Call our information line on 0300 123 5000 (9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday)

After taking your views into account we will publish a consultation report and make a statement on how the scheme will progress. Your views and comments received during the public consultation will help us improve the designs in the next stage of development.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Clark
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Highways England