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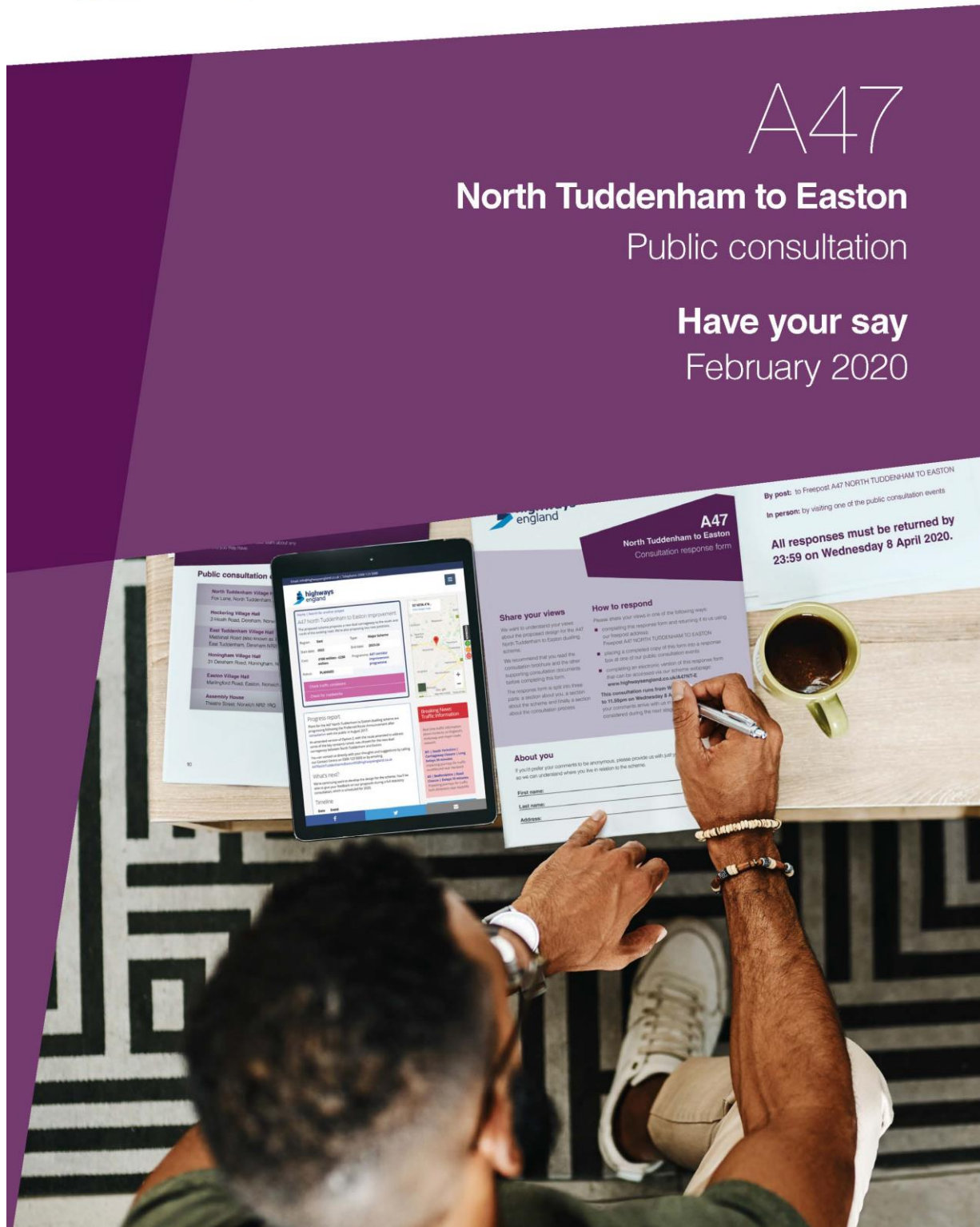
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1 CONSULTATION BROCHURE



Investing in your roads

At Highways England we believe in a connected country and our road network makes these connections happen. We strive to improve our major roads and motorways - engineering the future to keep people moving today and moving better tomorrow. We want to make sure all our major roads are more dependable, durable and, most importantly, safe.

That's why we're delivering billions of pounds of investment on our network – the largest investment in a generation. The A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling scheme is a critical part of this investment and will improve access to Norwich, which is great news for the local and regional economy.

The scheme is one of six major road improvements along the A47 to create better and safer journeys along the 115-mile route between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth.

The other A47 schemes in development are:

- A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling
- A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling
- A47/A141 Guyhirn junction
- A47/A11 Thickthorn junction
- A47 Great Yarmouth junction

Visit the A47 corridor webpage for more information on these schemes: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a47-corridor-improvement-programme/



In this brochure we explain our proposals for the scheme. Alongside the brochure is the consultation response form for you to provide us with feedback, which will help us shape the scheme before we submit our planning application.

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Why are the improvements needed?

The A47 is part of the Strategic Road Network. The section from North Tuddenham to Easton is located to the west of Norwich and forms part of the main arterial highway route connecting Norwich and Great Yarmouth to Leicester and the Midlands via King's Lynn.

Whilst around half of the A47 is already built to dual carriageway standard, the North Tuddenham to Easton section is not. Studies have identified that the single carriageway section of the road no longer meets the needs of its users. This section acts as a bottleneck, resulting in congestion that leads to longer journey times. In addition, this section of the A47 has a poor safety record.

Studies have identified the need to improve this section of the A47, and we want to ensure it is suitable for current and future demands, which will see a growth in both traffic and local residential developments along the A47 corridor to the west of Norwich.

By delivering these proposed improvements, we aim to:

- help enable regional development and growth in Norwich and its surrounding area
- reduce congestion, make journey times more reliable, and provide capacity for future traffic growth
- improve resilience of the road to cope with incidents such as collisions, breakdowns and maintenance
- improve safety for all road users and for those living in the local area
- protect the environment by minimising any adverse impacts and, where possible, deliver benefits
- ensure the new road layout takes into account local communities and safe access to the A47
- provide a safer route between communities for cyclists, walkers, horse riders and other non-motorist groups

Background What's happened so far?

Between March and April 2017, we held a non-statutory public consultation to get your views on four different proposals to dual the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton.

- **Option 1:** building a new dual carriageway to the north of the existing A47
- **Option 2:** dualling the existing A47
- **Option 3:** building a new dual carriageway to the south and the north of the existing A47
- **Option 4:** building a new dual carriageway to the south of the existing A47

We considered a number of factors when deciding between the options including:

- safety
- economic benefit
- public consultation feedback
- costs
- environmental effects
- construction

We announced the preferred route in August 2017 and Option 2 was chosen. Option 2 was one of the two most favoured options: it solves the traffic and safety problems and has the least impact on the environment.

As a result of feedback received at the consultation, Option 2 was refined taking the route away from the existing A47 to the south of Hockering and to the north of Honingham. Sections of the existing road can remain open for local traffic, walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

We are now asking for your feedback on the latest designs for our preferred route.

Progress since the preferred route announcement

We have continued to develop the design of the preferred route with traffic flow and safety as our top considerations.

Work has included design development of:

- two proposed junctions at Wood Lane and Norwich Road
- local road network connections
- three proposed overbridges
- a walking, cycling and horse riding strategy
- landscaping
- drainage

Engagement is ongoing with utility providers to make arrangements for diversions that may be needed as a result of our proposals.

We've also undertaken several surveys, with more planned to be completed before summer 2020:

Local road traffic survey	Completed	winter 2019
Air quality monitoring (baseline)	Completed	winter 2019 to spring 2020
Geophysical surveys	Completed	winter 2019
Ecological surveys	Ongoing	spring 2019 to autumn 2020
Ground investigation surveys	Ongoing	spring 2020
Ground water monitoring	Ongoing	spring 2020 to winter 2020
Archaeological trenching	Scheduled	spring 2020
Walking, cycling, horse riding	Scheduled	spring 2020
Noise surveys (baseline)	Scheduled	spring 2020

For more information on the previous consultation results, the preferred route announcement and the *Junction and Side Road Strategy Report* please visit our webpage at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E



Have your say

We're now holding a public consultation on our proposals for improving the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton. We'd like to hear what you think, so please share any concerns, ideas or local knowledge that you may have.

The consultation runs from 26 February to 8 April 2020 and there are lots of ways you can tell us what you think.

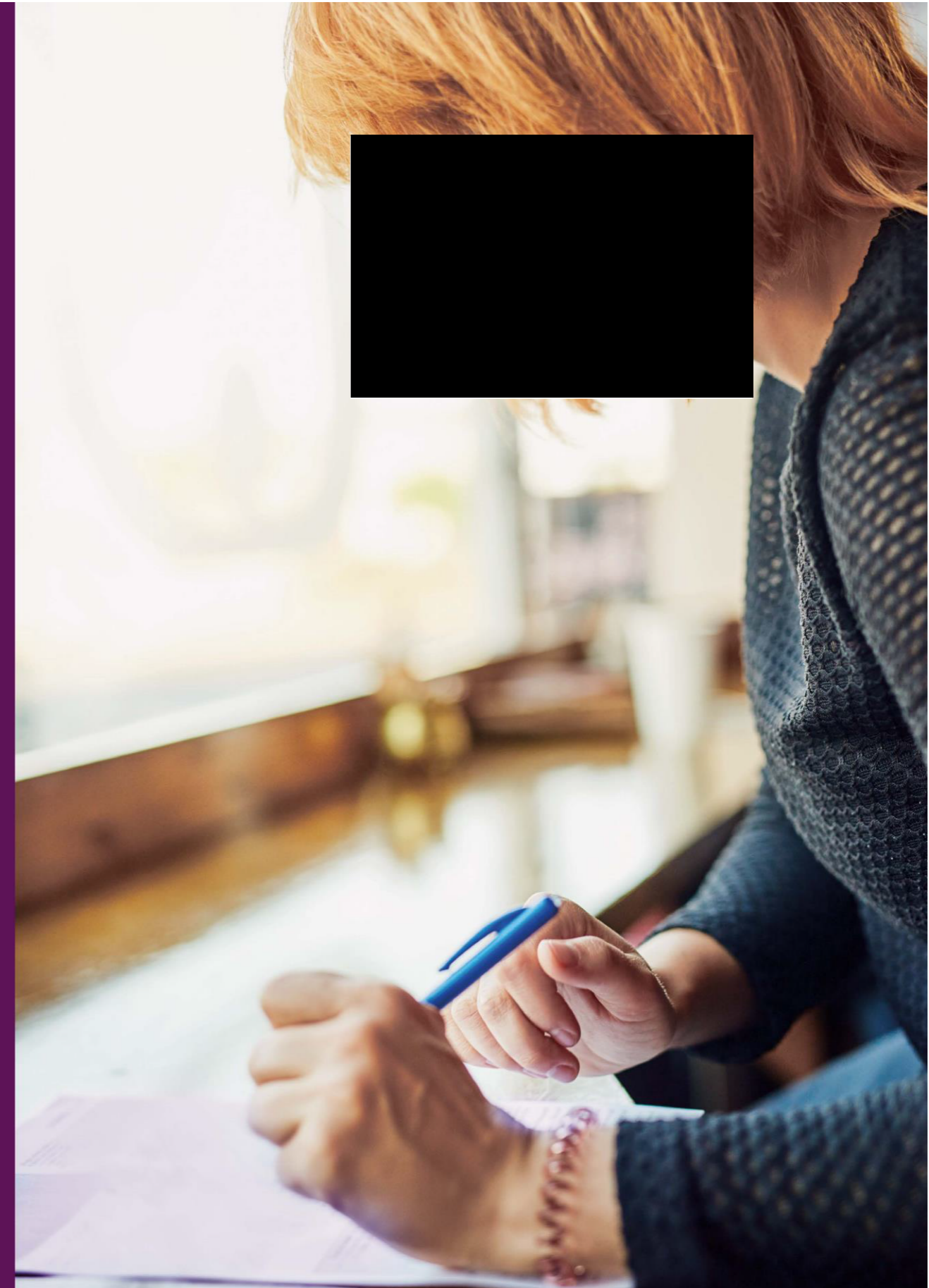
Why not come along to one of our public consultation events? Alternatively, you can view all the consultation materials on our webpage at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E

How to respond

Please share your views in one of the following ways:

- completing a response form and returning it to us using our freepost address:
Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
- completing a response form at one of our public consultation events
- completing an electronic version of the response form that can be accessed via our scheme webpage:
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E

This consultation ends at 23:59 on Wednesday 8 April. Please ensure your comments arrive with us in time so that they can be considered during the next stage of the design.



Come and visit an event to find out more

One of the best ways to find out more about our proposals and have your say is to come along to one of our public consultation events. Here you'll be able to find out more about the project and speak to members of the project team about any questions you may have.

Public consultation events

North Tuddenham Village Hall Fox Lane, North Tuddenham, Dereham NR20 3DH	Thursday 27 February 2020 1pm to 8pm
Hockering Village Hall 3 Heath Road, Dereham, Norwich NR20 3HT	Friday 28 February 2020 1pm to 8pm
East Tuddenham Village Hall Mattishall Road (also known as The Street), East Tuddenham, Dereham NR20 3LR	Monday 2 March 2020 1pm to 8pm
Honingham Village Hall 31 Dereham Road, Honingham, Norwich NR9 5AP	Tuesday 3 March 2020 1pm to 8pm
Easton Village Hall Marlingford Road, Easton, Norwich NR9 5AD	Wednesday 4 March 2020 1pm to 8pm
Assembly House Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ	Saturday 7 March 2020 10am to 4pm

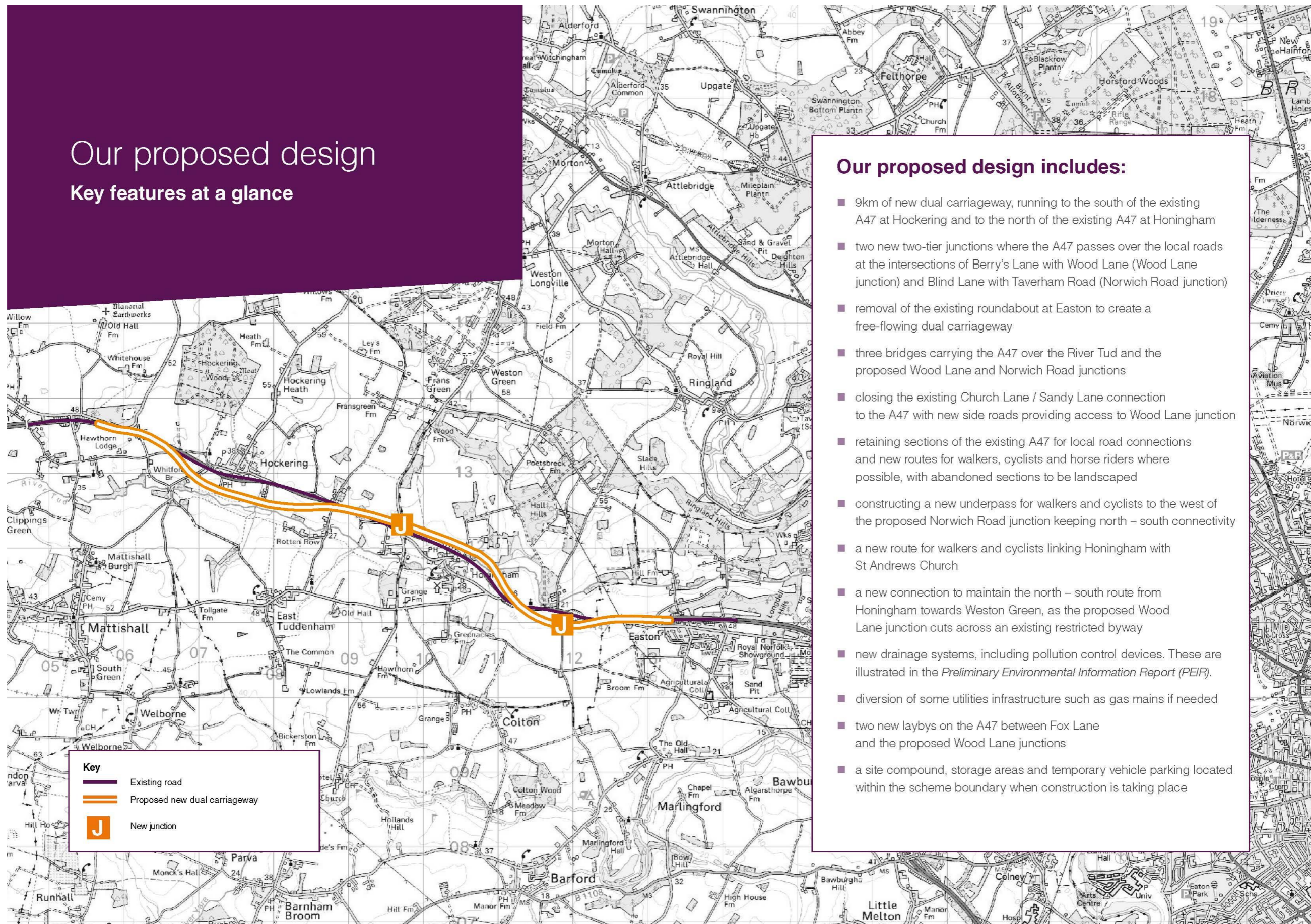
Where to get copies of the consultation documents

Paper copies of the consultation brochures and response forms will also be available at the following locations from Wednesday 26 February to 8 April 2020. Please phone ahead to confirm opening times before you visit.

Public information point locations

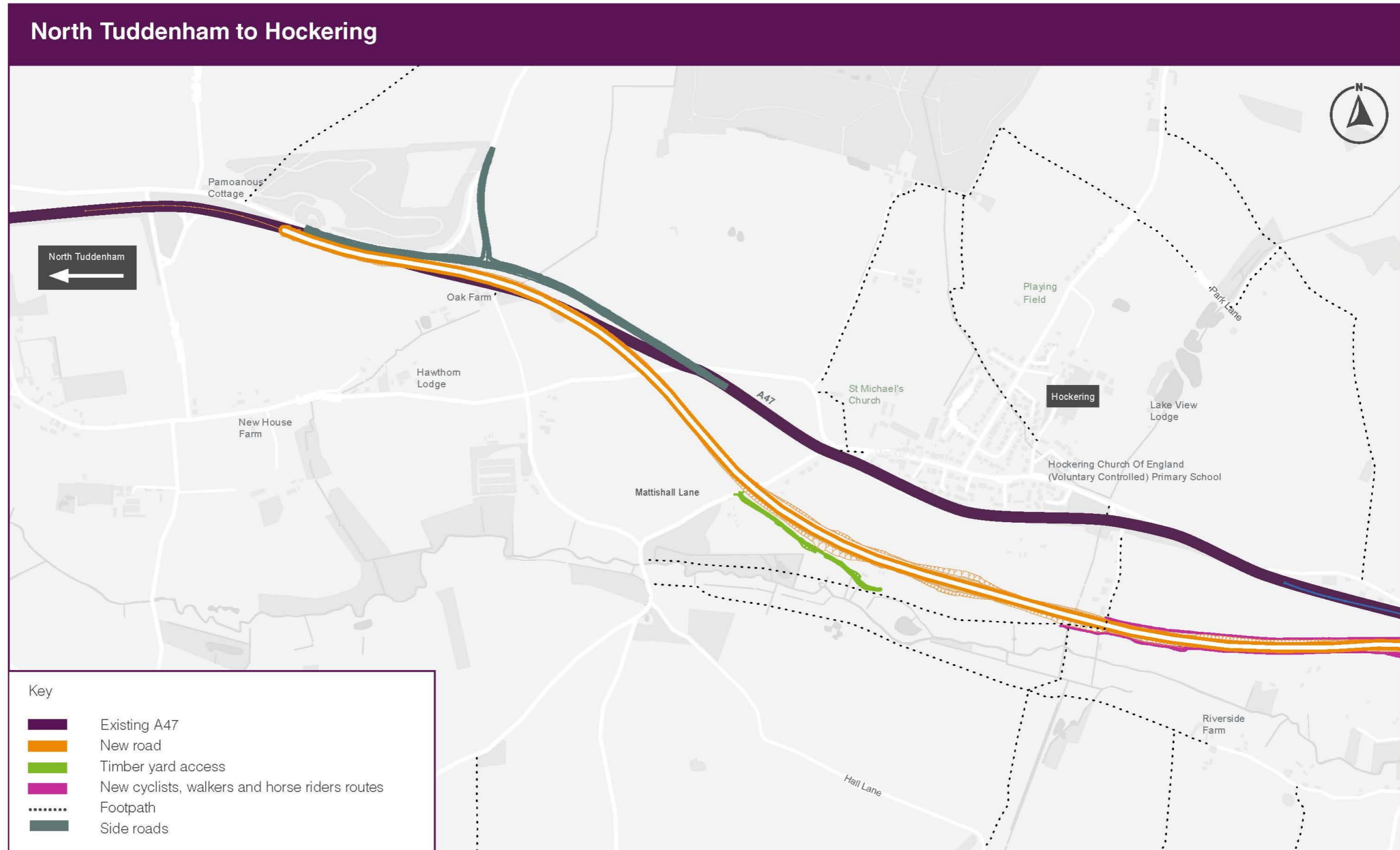
Dereham Library 52 High Street, Dereham NR19 1DZ Telephone: 01362 693184	Monday: 8am to 7pm Tuesday: 8am to 7pm Wednesday: 8am to 7pm Thursday: 8am to 7pm Friday: 8am to 7pm Saturday: 8am to 4pm Sunday: 10am to 4pm
Costessey Library Breckland Road, Norwich NR5 0RW Telephone: 01603 742669	Monday: 8am to 7pm Tuesday: 8am to 7pm Wednesday: 8am to 7pm Thursday: 8am to 7pm Friday: 8am to 7pm Saturday: 8am to 4pm Sunday: 10am to 4pm
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW Telephone: 01603 774709	Monday to Friday: 8am to 10am (Open Library access first floor only) Monday to Friday: 10am to 7pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: 10.30am to 4.30pm (Open Library access first floor only)
Norfolk County Council County Hall, Martineau Lane Norwich NR1 2DH Telephone: 0344 800 8020	Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm

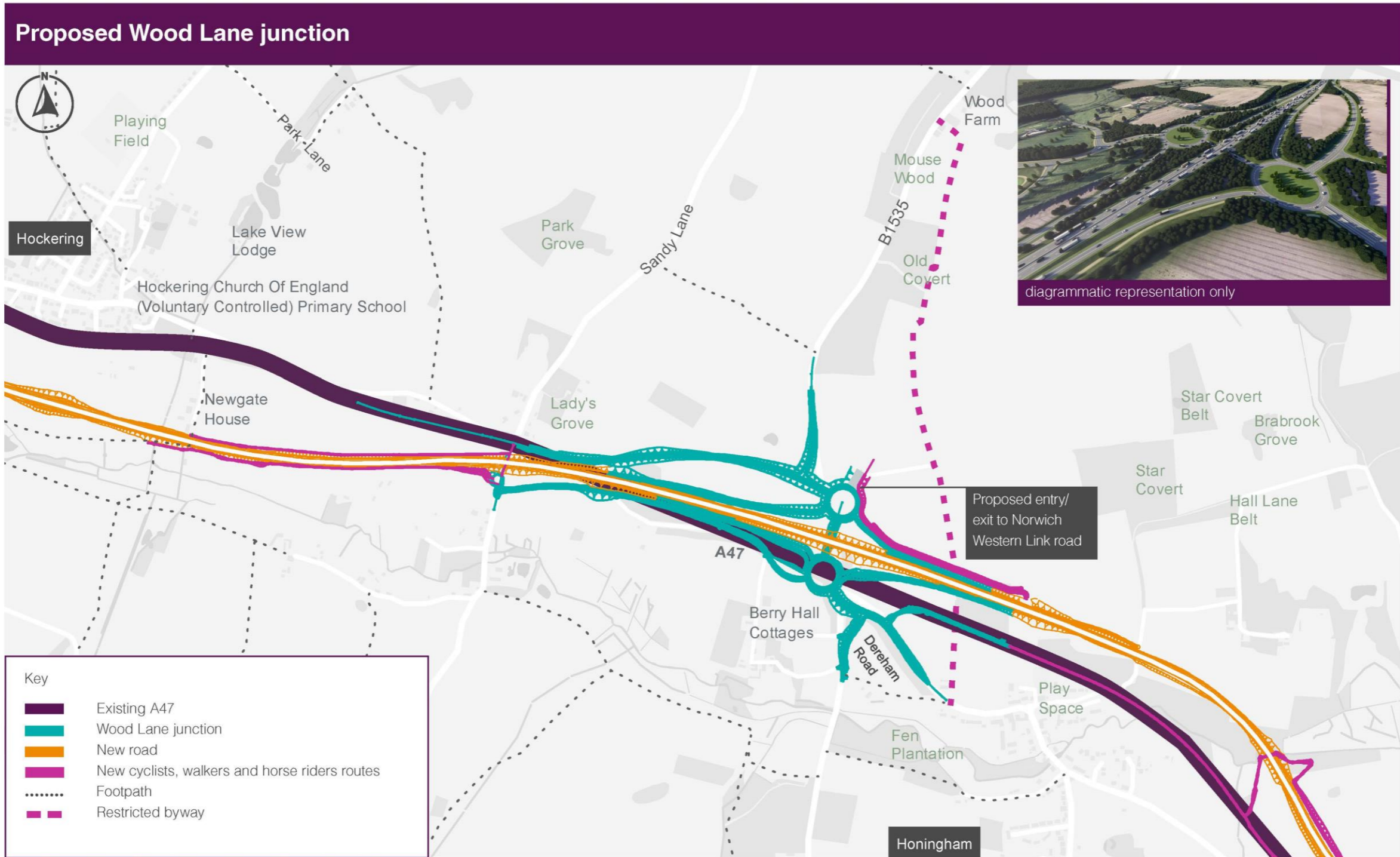
Our proposed design Key features at a glance

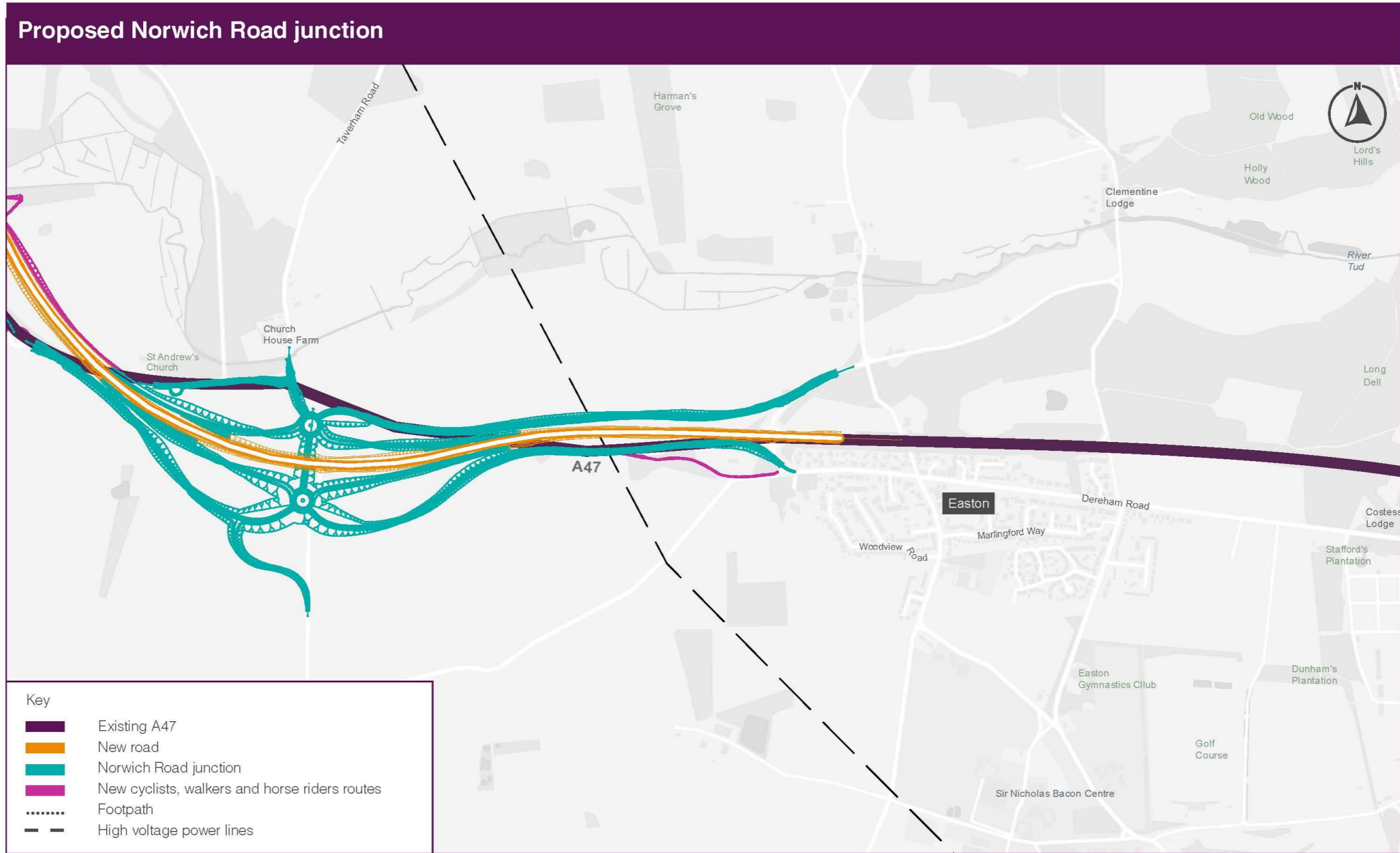


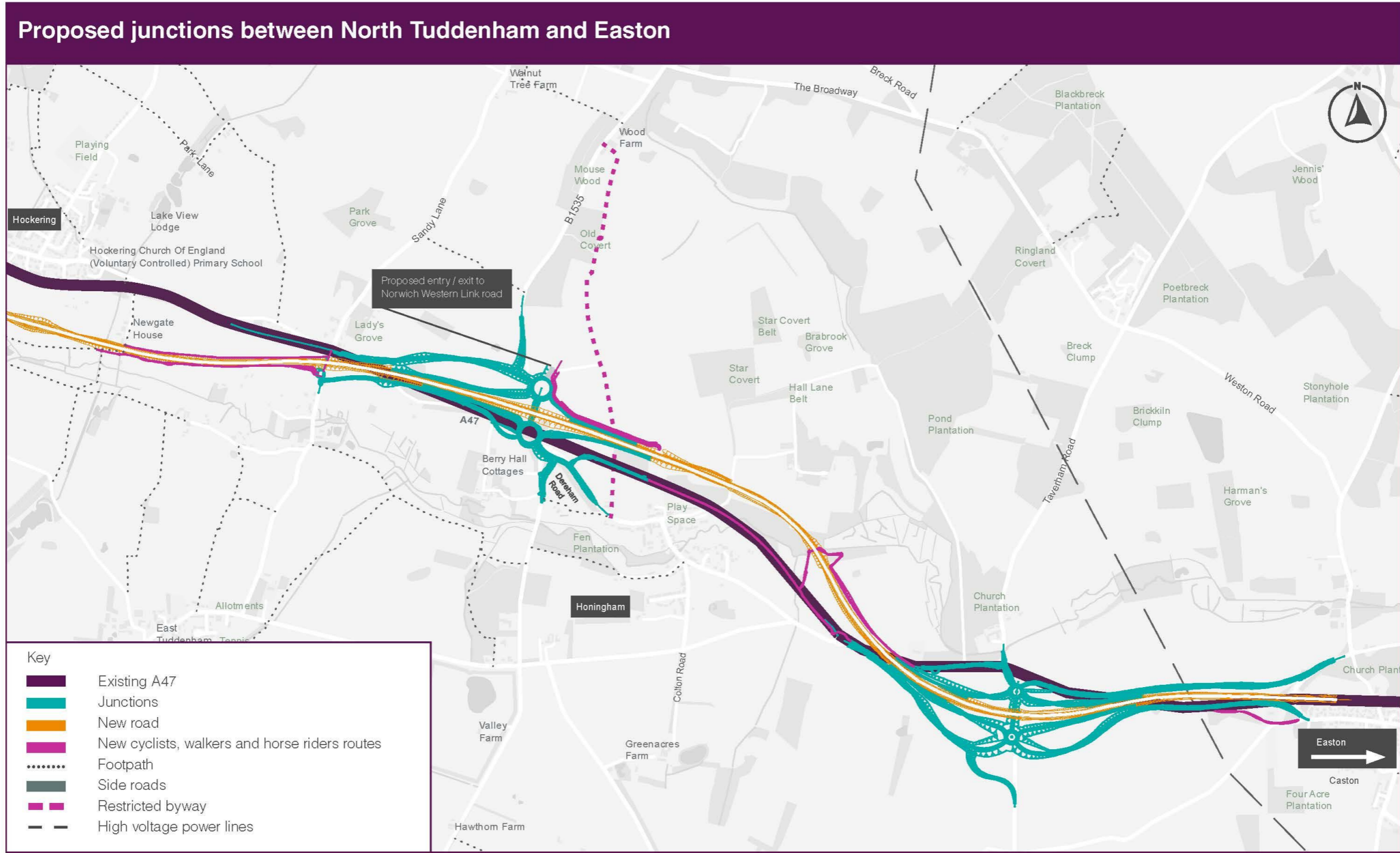
Our proposed design includes:

- 9km of new dual carriageway, running to the south of the existing A47 at Hockering and to the north of the existing A47 at Honingham
- two new two-tier junctions where the A47 passes over the local roads at the intersections of Berry's Lane with Wood Lane (Wood Lane junction) and Blind Lane with Taverham Road (Norwich Road junction)
- removal of the existing roundabout at Easton to create a free-flowing dual carriageway
- three bridges carrying the A47 over the River Tud and the proposed Wood Lane and Norwich Road junctions
- closing the existing Church Lane / Sandy Lane connection to the A47 with new side roads providing access to Wood Lane junction
- retaining sections of the existing A47 for local road connections and new routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders where possible, with abandoned sections to be landscaped
- constructing a new underpass for walkers and cyclists to the west of the proposed Norwich Road junction keeping north – south connectivity
- a new route for walkers and cyclists linking Honingham with St Andrews Church
- a new connection to maintain the north – south route from Honingham towards Weston Green, as the proposed Wood Lane junction cuts across an existing restricted byway
- new drainage systems, including pollution control devices. These are illustrated in the *Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)*.
- diversion of some utilities infrastructure such as gas mains if needed
- two new laybys on the A47 between Fox Lane and the proposed Wood Lane junctions
- a site compound, storage areas and temporary vehicle parking located within the scheme boundary when construction is taking place



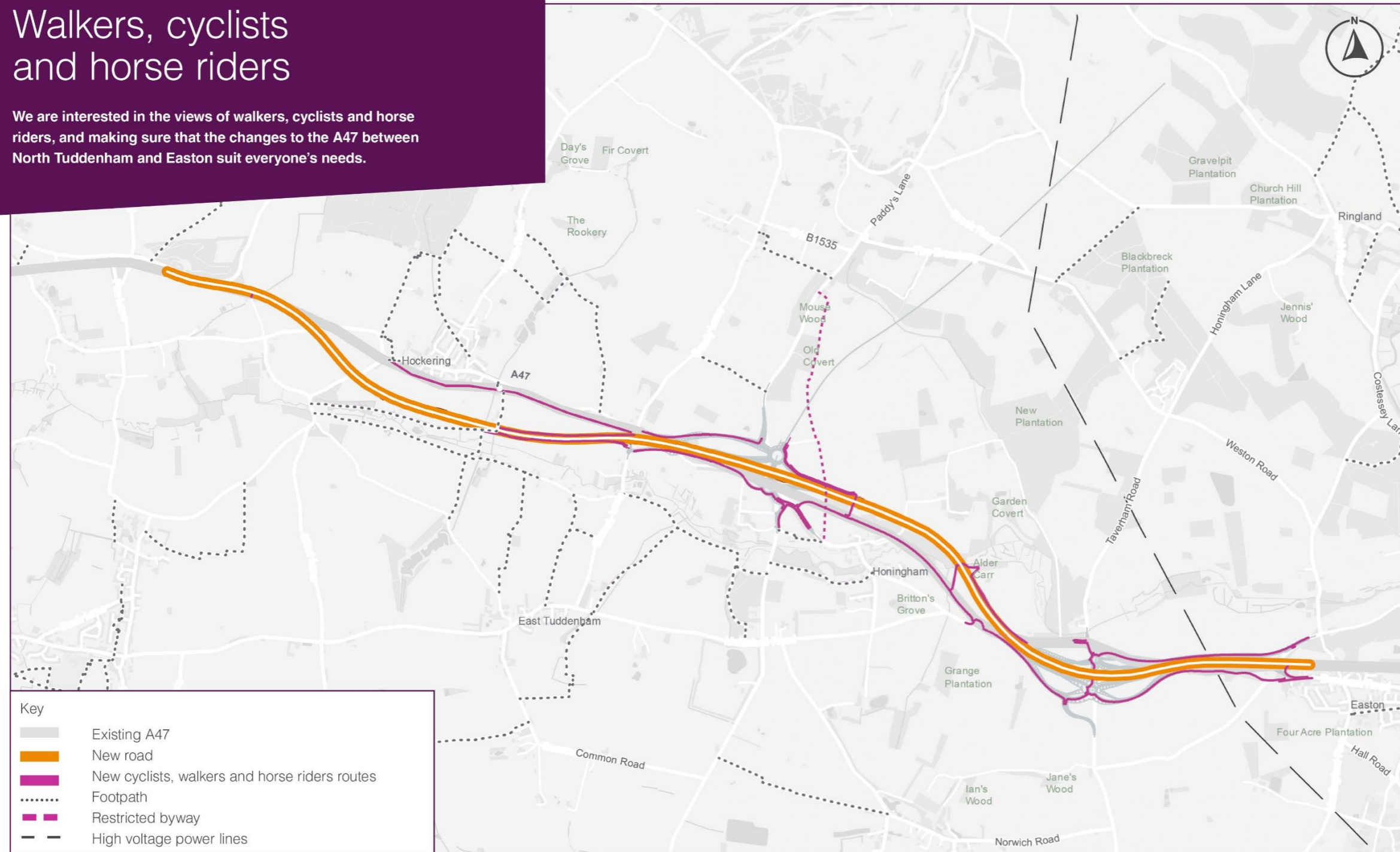






Walkers, cyclists and horse riders

We are interested in the views of walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and making sure that the changes to the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton suit everyone's needs.





Benefits and effects of the proposed design

To assess the benefits and effects of the proposed road design, we look at a variety of features including those summarised in the following pages.

This information is based on our findings from the detailed surveys and assessments that we have carried out. Environmental impacts are assessed based on national guidance.

For more detailed information, please visit our webpage www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E where you will find our *Preliminary Environmental Information Report* and a non-technical summary.

Journey times and traffic congestion

The proposed scheme will significantly improve journey time reliability on this section of the A47. It will also reduce congestion and delays on minor roads for local traffic to access the A47, especially from Wood Lane (B1535) and Taverham Road.

By 2025, the scheme is predicted to cut journey time by five minutes for eastbound traffic in the morning peak and five minutes for westbound traffic in the afternoon peak between the A47 Longwater junction and A47 Fox Lane junction. This rises to seven minutes for eastbound and westbound traffic in 2040.

The proposed new two-tier Wood Lane and Norwich Road junctions will also alleviate delays. In 2025 vehicles travelling between the Fox Lane junction and the Longwater junction can expect journey time savings of approximately five minutes in the morning peak (eastbound) and afternoon peak (westbound). Journey time savings will increase to seven minutes by 2040.

Traffic from Taverham Road will save approximately two minutes delay in 2025, and three minutes in 2040.

Annual average daily traffic on the A47 between Fox Lane junction and Longwater interchange is estimated to be 43,600 vehicles.

Access for local residents

The two proposed junctions will result in the existing direct accesses to the A47 road being removed, improving safety and connections to and from the A47 for local residents.

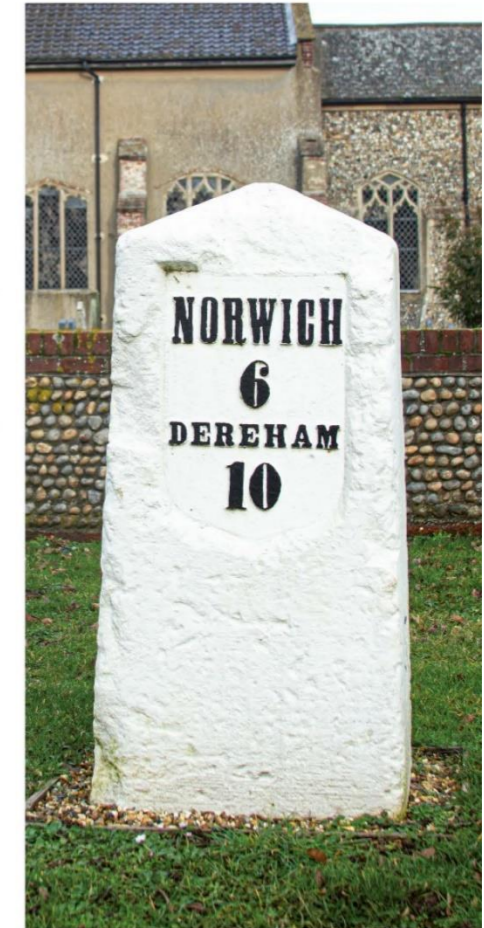
Air quality

We will consider health-related issues of local and regional air quality. We are currently analysing data from long term air quality monitoring in the local area. This will enable us to assess and put in place mitigation measures such as dust-management techniques so that potential impacts are controlled and monitored. We will also plan construction to reduce the impact of emissions on the local area and to limit the impact on residents.

Noise

We are undertaking surveys to enable us to assess any potential noise and vibration impact and to help reduce noise levels from road traffic once the new road is open. We will assess the use of noise reduction measures as part of the design, which may include earth banking or acoustic fencing.

During construction, noise reduction measures will include using modern construction techniques, low-noise construction plant and local noise screening.



Cultural heritage

We have done geophysical surveys ahead of conducting archaeological trenching to identify any risks of disturbing significant remains during construction.

Landscape

During construction we will try to keep existing planting where possible. We will introduce new areas of native trees and shrubs to replace areas of planting that will need to be removed. This, along with appropriate landscaping (for example, embankments and cuttings), will be used to screen views of the scheme at various points along the route.

Biodiversity

We have been carrying out ecological surveys and have identified the presence of barn owls, great crested newts, white clawed crayfish, reptiles, bats, otters and water voles. Current habitats that will be affected include broadleaved semi-natural woodland, species-rich hedgerows and grassland.

We will use best practice to reduce the risk of impact on designated sites, protected species and habitats. Examples may include the sensitive timing of work to avoid breeding seasons, directional and low-level construction lighting and the sensitive location of construction machinery.

Once operational, mitigation measures may include the creation of replacement habitats of the same type as those that may be lost.



Road drainage and the water environment

The proposed road crosses the River Tud at Alder Carr where we propose building a bridge across the river, with new drainage culverts, maintaining local watercourses below the A47 carriageway.

To prevent pollution, we will use best practice mitigation measures during construction such as the safe storage of materials away from drains and watercourses.

To help reduce the risk of flooding, a flood risk assessment will inform the designs of the surface water drainage system and a sustainable drainage system will be implemented.

Road safety

Our analysis shows that the accident figures for this section of road are twice the national average for Highways England A-roads.

The scheme will result in safety improvements to help reduce the number of casualties on this section of the road network.

Geology

We will do geotechnical investigations to help us to find out what ground conditions are like along the route of the proposed road and the surrounding area.

During construction, we will use best practice to protect soil structure and quality, minimise waste generated and protect controlled waters from construction activities.





Construction duration and impacts

We estimate construction will take two years. We will minimise the impacts as much as we can on the road network and local communities during this time. We will provide further details, including a construction traffic management plan, as part of our Development Consent Order application.

Walkers, cyclists and horse riders

Our proposals provide new routes whilst also retaining a significant amount of the existing A47 for local access, walking, cycling and horse riding.

Local communities

We will work with local communities to put in place appropriate mitigation measures to minimise disruption during construction.

Materials

Modern construction techniques will be used to ensure that waste materials generated onsite will be recycled or re-used where possible.

Development Consent Order

The A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling scheme is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. This means that we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order to obtain permission to construct the road.

The application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate who will examine the application. The examination process is likely to involve public hearings. Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide whether the project will go ahead.

For more details on this process a video can be found on our web page:
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E.

You can find more information about the Planning Inspectorate and the Planning Act 2008 on the gov.uk website:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.



Next steps

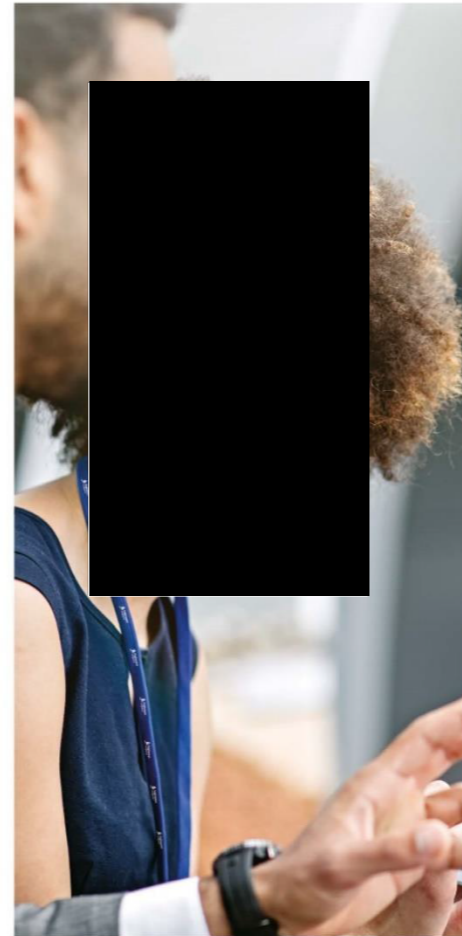
Once the consultation has closed on 8 April 2020, we will review all the suggestions and comments received. We will analyse and consider your feedback when making further refinements to the proposed design and to develop our planned mitigation measures.

We will set out a summary of the responses and describe how our proposals have been influenced by them, in a consultation report. This will form part of our application for development consent and will also be available to the public following submission of the application. We expect to submit our Development Consent Order application by winter 2020 and, provided it is granted, work is expected to start in 2022.

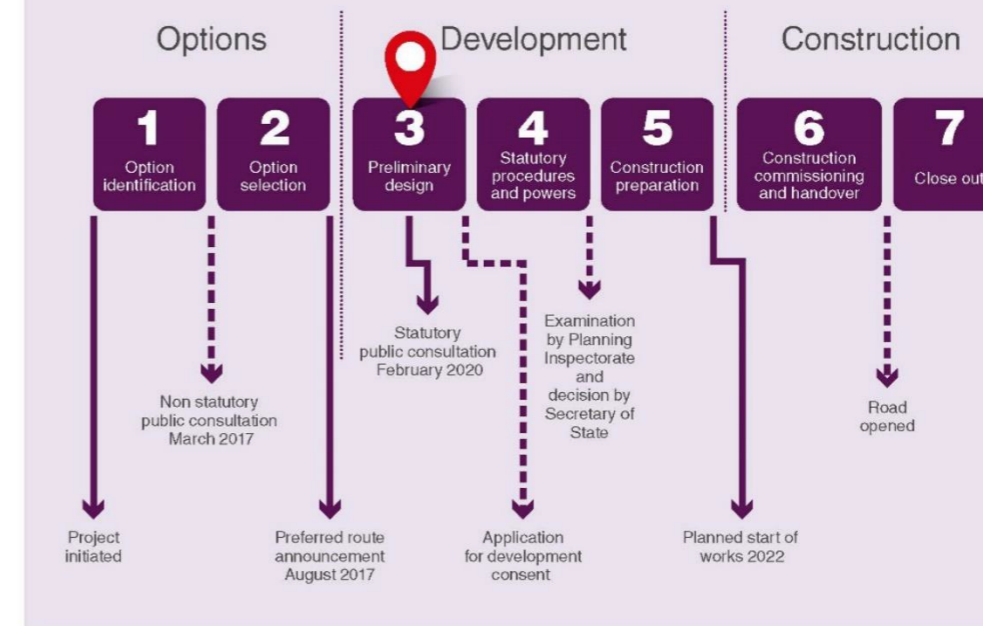
In addition to this consultation process, we will continue to engage with anyone interested in, or impacted by, the road proposals.

To help us shape the final design in preparation of our submission to the Planning Inspectorate, it is important you are involved now and submit your response by **Wednesday 8 April 2020**.

The project process for considering the options, their development and construction is shown in the following table. The project is currently at stage 3.



Timeline



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For more information

Please visit our project webpage
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E

If you have any queries about the project, please contact the team directly by emailing
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2 CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM



A47

North Tuddenham to Easton Consultation response form

Share your views

We want to understand your views about the proposed design for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling scheme.

We recommend that you read the consultation brochure and the other supporting consultation documents before completing this form.

The response form is split into three parts: a section about you, a section about the scheme and finally a section about the consultation process.

How to respond

Please share your views in one of the following ways:

- completing this response form and returning it to us using our freepost address:
Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
- placing a completed copy of this form into a response box at one of our public consultation events
- completing an electronic version of this response form that can be accessed via our scheme webpage:
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This consultation runs from Wednesday 26 February to 11.59pm on Wednesday 8 April 2020. Please ensure your comments arrive with us in time so that they can be considered during the next stage of the design.

About you

If you'd prefer your comments to be anonymous, please provide us with just your postcode so we can understand where you live in relation to the scheme.

First name:

Last name:

Address:

Postcode: Email:

1. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes No

If 'Yes' please provide the name of your organisation and your role within it:

Organisation name:

Role:

2. Which of the following best describes you? (Please tick all that apply)

Local resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local business owner	<input type="checkbox"/>
I use this road to get to my place of work	<input type="checkbox"/>
I travel on this section of the A47 regularly in a private vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>
I travel on this section of the A47 regularly in a commercial vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Have you received correspondence informing you that you are an affected landowner?

Yes No

4. How often do you travel on this section of the A47? (Please tick one option)

Five or more days a week	<input type="radio"/>
Two to four days a week	<input type="radio"/>
Once a week	<input type="radio"/>
Once a month	<input type="radio"/>
Less often	<input type="radio"/>
Never	<input type="radio"/>

5. What times of day do you typically travel through the North Tuddenham to Easton section of the A47? (Please tick all that apply)

Weekday peak period (7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekday day time (9am to 4pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evenings / early morning (6pm to 7am)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

The scheme

6a. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to make the A47 a dual carriageway between North Tuddenham and Easton?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

6b. Please give the reason for your answer:

As outlined on page 12 of the consultation brochure, two new junctions will be constructed at Wood Lane and Norwich Road to maintain connections between the A47 and local roads.

7. Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed side road connections at the Wood Lane junction:

a. the proposed connection of Berry's Lane to Dereham Road?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

b. the proposed connection of Church Lane to the Wood Lane junction through a new side road?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

c. the connection of Wood Lane to the old (existing) A47?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

d. Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane junction:

8. Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed side road connections at the Norwich Road junction:

a. the connection of Church Lane (Dog Lane) to the Norwich Road junction through a new side road?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

b. the connection of Dereham Road (Easton) to the Norwich Road junction through a new side road?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

c. the connection of Blind Lane to the new side road from Norwich Road at the Norwich Road junction?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

d. the connection of Taverham Road to the Norwich Road junction?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

e. Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:

As outlined on page 22 of the consultation brochure, new routes for walking, cycling and horse riding are being proposed.

- 9a. Do you agree or disagree that the proposals will improve connections for walking, cycling and horse riding?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

- 9b. Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the walking, cycling and horse riding proposals:

- 10a. Do you agree or disagree with the proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling, and horse riding?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

- 10b. Please provide any further comments you may have regarding proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling and horse riding:

A *Preliminary Environmental Information Report* has been produced as part of the consultation: a non-technical summary version is also available. These documents outline the potential environmental impacts of the scheme and our proposed mitigation solutions. Both of these documents can be viewed on the scheme webpage, at public events and at public information points listed in the consultation brochure.

11. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed environmental mitigation that is outlined in the *Preliminary Environmental Information Report*?

Agree	<input type="radio"/>
Neutral	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>

12. Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the *Preliminary Environmental Information Report*:

13. Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:

The consultation

We would like your feedback on the consultation to enable us to improve the way we carry them out in the future.

14. How did you hear about the public consultation events? (Please tick all that apply)

Letter from Highways England	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postcard	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspaper coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public notice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highways England website update	<input type="checkbox"/>
Word of mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: (please specify)

15. Did you attend a public consultation event?

Yes No

If yes, please tick below:

North Tuddenham Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Tuddenham Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hockering Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Honingham Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easton Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16. Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process or how we can engage with you in the future::

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Personal data collected for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling scheme will be processed and retained by Highways England and its appointed contractors until the scheme is complete.

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1. Right of access to the data (Subject Access Request)
2. Right for the rectification of errors
3. Right to erasure of personal data – this is not an absolute right under the legislation
4. Right to restrict processing or to object to processing
5. Right to data portability

If, at any point, Highways England plans to process the personal data we hold for a purpose other than that for which it was originally collected, we will provide you with information about what that other purpose is. This will be done prior to any further processing taking place. The extra information will include any relevant further information as referred to above, including the right to object to that further processing.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority, the Information Commissioners Office. If you'd like more information about how we manage data, or a copy of our privacy notice, please contact **DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk**

**This consultation runs from
Wednesday 26 February to 11.59pm
on Wednesday 8 April 2020.**

Please ensure your comments
arrive with us in time so that they
can be considered during the
next stage of the design.

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A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling scheme Public consultation

Public consultation events

Location	Date	Opening	Closing
North Tuddenham Village Hall , Fox Lane, North Tuddenham, Dereham NR20 3DH	Thursday 27 February	1 pm	8 pm
Hockering Village Hall , 3 Heath Road, Dereham NR20 3HT	Friday 28 February	1 pm	8 pm
East Tuddenham Village Hall , Mattishall Road (also known as The Street), East Tuddenham, Dereham NR20 3LR	Monday 2 March	1 pm	8 pm
Honingham Village Hall , 31 Dereham Road, Honingham, Norwich NR9 5AP	Tuesday 3 March	1 pm	8 pm
Easton Village Hall , Marlingford Road Easton, Norwich NR9 5AD	Wednesday 4 March	1 pm	8 pm
The Assembly House , Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ	Saturday 7 March	10 am	4 pm

Public information point locations – please phone ahead to confirm venue opening times

Location	Opening times
Dereham Library , 52 High Street, Dereham NR19 1DZ	Monday to Friday, 8 am – 7 pm Saturday, 8 am – 4 pm Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm
Costessey Library , Breckland Road, Norwich NR5 0RW	Monday to Friday, 8 am – 7 pm Saturday, 8 am – 4 pm Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm
Norfolk County Council , County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2D	Monday to Friday, 9 am – 5 pm
Norwich Library , The Forum, Millennium Plain NR2 1AW	Monday to Friday, 10am – 7pm Saturday, 9am – 5pm Sunday, 10.30am – 4.30pm

This public consultation will run from Wednesday 26 February to Wednesday 8 April 2020.

Have your say

on proposed improvements to the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton.

We want your feedback on our proposals to build a dual carriageway between North Tuddenham and Easton.

You can view our plans at the locations listed overleaf.

You are also invited to attend our public consultation events to meet the project team, find out more and give your feedback.

You can respond to the consultation:

- Online: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E
By post: Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
In person: by visiting one of the public consultation events

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4 PRESS RELEASE



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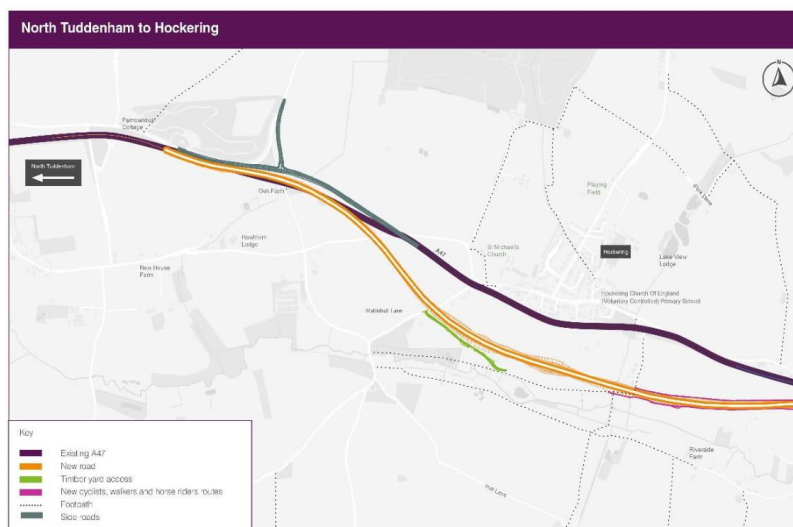
26 February 2020

Have your say on A47 Norfolk dualling

Drivers, local people and business owners are being invited to share their views on plans to upgrade part of the A47 in Norfolk to a dual carriageway as a six-week consultation begins today (Wednesday 26 February).

Highways England announced its preferred option for dualling the five miles of the A47 between North Tuddenham to Easton and adding two new junctions in August 2017, as part of a £300 million series of upgrades along the A47 corridor.

The upgrade will save up to seven minutes on journeys, will improve safety, and will boost the economy. The consultation begins today and runs until Wednesday 8 April.



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Caption: A plan of the proposals for the North Tuddenham to Easton dualling

Following a previous consultation, the option selected will see a new dual carriageway built between North Tuddenham and Easton, which roughly follows the route of the existing A47. The improvement includes over five miles of new dual carriageway with two new grade-separated junctions at the Wood Lane/Berry's Lane and Norwich Road/Blind Lane junctions, alongside the removal of the Easton roundabout.



Caption: A view of the existing A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton

Highways England programme lead for the A47, Peter Havlicek, said:

“The A47 is a key route connecting East Anglia with the Midlands, and upgrading key sections of it will help with economic growth of the region and keep the county connected. The new dual carriageway will improve safety along this part of the A47, as the current road has an average of 14 crashes a year. It will also increase capacity, making journey



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times more reliable, and safer by connecting local roads via the new junctions rather than turning directly on to the A47. There will be new side roads and parts of the existing A47 will be kept open for local traffic including walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and as a local access road to the new junctions.

“We have used your feedback from the first stage of consultation that we carried out in 2017 to refine our plans. We know that there is a lot of support for this improvement, and we hope everyone with an interest in this scheme will take part in this next stage consultation to help refine our plans further and deliver the best road.

“People can take part in numerous ways, and we’ll be hosting several events for them to come and talk with the team to share their thoughts, concerns and feedback. This upgraded section of the A47 is one of six schemes we’ll be doing to improve the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth, and it’s important that we get it right for road users and the people who live along this vital road.”

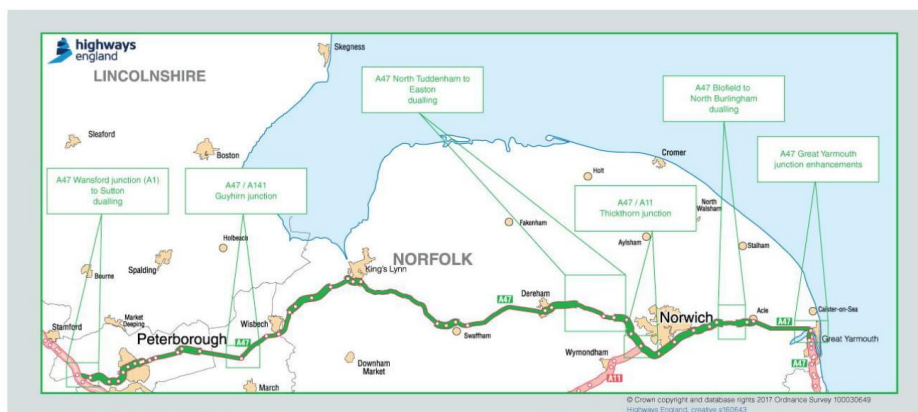


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Caption: Highways England will be dualling the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton

Once complete by the end of 2024, this improved A47 will improve journey times between the Drayton Hall Lane and Watton Road junctions by up to six minutes for the 40,000 drivers who use it daily, while reducing journey times on the A47 between the Longwater and Fox junctions by seven minutes.

The consultation takes into account earlier feedback on the proposals and now local people, drivers and business owners are being invited to share their views on the latest plans to help ensure the improvements deliver the best possible outcomes for people using and living near the road when work starts in 2022.



Caption: Map showing the different improvements planned along the A47 corridor

You can take part in the consultation, which runs from Wednesday 26 February 2020 until 11.59pm on Wednesday 8 April 2020, by visiting www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E, by writing to Freepost A47 Tuddenham or by completing one of the forms available at the public events and collection points.

There will be four public exhibitions at which you can have your say and speak with members of the team. These will be at:

- North Tuddenham Village Hall, Fox Lane, North Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3DH, on Thursday 27 February 1pm to 8pm
- Hockering Village Hall, 3 Heath Road, Dereham NR20 3HT, on Friday 28 February, from 1pm to 8pm
- East Tuddenham Village Hall, Mattishall Road, East Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3LR, on Monday 2 March, from 1pm to 8pm
- Honingham Village Hall, 31 Dereham Road, Honingham, Norwich, NR9 5AP, on Tuesday 3 March, from 1pm to 8pm
- Easton Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5AD, on Wednesday 4 March, from 1pm to 8pm
- Norwich City Centre, The Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich, NR2 1RQ, on Saturday 7 March, from 10am to 4pm



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Caption: A consultation has begun into plans to dual the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton

Three sections of the 115-mile stretch of the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth will be upgraded to dual carriageway. Norfolk sections will be upgraded between Blofield and North Burlingham and from North Tuddenham to Easton, while in Peterborough the A47 between Wansford and Sutton will also be dualled. There will be further junction improvements at the A141 roundabout in Guyhirn and in Great Yarmouth.

The six projects are all part of the Government's record £15 billion investment in England's motorways and major A roads, with £3 billion of that being invested in the East of England.

For more information about the plans, please visit
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E

Ends

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Highways England is the wholly government-owned company responsible for modernising, maintaining and operating England's motorways and major A roads.
2. A selection of high resolution images is available to download here:
<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AoeN9MzdoO48iG1WZs-uHpg4KAbk>
3. **Real-time traffic information** for England's motorways and major A roads is available:
 - From the web at www.highways.gov.uk/traffic or from a phone or mobile device at m.highways.gov.uk
 - By phone from the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 at any time. (Calls to 03 numbers are charged at no more than a national call to an 01 or 02 number and are included in all discount schemes and call allowances. This applies to all landlines, mobiles and payphones. Call costs will vary depending on your landline or mobile supplier.) Make sure it's safe and legal before you call. Before using any mobile, find a safe place to park. Never stop on the hard shoulder of a motorway except in an emergency.
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- From **Twitter** – there are eight feeds with live traffic information provided by region. For information on roads in the East of England follow us at [@Highways EAST](https://twitter.com/Highways_EAST) or for the full index visit www.highways.gov.uk/twitter.
- 4. Brochures and response forms will also be available, at the following locations:
 - Dereham Library, 52 High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ open Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm;
 - Costessey Library, Breckland Road, Norwich, NR5 0RW open Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm;
 - Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm;
 - Norwich Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW, Monday to Friday 10am to 7pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm;
- 5. Before the preferred routes were announced, Highways England held a non-statutory consultation to help decide which route would be best.
Consultation response: the consultation saw:
 - 70 responses regarding the Guyhirn option;
 - 170 responses regarding the Wansford options;
 - 530 responses regarding the Tuddenham options;
 - 185 responses regarding the Thickthorn option;
 - 441 responses regarding the Blofield options, and;
 - 51 responses regarding the Great Yarmouth options.
- 6. As part of the non-statutory consultation, a number of public exhibitions were held.
Exhibition attendance: the exhibitions saw:
 - 77 people attend the Guyhirn exhibition;
 - 171 people attend the Wansford. Exhibition;
 - 482 people attend the Tuddenham exhibition;
 - 257 people attend the Thickthorn exhibition;
 - 323 people attend the Blofield exhibition, and;
 - 23 people attend the Great Yarmouth exhibition
- 7. As part of the statutory consultation a number of public exhibitions were held.
Exhibition response: the exhibitions saw:
 - 688 responses received for the Wansford exhibition
 - 237 responses received for the Thickthorn exhibition
 - 767 responses received for the Blofield exhibition

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5 CONSULTATION EXTENSION LETTER



Our ref: A47/NT-E/SC/E/JP/001

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09 April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling scheme – Statutory Consultation

I am now writing regarding the Statutory Consultation for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Improvement Scheme.

All of our public information events were staged before the current lockdown period commenced. There has been substantial engagement with consultees and this continues.

If you have already submitted your feedback I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for having done so. If you have not, I would encourage you to have your say on our proposals. For group or collective responses, some councils are now utilising online platforms which can be used to support meetings to help facilitate group responses that you may wish to submit.

Unfortunately, due to the recent pandemic the public information points where the consultation documents are deposited are now closed. You can still visit the project webpage should you wish to view information on the project, including the consultation documents, at <https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E>.

The deadline for responses to our consultation was set as 8 April 2020 at 23:59.

It has been decided that, with the consultation events concluded and our online presence, the recent closure of public information points should not mean that this statutory consultation process needs to be restarted once the current lockdown has ended.

However, to recognise that you may wish to respond to the statutory consultation, but are facing difficulties in doing so, we will continue to consider all feedback forms received for an additional length of time.

If you plan to submit a response to the statutory consultation please do so by 30 April 2020 23:59.

If you know you will want to make representations, but are unable to finalise your comments because you do not have access to the public information points, please tell us before 30 April 2020 that you plan to do so. Ideally please also provide me with a summary of your initial views. We can then consider if we can help you to obtain the additional documents and information you need. We will also know you intend to provide a fuller response once you have been able to complete your inspection of the consultation documents.

If you have difficulties in accessing the documentation online please contact me by phone on the number provided at the end of this letter, I can then discuss with you how it may be possible to make documents available to you.

You are welcome to continue to provide comments after 30 April 2020, but the opportunity for you to influence the design of the project will reduce as we get closer to finalising our documents for submission to the Planning Inspectorate. We will ask the public information points to keep our documents available for about 3 weeks after the locations have reopened, so you can see the documents should you wish. If when you ask for the documents, they are no longer available, please let me know and I can make alternative arrangements for you.

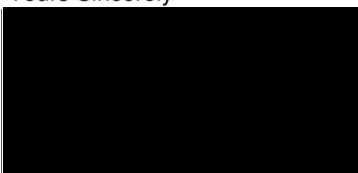
If you have been unable to review the documents before the public information points reopen and have further comments following your inspection of the documents, please submit them via email within that 3 weeks period to the address provided at the end of this letter. In the unlikely event that the deposit locations are unable to re-open before we finalise our proposals for the application, you will still be able to make a representation on the project if it is accepted for examination.

When our application is made to the Planning Inspectorate, if it is accepted for examination, we will be required to publicise locally that the application has been accepted. The notices that are published will explain how representations can be made to the Secretary of State on the submitted scheme.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Statutory Consultation or your ability to respond please don't hesitate to contact me on 07712236180 or 0300 470 7093 or by email to: A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk.

If you do wish to respond to the consultation please do so online at <https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E> or in writing to Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON.

Yours Sincerely



James Powis, Project Manager

6 SECTION 47 AND SECTION 48 NOTICES



Notice of Consultation A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme Section 47 Planning Act 2008 Notice Publicising a Statement of Community Consultation

Highways England is planning to dual the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton.

We intend to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate under section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 for a development consent order to authorise construction and operation of the scheme.

Before making our application, we must produce a document called the Statement of Community Consultation setting out how we will consult the local community about our proposals. We also must make this statement available for inspection by the public and publish this notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected. We then must carry out consultation in accordance with the statement.

This notice contains a summary of the consultation details. However, full details of the consultation can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation. This can be viewed along with our consultation materials, online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E or at the following public information points, from the start of our consultation period **Wednesday 26 February 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020**.

Please note: Consultation materials will be available from the start of the consultation date on the website and public information points as detailed, not in advance.

Public Information Points	Public Information Points
Dereham Library, 52 High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ	Norfolk County Council, County Hall Martineau Ln Norwich NR1 2DH
Monday – Friday 8am – 7pm Saturday 8am – 4pm Sunday 10am – 4pm	Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm
Costessey Library Breckland Road, Norwich, NR5 0RW	Norwich Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, NR2 1AW
Monday – Friday 8am – 7pm Saturday 8am – 4pm Sunday 10am – 4pm	Monday – Friday (First Floor) 8am – 10am Monday – Friday 10am – 7pm Saturday 9am – 5pm Sunday (First floor) 10:30am – 4:30pm

You can also view our consultation materials at our consultation events where you can speak with the project team and share your views.

Consultation events will be held at the following venues during the consultation period:

Public Consultation Events**North Tuddenham Village Hall**

Fox Lane
North Tuddenham
Dereham
NR20 3DH

Thursday 27 February 2020
1pm – 8pm

Hockering Village Hall

3 Heath Rd
Dereham
NR20 3HT

Friday 28 February 2020
1pm – 8pm

East Tuddenham Village Hall

Mattishall Road (also known as The Street)
East Tuddenham
Dereham
NR20 3LR

Monday 2 March 2020
1pm – 8pm

Honingham Village Hall

31 Dereham Rd
Honingham
Norwich
NR9 5AP

Tuesday 3 March 2020
1pm – 8pm

Easton Village Hall

Marlingford Rd
Easton
Norwich
NR9 5AD

Wednesday 4 March 2020
1pm – 8pm

Norwich City Centre

The Assembly House
Theatre Street
Norwich
NR2 1RQ

Saturday 7 March 2020
10am – 4pm

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development, which means a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) has been produced (to describe the environmental effects of the scheme) and is being consulted on alongside the other consultation documents. It also means that an environmental statement will be produced and submitted with the application in due course.

Contact the team on**Email:**

A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS
@highwaysengland.co.uk

Write: Freepost A47 NORTH
TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
Telephone 0300 123 5000
(Monday to Friday 09.00 - 17.00)



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Section 48 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 4 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme

Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") proposes to make an application ("the Application") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order.

The Application is for the proposed A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme in Norfolk.

The scheme's main proposals in summary are:

- to build a new dual carriageway that will not directly lie on the current A47 road between North Tuddenham and Easton
- the construction of two new junctions with one at the Wood Lane / Berry's Lane junction and the other at the Tavernham Road / Blind Lane junction.
- retain the existing A47 between North Tuddenham to Easton for local traffic where possible
- in addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the scheme, including powers for compulsory acquisition of land and rights.

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) forms part of the consultation material.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **Wednesday 26 February 2020** to **Wednesday 8 April 2020**. Copies of the consultation materials - including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEIR - will be available for inspection free of charge from Wednesday 26 February 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020 at the following locations and times:

Public information points	Opening times
Dereham Library 59 High Street Dereham NR19 1DZ	Monday to Friday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Saturday: 8am-4pm (staffed 9.30am-4pm)

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	<p>Sunday: 10am-4pm (Open Library access only)</p>
<p>Costessey Library Breckland Road Norwich NR5 0RW</p>	<p>Monday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm)</p> <p>Tuesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2pm-7pm)</p> <p>Wednesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm)</p> <p>Thursday: 8am-7pm (Open Library access only)</p> <p>Friday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2pm-7pm)</p> <p>Saturday: 8am-4pm (staffed 11am-4pm)</p> <p>Sunday: 10am-4pm (Open Library access only)</p>
<p>Norfolk County Council, County Hall Martineau Lane Norwich NR1 2DH</p>	<p>Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm</p>
<p>Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library The Forum Millennium Plain NR2 1AW</p>	<p>Monday to Friday: 8am-10am (Open Library access first floor only)</p> <p>Monday to Friday: 10am-7pm</p> <p>Saturday: 9am-5pm</p> <p>Sunday: 10.30am-4.30pm (Open Library access first floor only)</p>

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge from Wednesday 26 February 2020 at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from Highways England by emailing: A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk, or via phone on 0300 123 5000, or via the postal address provided below. An electronic copy of the consultation material can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. A paper copy of the consultation material can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge for paper copies of consultation material to cover the cost of printing and postage up to a charge of £250.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between **Wednesday 26 February 2020** and **Wednesday 8 April 2020**. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials. When providing your response, please include your name and address or just your postcode if you would prefer to be anonymous. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme.

Please supply any response to:

- Online: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E
- In person: By visiting one of the public consultation events
- Post: Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON

Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 April 2020.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the scheme, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.

James Powis, Highways England

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A47NT-E - Junction & Sideroad Strategy Report	Adobe Acrobat Docu...	21,571 KB
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A47NT-E - Preliminary Environmental Informati...	Adobe Acrobat Docu...	43,492 KB
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8 EXAMPLE CONSULTATION EVENT IMAGES



9 EXAMPLE PUBLIC INFORMATION POINT IMAGES

