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# 1 STATUTORY CONSULTATION MATERIALS

## 1.1 Consultation brochure



### A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling Consultation Brochure

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# 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 over £15 billion of investment on our network.

The A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling scheme is a critical part of this investment and will improve journeys along the A47 in Norfolk, which is great news for the local and regional economy.

This scheme is categorised as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. As such we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to obtain planning permission to construct the scheme. For more information on this process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

In this brochure we explain our proposals for the scheme and how you can take part in the consultation. Your responses will help us shape the scheme before we submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate. We also give details of how you can give us your feedback during our public consultation.

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/A141 Guyhirn junction
- A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling
- A47/A11 Thickthorn junction improvements
- A47 Great Yarmouth junction (formerly A47/A12 junctions)

# How to respond

We're now holding a public consultation on our proposals. We'd like to hear what you think, so please share any concerns, ideas or local knowledge that you may have. The consultation will run from Monday 10 September to Friday 19 October, and there are lots of ways you can tell us what you think. Please do come along to one of our public consultation exhibitions (see page 6 for more details).

Alternatively you can view all the consultation materials on our webpage:

 [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/)

Please remember to submit a response form using the instructions provided or complete the form online. More details of how you can respond are detailed below.

**Please respond using one of the following methods by 11:59pm on Friday 19 October**

- Complete the response form online at [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/)
- Complete a consultation response form in and return it using the freepost address provided
- Email your response to [@ A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- Write to us at [FREEPOST A47 Blofield to North Burlingham](mailto:FREEPOST A47 Blofield to North Burlingham)





# Public consultation exhibitions

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

Location	Date	Opening time	Closing time
Castle Mall, 100 Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DD	Saturday 15 September	11am	5pm
Acle Recreation Centre, Acle, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3RA	Saturday 22 September	11am	5pm
Blofield Courthouse, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JU	Monday 24 September	1pm	8pm
Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	Tuesday 25 September	1pm	8pm

# Public information points

Paper consultation brochures, response forms and other reference documents will also be available at the following locations from Monday 10 September until Friday 19 October.

Public information point locations	Opening times
Lingwood Village Hall – Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	8:45am – 3pm Monday to Thursday
Blofield Library – North Street, Blofield, NR14 4RQ	1:00pm – 7:00pm Monday 10:30am – 7:00pm Wednesday 4:00pm – 7:00pm Friday 12:00pm – 4:00pm Saturday
Blofield Post Office – 10 Church Alley, Blofield, Norwich NR13 4JJ	7:30am – 8:00pm Monday to Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm Sunday
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library – The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW	10:00am – 7:00pm Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday
Broadland District Council – Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0DU	8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday
Norwich City Council - City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH	8:45am – 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday
Norfolk County Council – County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH	9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday

# Why is the scheme needed?

The 115-mile A47 provides for a variety of local, medium and long-distance trips between the A1 and the east coast. The corridor connects the cities of Norwich and Peterborough, the towns of Wisbech, King's Lynn, Dereham, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and a succession of villages in what is largely a rural area. The Blofield to North Burlingham section of the A47 is an important, well-used stretch of road for those living and working in the area.

Whilst around half of the A47 is already dual carriageway, the Blofield to North Burlingham section is not, with studies having identified that the single carriageway section of the road no longer meets the needs of its users. Sandwiched between 2 dual carriageway sections, the Blofield to North Burlingham stretch of the road acts as a bottleneck, resulting in congestion and leading to longer and unreliable journey times.

The section also has a poor safety record, with a total of 40 collisions recorded on the section between 2013 and 2017 (giving an average of 10 collisions per year).

The greater Norwich area is set to see major housing and employment growth by 2021. There are also plans for a significant number of new homes in Suffolk at Waveney.



# Scheme objectives

The aims and objectives of the scheme are:

## Supporting economic growth

The scheme aims to reduce congestion-related delay, improve journey time reliability and increase the overall capacity of the A47. This will help contribute to sustainable economic growth by supporting employment and residential development opportunities.

## Making a safer network

Improving road safety for all road users by designing to modern highway standards appropriate for a major A road.

## A more free-flowing network

Increasing the resilience of the junction in coping with incidents such as collisions, breakdowns, maintenance and extreme weather. The improved A47 Blofield to North Burlingham will be more reliable, reducing journey times and providing capacity for future traffic growth.

## Protected environment

We will protect the environment by minimising adverse impacts and where possible, improving the environmental effects of transport on those living along the route of the new and existing road. We will do this by reducing the impact on the natural and built environment by the new road and any associated works.

## An accessible and integrated network

To ensure the proposals consider local communities and access to the road network, providing a safer route between communities for cyclists, pedestrians, equestrians and vulnerable users where a need is identified.

## Value for money

To ensure that the scheme is affordable and delivers good value for money.

# What's happened so far?

As part of developing our proposals for the scheme, we held a public consultation on 4 different options, from 13 March to 21 April 2017:

Option 1: This option proposed improving the single carriageway section of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham to dual carriageway standard by upgrading the existing carriageway.

Option 2: This option proposed a new dual carriageway that would run to the north of the A47 as the route heads east away from the village of Blofield, and then to the south of the existing A47 as the route passes the village of North Burlingham, crossing the existing A47 between the 2 villages.

Option 3: This option proposed building a new dual carriageway to the south of the existing A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham.

Option 4: This option proposed building a new dual carriageway to the south within 70 meters of the existing A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham.

As well as listening to the consultation feedback, we continued to refine and further develop the design and undertake more surveys, including examination of the ground conditions, measuring the topography of the land, archaeological surveys and various environmental surveys. These included studies into the landscape and ecological impacts of each option.

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

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

Our assessment and feedback from the consultation demonstrated that Option 4 would provide the better performing route, by solving the traffic and safety problems of the existing road, being the least disruptive to build, and by taking the shortest amount of time to complete. It will also have the least impact on the environment and was favored by the public by a significant margin.

This is the route we are taking forward in this consultation. You can read more about this in the Preferred Route Announcement brochure, which can be found at:

 [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/)

# Progress since the Preferred Route Announcement

The team has continued to develop the design of the preferred route, with traffic flow and safety as primary considerations:

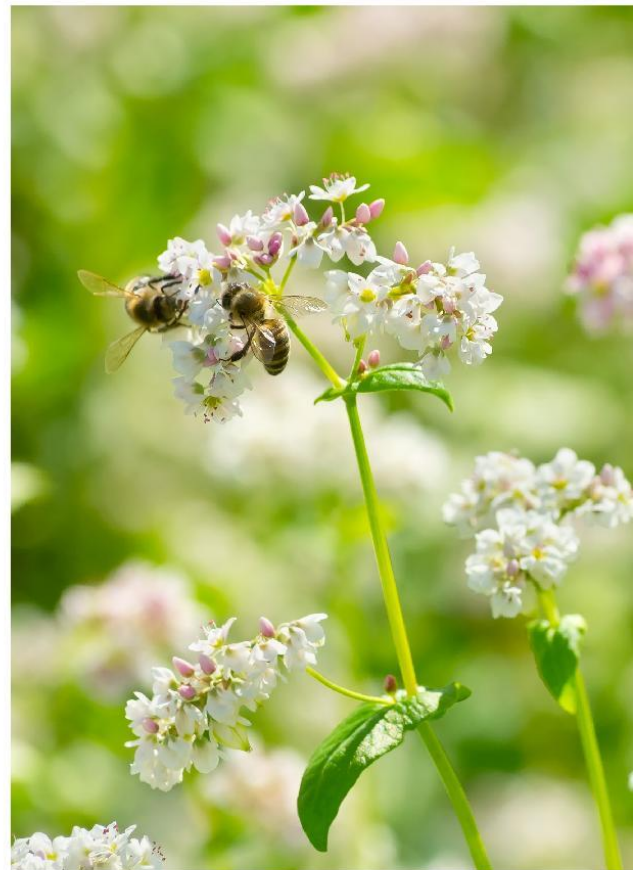
- Work has included design development of:
- the positioning of the road
- junctions
- structures
- lighting
- landscaping
- drainage

Engagement is ongoing with utility providers to make arrangements for diversions that may be required to accommodate the route.

We've also carried out several surveys including:

- aerial topographical surveys
- ecological surveys
- pedestrian, cyclist and equestrian user surveys
- ground investigation surveys

Following feedback from our first consultation in March and April 2017, we have engaged with local communities and stakeholders further on the local access arrangement for the Blofield to North Burlingham dualling.



# What we are consulting on now: our proposed design

Our selected design will upgrade this section of the A47 to a new dual carriageway running to the south of the existing A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham. The route will be built within 70 metres of the existing carriageway and will pass predominantly through open farm land. The design also includes construction of 2 new junctions.

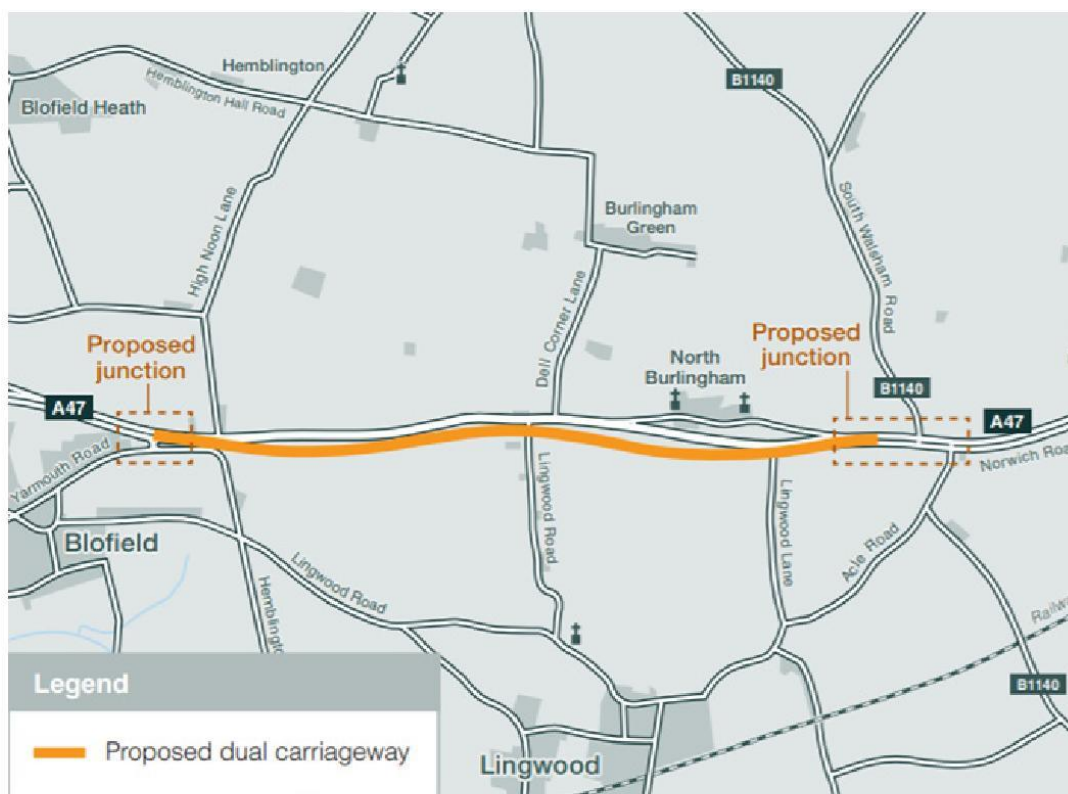


Diagram of proposed design

## Western junction (1)

The junction at the Blofield end includes a link road going over the new route to connect the existing A47 with the Yarmouth Road via a bridge.



## Eastern junction (2)

The junction at the North Burlingham end would be a new grade separated junction (this means you'll have to go up or down a slip road to join and leave the A47) in the form of a bridge to provide a north/south connection between South Walsham Road and Acle Road.






# Benefits and impacts of the proposed design

In assessing the benefits and effects of the proposed design, we looked at a variety of features including those summarised below. 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 where you will find our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

Theme	Benefit/impact of the scheme
<p><b>Journey times and traffic congestion</b></p>	<p>By improving this stretch of the A47 up to dual carriageway standard, it is expected that journey times will be reduced, with the increased capacity of the road improving resilience in the event of breakdowns and accidents.</p> <p>We expect the new dual carriageway between Blofield and North Burlingham to be used by 43,000 vehicles a day when it opens in 2022, and 50,000 vehicles a day by 2037. The majority of this traffic would have otherwise used the existing single carriageway.</p> <p>For westbound journeys during the morning rush hour, we expect the proposals to save drivers up to 3 minutes on their journeys in 2022 and up to 4 minutes by 2037. For eastbound journeys during the morning rush hour, time savings of up to 2 minutes in 2022 and up to 3 minutes by 2037 are predicted. We anticipate that drivers will save around 2 minutes when travelling in either direction at other times of the day.</p>

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<p><b>Access for local residents</b></p>	<p>We have engaged with local representatives and residents about local access arrangements for the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling.</p> <p>By retaining the existing A47 after the scheme is complete, local people will have safer access to nearby villages, whilst the A47 will benefit from more drivers being able to use this section of the road at any one time.</p>
<p><b>Air quality</b></p>	<p>We will consider the health-related issues of local and regional air quality together with the global issue of climate change. We are currently analysing data from long-term air quality monitoring in the local area and putting in place mitigation measures such as a dust management system so that potential impacts are controlled and monitored. Construction will also be planned in a way which will reduce the impact of emissions on the local area, whilst also preventing disruption to residents.</p>
<p><b>Noise</b></p>	<p>We are undertaking noise surveys and continue to assess any potential noise and vibration impacts to allow us to build in appropriate mitigation if it is required. As part of our assessment we do not expect the proposals to have a significant effect on noise and vibration, however if assessments show adverse effects, we will consider noise fences or bunds as part of the design. We will also make use of noise reducing tarmac, which will reduce noise at typical highway speeds in comparison to conventional road surfaces</p> <p>During construction mitigation includes choosing the most appropriate method and machinery to reduce noise, adequate maintenance and storage of construction equipment and possible local noise screening. Once the road is open we will monitor noise to assess if any further mitigation is required.</p>

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<p><b>Cultural heritage</b></p>	<p>We are conducting archaeological surveys to identify any risks of disturbing significant remains during construction. Mitigation includes, where possible, planting to screen local historic assets from the proposed scheme.</p>
<p><b>Landscape and visual impacts</b></p>	<p>During construction we will use mitigation measures such as the retention of existing planting where possible, as well as ensuring a well-ordered and tidy construction site. We will introduce new areas of native tree and shrub planting to replace areas of planting that will need to be removed. This, along with appropriate landform embankments and cuttings, will be used to screen views of the proposed scheme.</p>
<p><b>Nature conservation</b></p>	<p>We have been carrying out ecological surveys and have identified the presence of protected species such as barn owls and bats. Designated sites within the vicinity of the scheme include a number of local wildlife sites. 6 priority habitats listed are recorded within the study area; grassland and scrub around the edges of fields used for crops, stagnant water bodies/ponds with naturally high nutrient content, hedgerows, lowland mixed deciduous woodland, traditional orchards and pond habitats.</p> <p>We will use best practice mitigation measures to reduce the risk of impacts on designated sites, protected species and habitats. Opportunities to improve nature conservation are also sought and included in the design of the proposed scheme. Examples may include the sensitive timing of work to avoid breeding seasons, non-disruptive lighting and native tree and shrub planting.</p> <p>Once operational, mitigation measures will include the creation of replacement habitats for bats, kingfishers, reptiles and water voles.</p>

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<p><b>Road drainage and the water environment</b></p>	<p>To prevent pollution we will use best practice mitigation measures during construction such as the safe storage of materials away from drains and watercourses. We will also create temporary watercourse crossings during construction to minimise impact on flood risk and water quality.</p> <p>To help reduce the risk of flooding we will implement a sustainable drainage system. To support this, a flood risk assessment will inform the designs of the surface-water drainage system, which takes into account climate change.</p>
<p><b>Contaminated land</b></p>	<p>Soil will be tested for contamination in advance of and during construction, to decide if it requires treatment or special disposal methods. Best practice mitigation measures will be used to ensure that there will not be any residual contamination issues.</p>
<p><b>Geology</b></p>	<p>During construction we will implement best practice measures to protect soil structure and quality, minimise waste generation and protect controlled waters from both general site works. This will include testing soil in advance of and during construction for contamination to decide if it requires treatment or special disposal methods.</p>
<p><b>Materials</b></p>	<p>Value engineering is being used to optimise the cost versus the value (benefits) of the scheme where appropriate. Consideration will also be given to recycling by reusing waste generated on-site before disposing of it or bringing in waste from outside.</p> <div data-bbox="762 1675 1332 1736" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>This would directly decrease the impacts from the use of materials. Further opportunities to reduce impacts may also be achieved at the detailed design stage.</p>

Theme	Benefit/impact of the scheme
<p><b>Road safety</b></p>	<p>By improving junctions and designing to modern safety standards, the scheme should reduce the number of accidents which lead to fatal or serious injury on this section of the road network.</p> <p>From 2013 to 2017, this stretch of the A47 had 40 reported injury collisions, making the annual average number of collisions 10. Following construction, we estimate that the annual average number of collisions will be reduced to 2.98 in 2021 and 2.23 by 2036.</p> <p>The construction of the dual carriageway and grade separated junctions to modern design standards are predicted to significantly reduce the risk of these types of collisions, with many dangerous connections directly onto the main carriageway removed.</p>
<p><b>Construction duration and impacts</b></p>	<p>We estimate a construction period of up to 2 years. There will be impacts on the road network and local communities during this time and we will provide further detail on this (including a construction traffic management plan) as part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. Some of the mitigations we have already considered during construction include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ choosing the most appropriate method and machinery to reduce noise</li> <li>■ adequate maintenance and storage of construction equipment</li> <li>■ local noise screening</li> <li>■ using a dust management system so that potential impacts are controlled and monitored</li> <li>■ planning construction related activity in a way that will reduce the impact of emissions and limit disruption for residents.</li> </ul>

Theme	Benefit/impact of the scheme
<p><b>Walkers, cyclists and horse riders</b></p>	<p>The proposed scheme would result in an overall beneficial effect for walkers, cyclists and horse riders travelling between Blofield and North Burlingham since crossing of the A47 would be made easier and safer by the introduction of the Blofield Bridge.</p> <p>Where the existing A47 is unaffected by the dualling, it will become a local access road for residents, with a new footpath provided adjacent to the road connecting Yarmouth Road to the existing footpath at the Dell Corner Lane junction.</p> <p>The Burlingham footpath between Lingwood and North Burlingham would be directly impacted by the proposed scheme as the new road shortens the existing path. Extensive surveys of non-motorised users have been undertaken in November 2017 and May to June 2018. The results captured a very low number of users travelling north to south in this area.</p> <p>The proposed scheme includes a compact grade separated junction at the B1140. The bridge associated with the proposed junction is anticipated to have a beneficial effect on cyclists crossing the A47 to and from the two side roads</p>
<p><b>Land take</b></p>	<p>Permanent land take is required within the impacted area to accommodate the dualling during the construction stage and operational phase. We are engaging with owners who may be affected by this.</p>
<p><b>Local communities</b></p>	<p>For safer and easier merging and diverging to and from the proposed A47, the alignment removes right turns across the carriageway.</p> <p>We will work with local communities to put in place appropriate mitigation measures during construction.</p>

# What is a Development Consent Order?

The proposed scheme constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, which means that permission for its construction has to be authorised via an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) decided by the Secretary of State for Transport. A DCO can incorporate a range of consents that normally have to be obtained separately, such as listed building consent.

The DCO for the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling will also need to include powers for the compulsory acquisition of land, as the works will require land beyond the current highway boundary. Applications for a DCO are made to the Planning Inspectorate, the body appointed by the Government to examine the merits of proposals and to make recommendations to the Secretary of State on whether consent should be granted.

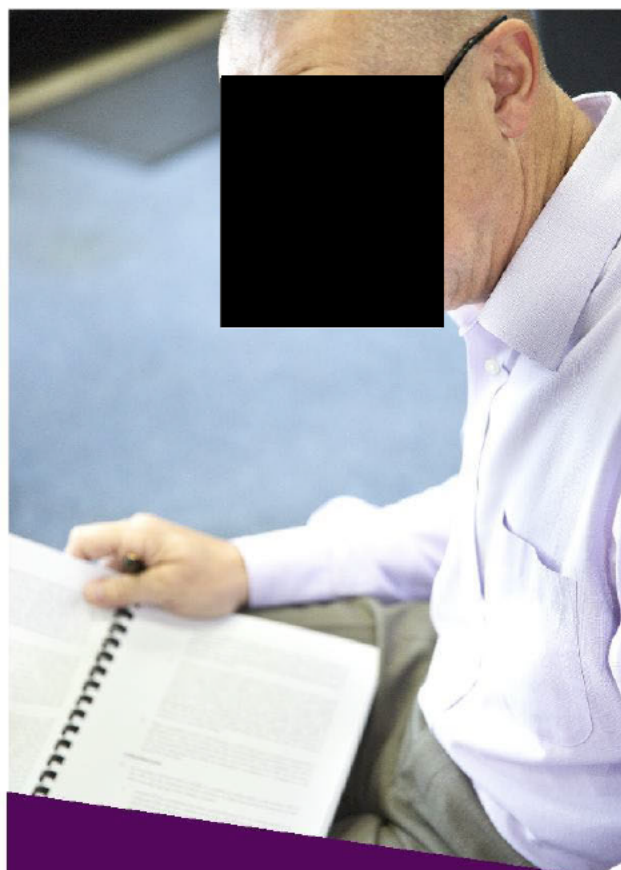


## What happens next?

Once the consultation has closed on **Friday 19 October**, we will consider all feedback given during the consultation. We will take the time to analyse and consider your comments when making further refinements to the proposed design and when developing our mitigation measures. We will set out a summary of responses and describe how our proposals have been influenced by them in a consultation report. The consultation report will form part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application and will also be available to the public following the submission of our application.

We expect to submit an application to the Planning Inspectorate by spring 2019. Once we submit our application, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) will make a decision on whether the application should be accepted for examination. If the application is accepted, the examination is likely to include hearings which provide opportunities for interested parties to make oral representations to the Examining Authority. The Planning Inspectorate will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide on whether or not the scheme will go ahead. If it is granted, we anticipate that the scheme will take a couple of years to build.

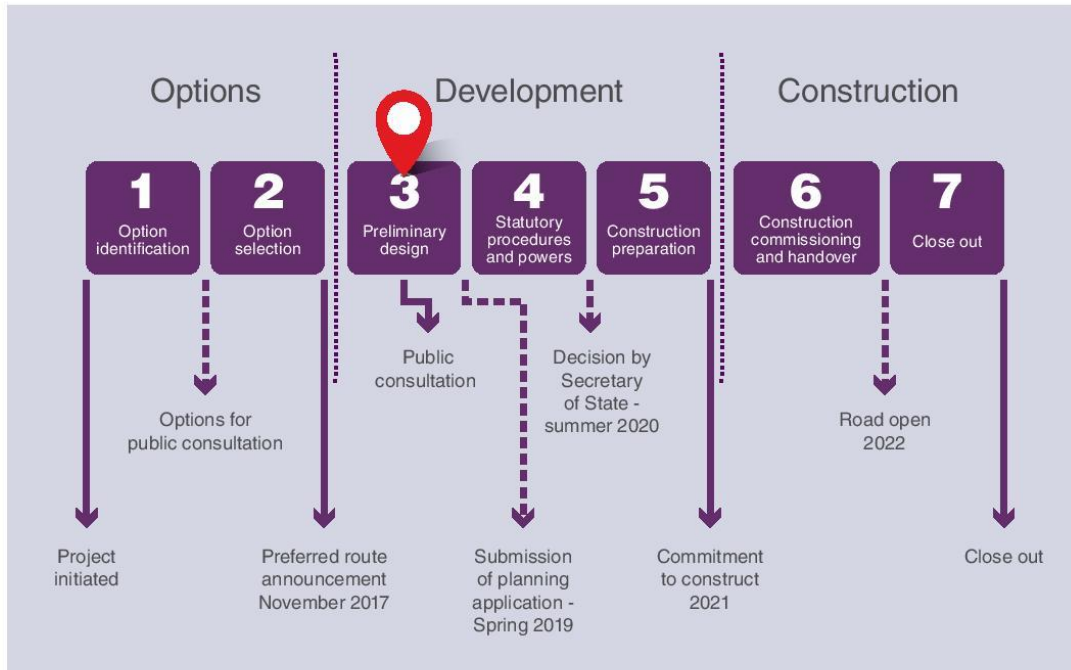
In addition to this consultation process, we will continue to engage with anyone interested in, or impacted by, the scheme.



**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 Friday 19 October.**



The process for the development, application and construction of the scheme is explained in the table below:



# For more information

Please visit our webpage

 [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/)

where you can also sign up for email alerts whenever the webpage for this scheme is updated.

If you have any queries about this scheme, please contact the project team directly by emailing

 [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Alternatively, call our Customer Contact Centre on

 **0300 123 5000**

## Requesting copies of consultation documents

A copy of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and this consultation brochure can be provided free of charge upon request. For paper copies of the PEIR, our printing and postage costs will be charged.

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information,  
please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

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## 1.2 Consultation response form



# A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling Scheme Feedback Form



**Highways England is consulting on its proposal to create a new section of dual carriageway on the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham.**

**The scheme is part of the Government's strategy to improve the Strategic Road Network in the East of England region. The A47 Blofield to North Burlingham scheme is a critical part of this investment and will improve journeys along the A47, which is great news for the local and regional economy.**

### Why we are consulting

The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the proposal. Your feedback will inform our continuing development of the scheme to the point when we are ready to submit our application for planning consent.

### More information

A consultation brochure has been produced which describes our proposal. The brochure and further information, including plans of the scheme and our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) with its accompanying Non Technical Summary (NTS), are available:

- on the project website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/> where the consultation documents can be viewed and downloaded
- at public events where the scheme proposal will be on display and members of the project team will be available to answer questions
- at public information points where copies of the consultation documents can be viewed

Details about the public events and information points are available on the scheme website or can be obtained by calling 0300 123 5000. Information can also be requested by writing to us or emailing us using the contact details provided.

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## How to give us your views

You can respond to this consultation in a number of ways:

**Online:** by completing this response form at  
<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>

**Email:** by sending your response form to  
[A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)

**Freepost:** by posting your response form to Freepost A47 Blofield to North Burlingham

If you are completing a paper copy of this feedback form, please feel free to use additional paper if the boxes within the form do not provide enough space for the comments you wish to make.

Paper copies of the feedback form can also be completed and handed in at the public events.

**The closing date for responses to this consultation is 11:59pm on Friday 19 October 2018.**

## Data protection

On 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) became law. The law requires Highways England to explain to you – consultees, stakeholders and customers – how your personal data will be used and stored.

Highways England adheres to the government's consultation principles, the Planning Act 2008 and the Highways Act 1980 as required and may collect personal data to help shape development of highways schemes.

Personal data collected by the project team will be processed and retained by Highways England and its appointed contractors until the scheme is complete.

Under the GDPR regulations you have the following rights:

- right of access to the data (Subject Access Request)
- right for the rectification of errors
- right to erasure of personal data – this is not an absolute right under the legislation
- right to restrict procession or to object to processing
- right to data portability

If, at any point, Highways England plans to process the personal data we hold for a purpose other than for which it was originally collected, we will tell you what that other purpose is.

We will do this prior to any further processing taking place and we will include any relevant additional information, including your 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](mailto:DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk)

## About you

Please tell us your name and address. This information is optional, but will allow us to update you on the outcome of the consultation and the next stages in this project. If you do not want to provide these details, please just give us your postcode

Name

Postcode

Email

Postal address

This is optional but providing your email or postal address will allow us to update you with any news on this consultation.

Have you received correspondence informing you that you are an affected landholder  Yes  No

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?  Yes  No

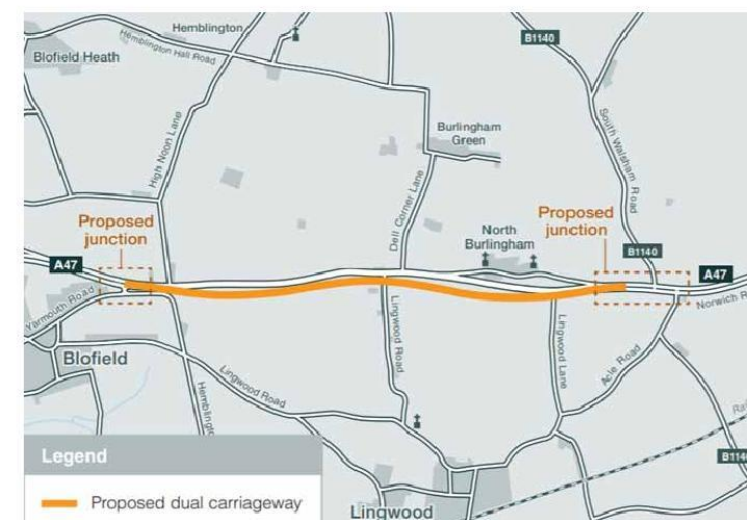
If yes, which organisation?

## The scheme design

The proposed route for the new stretch of dual carriageway is outlined in the consultation brochure or at [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/)

Our proposed design involves building a new dual carriageway running to the south of the existing alignment of the A47. The route will be built within 70 metres of the existing carriageway and will pass predominantly through open farm land. The design also includes construction of two new junctions.

The junction at the Blofield end includes a link road going over the new route to connect the existing A47 with the Yarmouth Road via a bridge. The junction at the North Burlingham end would be a new grade separated junction (this means you'll have to go up or down a slip road to join and leave the A47) in the form of a bridge to provide a north/south connection between South Walsham Road and Acle Road.



**Q1a. Do you support or oppose our proposals to construct a new stretch of dual carriageway between Blofield and North Burlingham?**

Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q1b. Please give any further details about your response:**

**Q2a.** To maintain local access, where possible, the pre-existing single carriageway from the 'old' A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham will be maintained and integrated into the local road network. Two new grade-separated junctions running over each end of the carriageway will provide a connection between South Walsham road and Acle Road in the east, and Yarmouth Road in the west.

**Do you support or oppose our proposals to maintain and integrate the existing carriageway?**

Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q2b. Please give any further details about your response:**

**Q3a. Do you support or oppose our proposals to create a new grade-separated junction in the form of a bridge at the eastern end of the proposed scheme?**



(Please select one option)

Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3b. Please give any further details about your response:**

**Q4b. Please give any further details about your response:**

**Q4a. Do you support or oppose our proposals to create a link bridge over the existing A47 to connect it to Yarmouth Road at the western end of the scheme?**



**(Please select one option)**

Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5a. Do you support the provisions made, which include a mixed-use bridge with footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists in the scheme design?**

**(Please select one option)**

Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5b. Please give any further details about your response:**

**Q6: Please provide us with any other comments you may have regarding the proposed scheme design.**

**The environmental impacts**

Before we make our appWe would like to understand how you heard about this consultation and the range of people who are taking part, to enable us to gather data that can be useful in informing planning arrangements for future consultations.

While the EIA is ongoing, we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to describe the environmental setting and currently anticipated effects of the proposed scheme. A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR has also been prepared to summarise the environmental effects. The findings of the PEIR and the NTS are also summarised within our consultation materials including the consultation brochure and exhibition boards.

**Q.7a. Do you support the findings or scope of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report as outlined in the report, the Non Technical Summary and/or summarised information within our consultation materials?**

(Please select one option)

Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q.7b. Please give any further details about your response, any other comments you might have about the PEIR or any environmental concerns you may wish to raise:**

**The consultation**

We would like to understand how you heard about this consultation and the range of people who are taking part, to enable us to gather data that can be useful in informing planning arrangements for future consultations.

**Q9: How did you hear about this consultation?**

(Select one or more options)

- Letter from Highways England
- Flyer
- Poster
- Newspaper: please name the paper
- TV/radio: please name station/programme
- Online: please name source
- Word of mouth
- Social media

Other:



**Q10: Please rate the following areas of the consultation:**

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	Not applicable
10a. Were the materials clear and easy to understand?						
10b. Were the 3D fly-throughs clear and easy to understand?						
10c. Were the exhibitions of good quality?						
10d. Were the exhibitions suitably located?						
10e. Was the consultation promoted well?						
10f. Was the consultation promoted to the right people?						

**Q10e. Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process:**

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call 0300 123 5000 and we will help you.

Highways England – Creative BED18\_0176

## 1.3 Consultation letter to residents



Our ref: TR010037/General Public/September2018

**Recipients address**

A47 Blofield to North Burlingham,  
Highways England,  
Manton Industrial Estate,  
Manton Lane,  
Bedford MK41 7LW

**0300 123 5000**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Dear

### **A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM DUALLING**

You may recall that Highways England held a number of consultation events during Spring 2017 where we gave the public the opportunity to hear about and share their views on the A47 corridor improvement schemes. In August 2017 we made our preferred route announcement and since then we have continued to develop more detailed designs and are pleased to inform you that the statutory consultation period for the **A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling** will be held between 10 September to 19 October 2018.

Highways England are a government owned company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's motorways and major A roads, known as the Strategic Road Network (SRN). Formerly the Highways Agency, we became a government owned company in 2015.

In 2014 the UK government established the Road Investment Strategy (RIS). As part of this the East of England was identified as an area in need of investment. The A47 road improvement programme spanning from Peterborough to Great Yarmouth was identified and allocated £300 million to improve the network across six projects including the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling.

The A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling scheme has been deemed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), meaning that permission to build it must be gained through a Development Consent Order (DCO). Highways England must submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate, an independent body appointed by the government to examine the merits of the proposal, who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport on whether consent should be granted for the scheme.

As part of the DCO application process Highways England must carry out a period of statutory consultation with members of the public, their elected representatives and other relevant bodies. In accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, we will be undertaking our period of statutory consultation on the proposed scheme as previously set out in our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). Our consultation will run for six weeks, from 10 September 2018 to 19 October 2018.


We will be holding public consultation events as part of the statutory consultation period at:

- Castle Mall Norwich, Saturday 15 September 2018, 11:00 – 17:00
- Acle Recreation Centre, Saturday 22 September 2018, 11:00 – 17:00
- Blofield Courthouse, Monday 24 September 2018, 13:00 – 20:00
- Lingwood Village Hall, Tuesday 25 September 2018, 13:00 – 20:00

At these events you will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, talk to members of the project team and provide comments and feedback, and we would encourage you to attend one of these events.

The deadline for submission of feedback responses to the statutory consultation period is 23:59 on Friday 19 October 2018. You can submit a questionnaire response online, or any other comments and feedback you may have via post to **FREEPOST A47 Blofield to North Burlingham** or by email at [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk). If you have any further queries regarding the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling or the period of statutory consultation you can contact Highways England by telephone on 0300 123 5000. I look forward to meeting you at one of our consultation events and we look forward to receiving your comments and feedback and hearing your thoughts on the project.

Kind regards

  
**Project Manager for A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling**  
Email: [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)  
Tel: 0300 123 5000

## 1.4 Consultation letter to additional stakeholders identified in Appendix 2 of the published Statement of Community Consultation



Our ref: TR010037/S47/Sept2018

**Recipients address**

A47 Blofield to North Burlingham,  
Highways England,  
Manton Industrial Estate,  
Manton Lane,  
Bedford MK41 7LW

**0300 123 5000**

**7 September 2018**

Dear

**A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM DUALLING SCHEME  
STATUTORY CONSULTATION – 10 SEPTEMBER 2018 TO 19 OCTOBER 2018  
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 47: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED  
APPLICATION**

I am writing to you regarding our proposed A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling scheme, which will see the construction of a new stretch of dual carriageway between the two villages. The scheme consists of building a new dual carriageway to the south of the existing alignment, with the current road retained for local use.

The proposed scheme is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act). This means we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to secure the consent we need to build the scheme. This application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State in order to obtain permission to construct and operate the scheme. We intend to make our application for a DCO in 2019.

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of people and organisations about our proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act.

This letter is notice of our **statutory consultation from 10 September to 19 October 2018**.

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us now through this statutory consultation. This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals in advance of submitting the application to PINS. There will be limited opportunity to influence the proposals once the application has been submitted to PINS, so now is the best time to have your say on the scheme.

As the project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) we have prepared, and provided, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report

(PEIR) to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals. An environmental statement will be submitted with the application.

A full set of consultation documents listed below, can be found online from the **10 September 2018** at: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>. These are provided to help you understand the proposals and share your views with us:

- the consultation brochure;
- the consultation response form;
- a copy of the PEIR accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary (NTS); and
- associated plans/drawings/reports.

During the consultation period a series of public events will be held where you can speak with the Project Team, these are detailed in the enclosed consultation brochure. Hardcopies of consultation documents will be made available at the deposit locations as listed in the consultation brochure. This information can also be found online from **10 September 2018** at:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>

The consultation brochure enclosed details how you can comment on our proposals. Any responses to this consultation in respect of the scheme should be sent to the following:

- **Online:** <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>
- **By email:** [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- **By post:** FREEPOST A47 Blofield to North Burlingham

To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our application, please ensure your response reaches us by 11:59pm on **19 October 2018**.

Further information about the 2008 Act process and Development Consent Orders can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the proposed scheme or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

**Project Manager for A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling**  
**Email:** [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)  
**Tel:** 0300 123 5000

**Enc.**

- Consultation Brochure

## 1.5 Consultation letter to additional stakeholders identified in Appendix B of the A47 Wansford to Sutton scheme's published Statement of Community Consultation



A47 Wansford to Sutton,  
Highways England,  
Manton Industrial Estate,  
Manton Lane,  
Bedford, MK41 7LW

0300 123 5000

14 September 2018

Dear

### **A47 WANSFORD TO SUTTON DUALLING SCHEME STATUTORY CONSULTATION – 18 SEPTEMBER TO 29 OCTOBER 2018 PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 47: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED APPLICATION**

I am writing to you regarding our proposed A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling scheme, which will see the construction of a new stretch of dual carriageway between the 2 villages. The scheme consists of constructing a new dual-carriageway that runs partially to the north and then south of the existing A47. A free flow slip road from the A1 southbound to the A47 eastbound will also be constructed.

The proposed scheme is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act). This means we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to secure the consent we need to build the scheme. This application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State in order to obtain permission to construct and operate the scheme. We intend to make our application for a DCO in 2019.

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of people and organisations about our proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act.

This letter is notice of our **statutory consultation from 18 September to 29 October 2018**.

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us now through this statutory consultation. This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals in advance of submitting the application to PINS. There will be limited opportunity to influence the proposals once the application has been submitted to PINS, so now is the best time to have your say on the scheme.

As the project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) we have prepared, and provided, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals. An environmental statement will be submitted with the application.

A full set of consultation documents listed below, can be found online from the **18 September 2018** at: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-wansford-to-sutton-dualling/>. These are provided to help you understand the proposals and share your views with us:

- the consultation brochure
- the consultation response form
- a copy of the PEIR accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
- associated plans / drawings / reports

During the consultation period a series of public events will be held where you can speak with the Project Team, these are detailed in the enclosed consultation brochure. Hardcopies of consultation documents will be made available at the deposit locations as listed in the consultation brochure. This information can also be found online from **18 September 2018** at:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-wansford-to-sutton-dualling/>

The consultation brochure enclosed details how you can comment on our proposals. Any responses to this consultation in respect of the scheme should be sent to the following:

- **Online:** <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-wansford-to-sutton-dualling/>
- **By email:** [A47WansfordtoSuttonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47WansfordtoSuttonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- **By post:** FREEPOST A47 Wansford to Sutton


To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our application, please ensure your response reaches us by 11:59pm on **29 October 2018**.

Further information about the 2008 Act process and Development Consent Orders can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the proposed scheme or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Project Manager for A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling scheme**  
**Email:** [A47WansfordtoSuttonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47WansfordtoSuttonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)  
**Tel:** 0300 123 5000

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- Consultation Brochure

## 1.6 Consultation launch event letter sent to stakeholders and media



Highways England  
Woodlands  
Manton Lane  
Bedford  
MK41 7LW

24 August 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

**Invitation: A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Consultation Launch Event**

You may recall Highways England held a number of consultation events during spring 2017 where we gave the public the opportunity to hear about and share their views on the A47 corridor improvement schemes. The preferred route announcement was made in August 2017.

We have continued to develop more detailed designs and are pleased to advise the statutory consultation for the **A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling** is planned to start on Monday 10 September 2018 and run until Friday 19 October 2018.

**We would like to invite you to our VIP consultation launch event at the Auditorium, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1TF on Monday 10 September 2018 at 1pm.**

At this event you will receive an update on project progress and be able to talk to the project team. We would appreciate if you could confirm attendance. Refreshments will be available.

During the consultation, we will be holding four public events for local communities and interested parties on:

Location	Date	Opening time	Closing time
Castle Mall, Norwich	Saturday 15/09/2018	11:00am	5:00pm
Acle Recreation Centre	Saturday 22/09/2018	11:00am	5:00pm
Blofield Courthouse	Monday 24/09/2018	1:00pm	8:00pm
Lingwood Village Hall	Tuesday 25/09/2018	1:00pm	8:00pm

Should you have any questions or need further information about these events please don't hesitate to contact the project team at:  
[A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



Project Manager  
Highways England



## 1.7 Consultation launch event letter sent to Members of Parliament



Our ref: A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Statutory  
Consultation

Enquiries: 0300 123 5000

24 August 2018

Dear

### **A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Statutory Consultation**

You will be aware that Highways England is developing its proposal to deliver a major improvement scheme on the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham as part of a significant programme of investment in strategic roads in the east.

We will be holding a statutory consultation on our proposal between 10 September and Friday 19 October. This is the statutory consultation before we submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate.

I would like to invite you or a member of your team to the consultation launch event where you will be able to view our scheme proposal and ask questions about this proposal to members of the project team. The event is being held at the Auditorium, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1TF on Monday 10 September 2018 at 1pm.

We will also be holding a number of public exhibition events during the consultation period which you would be more than welcome to visit. Further information about each event is provided at the bottom of this letter.

If you are unable to attend the launch event, I am also enclosing our consultation leaflet which provides further information about the scheme. We would also be happy to arrange a separate meeting to brief you in more detail should you so wish.

If you have any questions about the consultation or would like to set up a meeting, please contact Public Affairs Manager, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Programme Leader  
Major Projects

**Other ways to find out more about the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham consultation:**

**Attend a public information event.**

There will be a number of consultation events during September. The dates and locations of these public events are detailed below. Each of these events will offer the chance to see the proposals and meet with members of the project team to ask any questions you may have.

Location	Date	Time
Castle Mall, Norwich	Saturday 15/09/2018	11am – 5pm
Acle Recreation Centre	Saturday 22/09/2018	11am – 5pm
Blofield Courthouse	Monday 24/09/2018	1pm – 8pm
Lingwood Village Hall	Tuesday 25/09/2018	1pm – 8pm

**Visit a public information point**

Consultation materials and feedback forms will also be available to view from 10 September until 19 October 2018 during normal opening hours at the following venues:

Location	Opening times
Lingwood Village Hall – Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	8:45am – 3pm Monday to Thursday
Blofield Library – North Street, Blofield, NR14 4RQ	1:00pm – 7:00pm Monday 10:30am – 7:00pm Wednesday 4:00pm – 7:00pm Friday 12:00pm – 4:00pm Saturday
Blofield Post Office – 10 Church Alley, Blofield, Norwich NR13 4JJ	7:30am – 8:00pm Monday to Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm Sunday
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library – The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW	10:00am – 7:00pm Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday
Broadland District Council – Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0DU	8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday
Norwich City Council - City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH	8:45am – 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday
Norfolk County Council – County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH	9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday

**Visit our webpage**

Consultation materials and the online feedback form will be available from 10 September until 19 October 2018 on our webpage at: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/).

## 1.8 Consultation poster



### A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling Scheme



## We want to hear your views

Highways England is proposing to upgrade the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham. This improvement is needed to relieve congestion and improve the safety performance of one of the busiest stretches of the A47 corridor.

We're holding a public consultation from Monday 10 September to Friday 19 October 2018. You can see our plans, speak to the project team and give us your views at the following events:

Public information point locations	Date and times
Castle Mall, 100 Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DD	<b>Saturday 15 September</b> 11am - 5pm
Acle Recreation Centre, Acle, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3RA	<b>Saturday 22 September</b> 11am - 5pm
Blofield Courthouse, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JU	<b>Monday 24 September</b> 1pm - 8pm
Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	<b>Tuesday 25 September</b> 1pm - 8pm

All consultation information, including the consultation brochure and response form, can also be found on our scheme webpage.

For further details, visit:

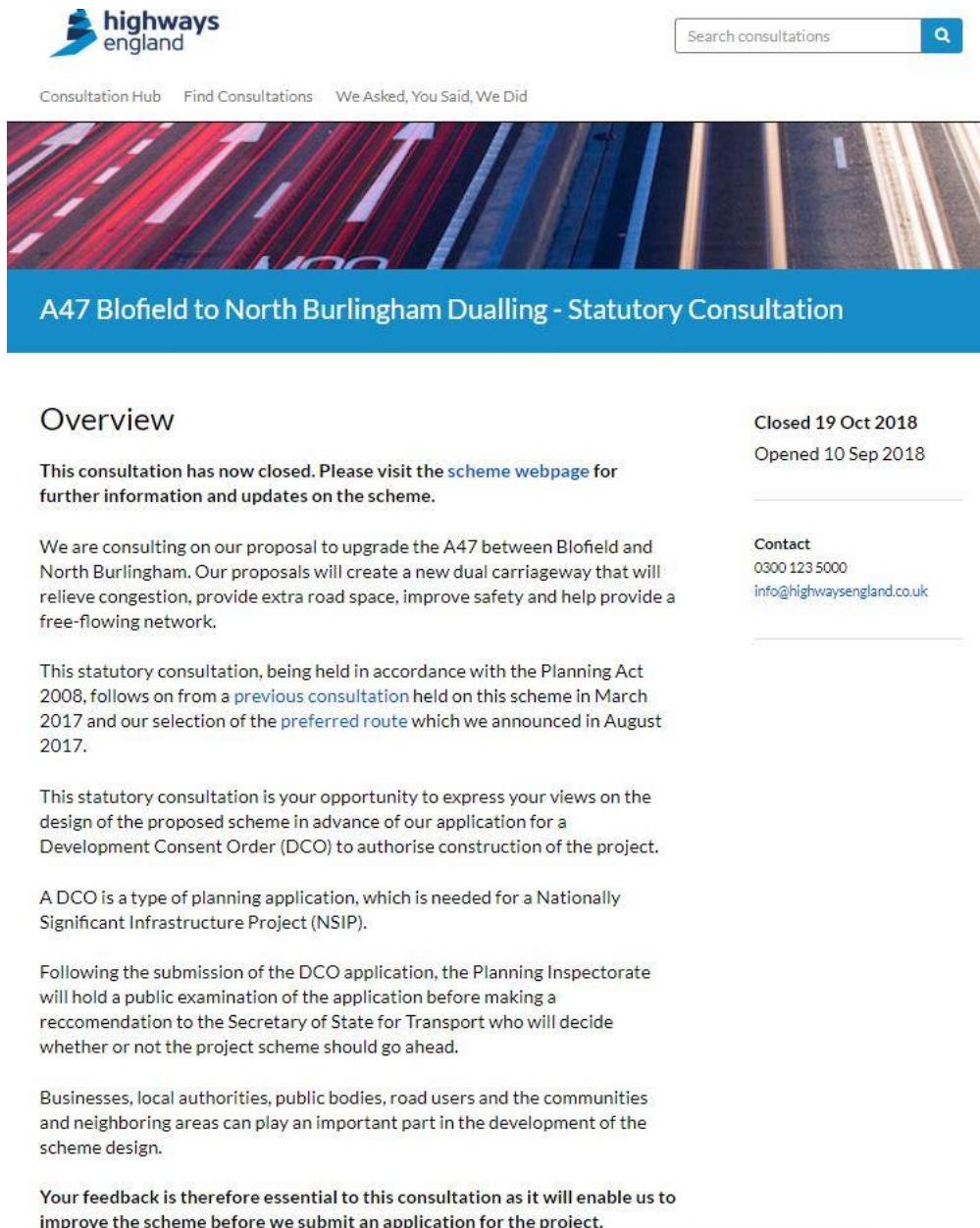
 [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham](https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham)


or call

 **0300 123 5000**

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## 1.9 Consultation website



 Search consultations

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### A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Statutory Consultation

#### Overview

**Closed 19 Oct 2018**  
**Opened 10 Sep 2018**

This consultation has now closed. Please visit the [scheme webpage](#) for further information and updates on the scheme.

We are consulting on our proposal to upgrade the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham. Our proposals will create a new dual carriageway that will relieve congestion, provide extra road space, improve safety and help provide a free-flowing network.

This statutory consultation, being held in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, follows on from a [previous consultation](#) held on this scheme in March 2017 and our selection of the [preferred route](#) which we announced in August 2017.

This statutory consultation is your opportunity to express your views on the design of the proposed scheme in advance of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to authorise construction of the project.

A DCO is a type of planning application, which is needed for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Following the submission of the DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate will hold a public examination of the application before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport who will decide whether or not the project scheme should go ahead.

Businesses, local authorities, public bodies, road users and the communities and neighboring areas can play an important part in the development of the scheme design.

**Your feedback is therefore essential to this consultation as it will enable us to improve the scheme before we submit an application for the project.**

**Contact**  
0300 123 5000  
[info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

## How to get involved

You can use the following methods to respond this consultation:

- **Online:**

Follow the link below to the online response form.

- **Email us directly:**

A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk

- **Write to us directly:**

Freepost A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM

To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our DCO application, **please ensure your response reaches us by 11.59pm on Friday 19th October 2018.**

All of the consultation information is available on this webpage, including a brochure with a summary of the proposed route.

We are also holding public consultation events, where you can see information about the proposed scheme and meet with members of the project team:

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Castle Mall</b> 100 Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DD	Saturday 15th September 2018	11am to 5pm
<b>Acle Recreation Centre</b> Acle, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3RA	Saturday 22nd Septembet 2018	11am to 5pm
<b>Blofield Courthouse</b> Yarmouth Road, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JU	Monday 24th September 2018	1pm to 8pm
<b>Lingwood Village Hall</b> Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	Tuesday 25th September 2018	1pm to 8pm

Consultation material will also be available to view from Monday 10th September to Friday 19th October at the following public locations:

Venue	Opening Hours
<b>Lingwood Village Hall</b> Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	Monday - Thursday: 8.45am to 3pm
<b>Blofield Library</b> North Street, Blofield, NR14 4RQ	Monday: 1pm to 7pm Wednesday: 10.30am to 7pm Friday: 4pm to 7pm Saturday: 12pm to 4pm
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<b>Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library</b> The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW	Monday to Friday: 10am to 7pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm

## Fly-through video

Below is a video showing the proposed route:



## Scheme background

The A47 trunk roads form part of the strategic road network and provides for a variety of local, medium and long distance trips between the A1 and the east coast. The corridor connects the cities of Norwich and Peterborough, the towns of Wisbech, Kings Lynn, Dereham, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and a succession of villages in what is largely a rural area.

In 2014 the government published the Road Investment Strategy. This includes a package of 6 schemes to improve journeys on the 115 mile section of the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth. Together, the proposals will relieve congestion and improve the reliability of journey times for drivers.

The proposals include converting almost 8 miles of single carriageway to dual carriageway and making improvements to junctions across the route. The 6 schemes are:

- A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling
- A47 Guyhirn junction improvement
- A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling
- A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling
- A47/A11 Thickthorn junction improvement
- A47 Great Yarmouth junction improvements

## Need for the scheme

The Blofield to North Burlingham section of the A47 is an important, well-used stretch of road for those living and working in the area. Sandwiched between two dual carriageway sections, this stretch of the road acts as a bottleneck; resulting in congestion and leading to longer and unreliable journey times. Our studies have identified that the single carriageway section of the road no longer meets the needs of its users.

The section also has a poor safety record, with a total of 40 collisions recorded on the section between 2013 and 2017.

With further planned growth, including the 'City Deal' for Norwich, including over 50,000 new jobs and 100,000 homes, it is likely that these issues will only be increased.



## Related

- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Statutory Consultation Brochure](#)  
6.3 MB (PDF document)
- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Feedback Form](#)  
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409.7 KB (PDF document)
- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Preliminary Environmental Information Report \(PEIR\) Non-Technical Summary](#)  
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- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Preliminary Environmental Information Report \(PEIR\)](#)  
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- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - S48 Notice](#)  
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- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Statutory Consultation Poster](#)  
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- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Route Image](#)  
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- [A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling - Proposed Red Line Boundary](#)  
3.3 MB (PDF document)

### Audiences

All members of the public

### Interests

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## 1.10 Consultation press release and *Eastern Daily Press* news coverage



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### Help to shape future of new A47 dual carriageway

Road users are being invited to share their views on a proposed new dual carriageway section of the A47 in Norfolk.

Highways England announced its preferred route for upgrading the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham from single to dual carriageway in August 2017, as part of a £300 million upgrade of the key route connecting East Anglia with the midlands. Following a previous consultation, the option selected will see a new stretch of dual carriageway built around 70 metres to the south of the existing A47.



Now people are being invited to share their views on the specifics of this route, to help ensure the improvements deliver the best possible outcomes for people using and loving near the road.

Highways England programme lead for the A47, ██████████ said:



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“We had a great response to the first stage of consultation we did last year to help us decide which would be the best route for this new dual carriageway, and we hope road users participate fully in this consultation too to help refine our plans for this investment.

“There are a number of ways in which people can take part, and we’ll be hosting several events for them to come and talk with the team so they can share their thoughts, concerns and feedback. This new dual carriageway is one of six schemes we’ll be doing to upgrade the A47, and it’s important that we get it right for road users and the affected communities.”

You can take part in the consultation, which runs from Monday 10 September to midnight on Friday 19 October, by visiting [highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/](http://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/), by e-mailing your response to [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk), or by writing to FREEPOST A47 Blofield and North Burlingham. There will also be four public events at which you can have your say and speak with members of the team. These will be at:

- Castle Mall, 100 Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DD, on Saturday 15 September, from 11am to 5pm;
- Acle Recreation Centre, Acle, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3RA on Saturday 22 September, from 11am to 5pm;
- Blofield Courthouse, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4JU, on Monday 24 September, from 1pm to 8pm, and;
- Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ, on Tuesday 25 September, from 1pm to 8pm.

A further two sections of the 115-mile stretch of the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth will also be upgraded to dual carriageway, between North Tuddenham and Easton in Norfolk, and between Wansford and Sutton near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. There will also be junction improvements at the A11 Thickethorn interchange at Norwich, at the A141 junction in Guyhirn, and in Great Yarmouth.

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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.



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

The six improvement schemes had non-statutory consultations to help decide the best option between March and April 2017. In total, 1,447 people had their say, with 1,333 attending the 19 public events.

For more information about our plans, please visit [www.highways.gov.uk/a47improvement](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a47improvement)

**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](http://www.highways.gov.uk/traffic) or from a phone or mobile device at [m.highways.gov.uk](http://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.
  - On Apple and Android mobile devices via the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).
  - 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](#) or for the full index visit [www.highways.gov.uk/twitter](http://www.highways.gov.uk/twitter).
  
4. Brochures and response forms will also be available, at the following locations:
  - Lingwood Village Hall – Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ, open from 8.45am – 3pm, Monday to Thursday
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  - Norwich City Council - City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH, open from 8.45am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1pm to 5pm Wednesday
  - Norfolk County Council – County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
  - Broadland District Council – Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0DU, open from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday
  
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;



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- 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

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# Eastern Daily Press

Video

## Consultation on new stretch of dualled A47 starts today - here's how you can have your say

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The A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham. Pic: Highways England.

A consultation on a proposed new dual carriageway section of the A47 begins today.

Highways England announced hopes to upgrade the road between Blofield and North Burlingham from single to dual carriageway last August, as part of a £300m upgrade up of the route.

After a previous consultation, the option will see a new stretch of dual carriageway built around 70 metres to the south of the existing A47.

People are being asked to share their views on the specifics of the route, with a consultation beginning today, Monday, September 10.

██████████ Highways England programme lead for the A47, said: "We had a great response to the first stage of consultation we did last year to help us decide which would be the best route for this new dual carriageway, and we hope road users participate fully in this consultation too to help refine our plans for this investment.



*Traffic cones in the fields near the A47 at North Burlingham. Picture: Nick Butcher*



“There are a number of ways in which people can take part, and we’ll be hosting several events for them to come and talk with the team so they can share their thoughts, concerns and feedback. This new dual carriageway is one of six schemes we’ll be doing to upgrade the A47, and it’s important that we get it right for road users and the affected communities.”

The consultation closes on Friday, October 19, and you can take part by [clicking here](#), or emailing [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)

There will also be four public events where you can have your say:



*A Highways England map showing where the road would be dualled. Photo: Highways England*

- Castle Mall, 100 Castle Meadow, Norwich, NR1 3DD, on Saturday, September 5, from 11am to 5pm
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The six projects are part of the government's £15bn investment in England's motorways and major A roads. £3bn is set to be invested in the east of England.

## 1.11 Examples of consultation social media content







**Highways England** @HighwaysEAST · Sep 8, 2018

Our consultation on the #A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling scheme opens today. We'll be holding some information events next week so keep an eye out for more details on events taking place near you.

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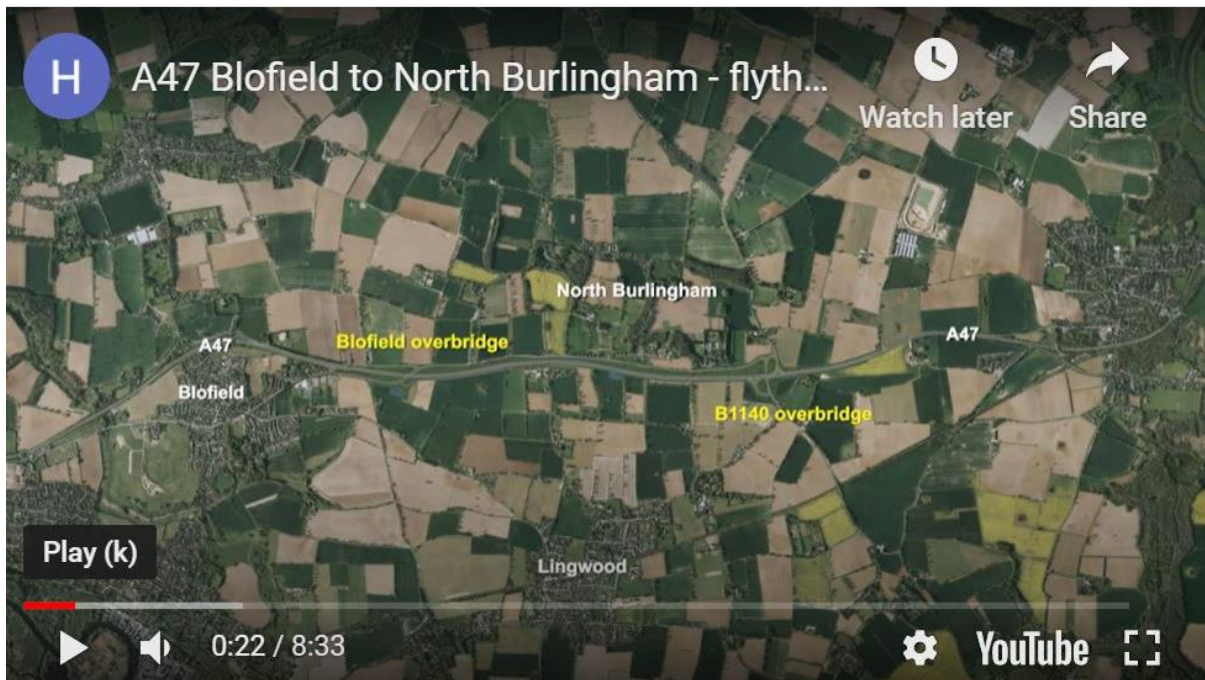


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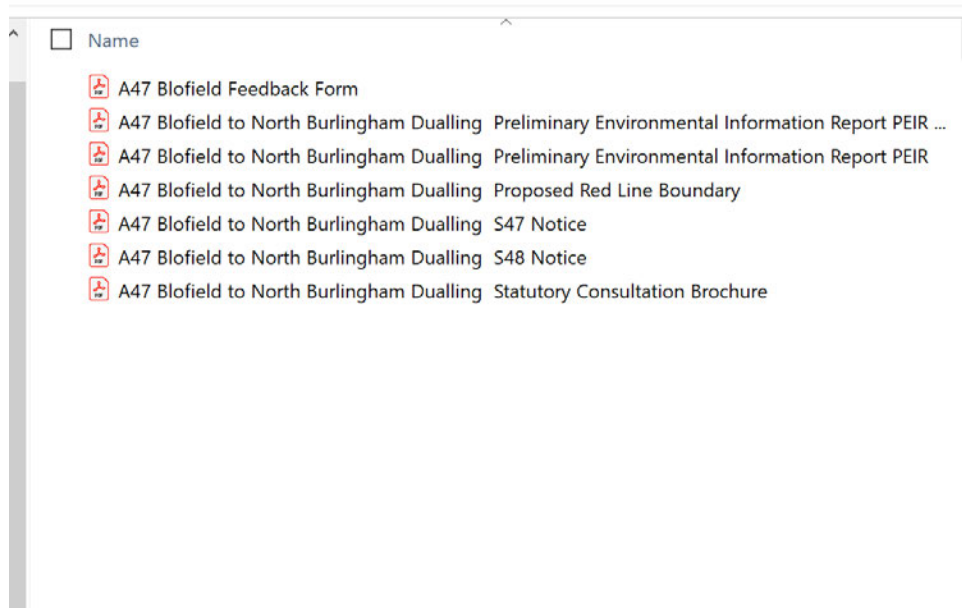


### 1.12 3D digital visualization of the Scheme, presented online and at the consultation events





### 1.13 USB and its contents

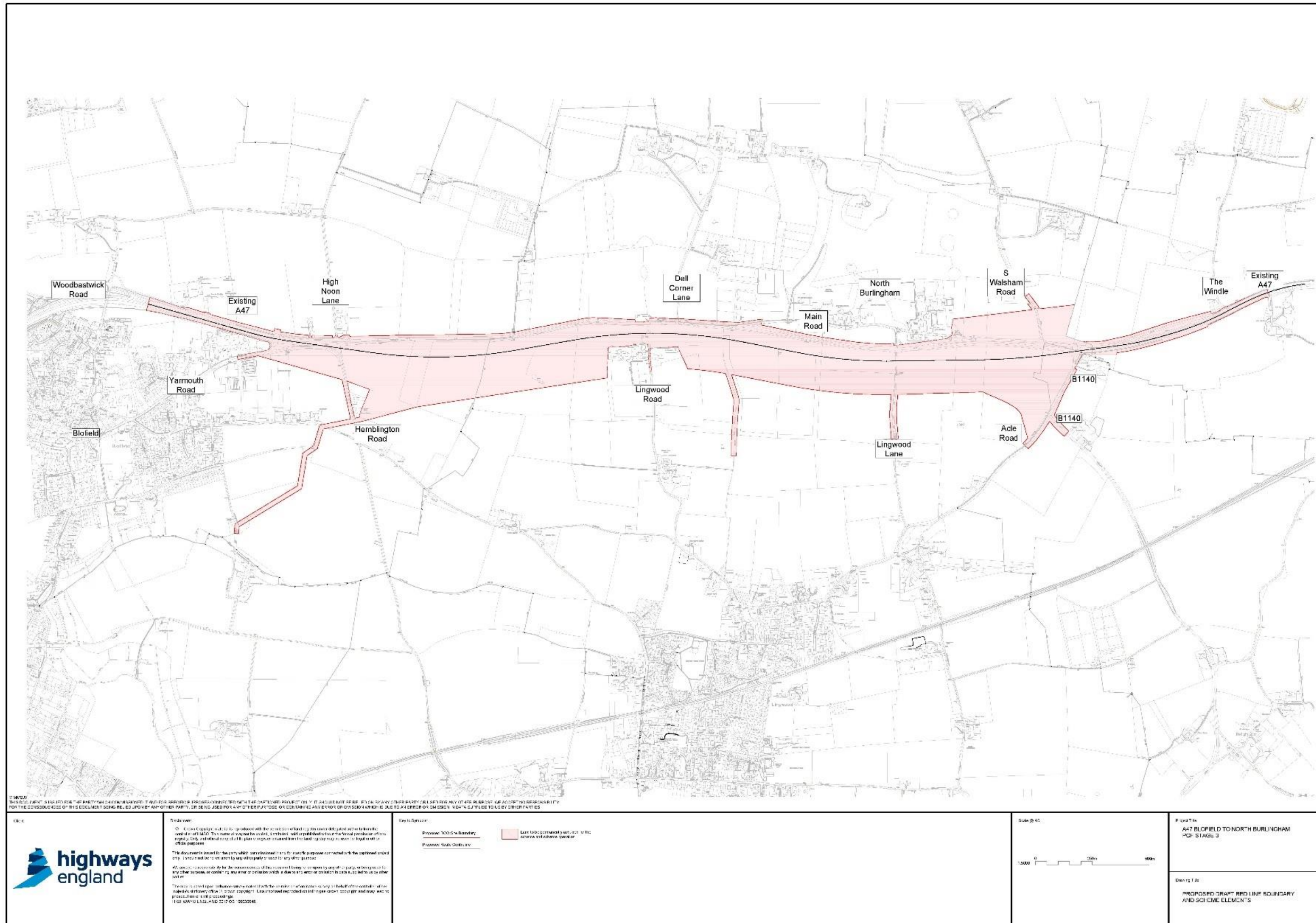




## 1.14 Aerial image of the proposed route



1.15 Redline boundary plan

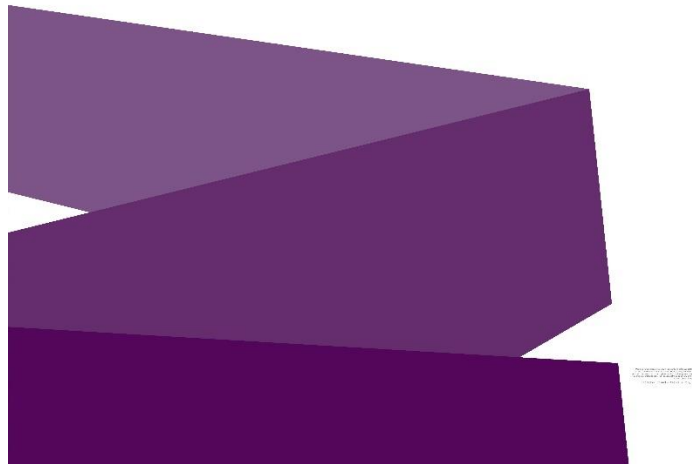


## 1.16 Event pull-up information panels



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# Welcome





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## Introduction to the scheme

In 2014, the Government published its first Roads Investment Strategy, which included a package of 6 major road improvements along the A47 to create better and safer journeys along the 115-mile route between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth. This included the dualling of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham.

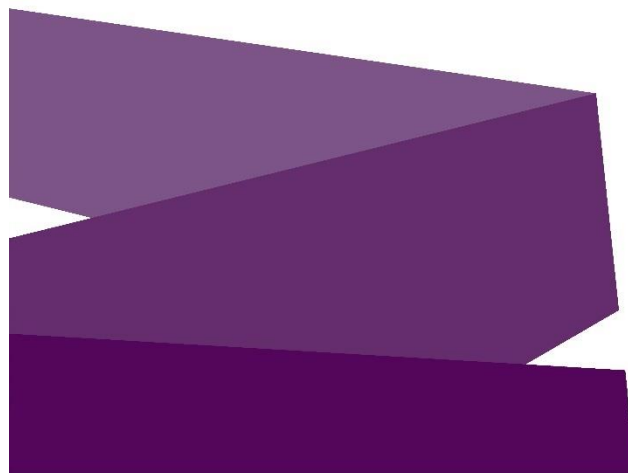
The A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham currently experiences high levels of congestion, especially at peak times. With dual carriageway either side of this section of the A47, the single carriageway section acts as a bottleneck, contributing to congestion and leading to longer and unreliable journey times.

The A47 Blofield to North Burlingham also has a poor safety record.

With a significant number of new jobs and homes planned for in the city region, it is likely that these issues will only be increased.

By dualling the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham we aim to:

- support economic growth
- make the network safer
- deliver a more free-flowing network to improve user satisfaction
- protect the environment
- create an accessible and integrated network
- provide value for money



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## What's happened so far?

Between March and April 2017, we held a public consultation to seek feedback on options for the improvement of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham.

In August 2017 we announced our preferred route that we are taking forward. The option that we're taking forward:

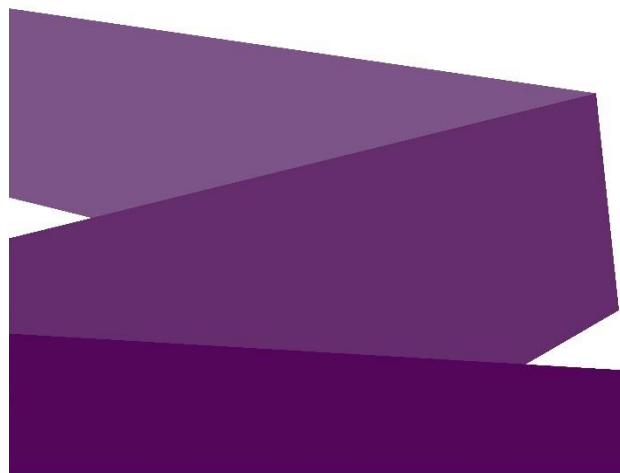
- was favoured by the public by a significant margin at our previous consultation
- solves the traffic and safety problems on the existing road
- has the least impact on the environment
- will cause the least disruption during construction

For more information on the options considered and preferred route announcement, please see page 6 of the consultation brochure.

Since the preferred route announcement we have developed the design further. Our work has included development of the:

- positioning of the road and junctions
- structures
- lighting
- landscaping
- drainage
- pedestrian, cyclist and horse rider access

We are now able to present our proposed junction improvements in more detail and are seeking your views on them.



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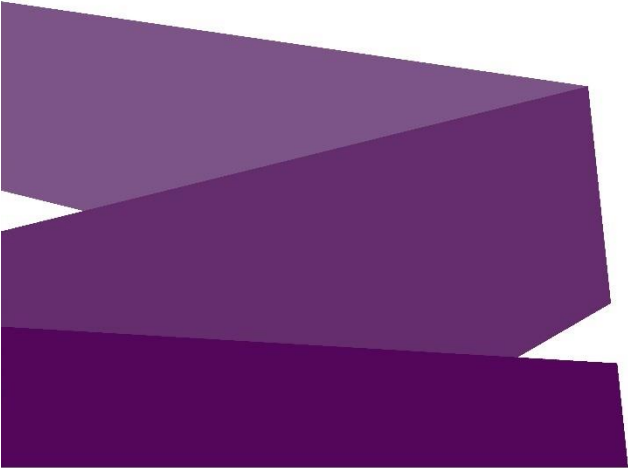
# What we are consulting on now: **our proposed design**



The A47 Blofield to North Burlingham improvement will dual the single carriageway section of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham, linking together two existing sections of dual carriageway. This will connect areas of growing economic activity between Norwich and Great Yarmouth.

Our proposals include a new dual carriageway to the south of the existing road, within 70 metres of the existing carriageway and two new junctions.

The remaining A47, where unaffected by the new dual carriageway, would then become part of the local road network, which will result in benefits for local traffic, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.





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## The proposed junctions

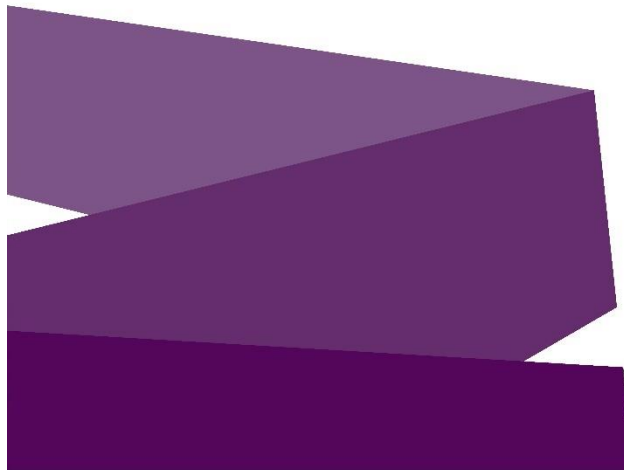
### Western junction

The junction at the Blofield end includes a link road going over the new route to connect the existing A47 with the Yarmouth Road via a bridge.



### Eastern junction

The junction at the North Burlingham end would be a new grade-separated junction (this means you'll have to go up or down a slip road to join and leave the A47) in the form of a bridge to provide a north/south connection between South Walsham Road and Acle Road.



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## Caring for the environment

Understanding the impact of our scheme on the environment and the community is very important to us. Our aim is to reduce any adverse effects while capturing the wider opportunities for improvement created by this scheme.

We are currently gathering environmental information that allows us to identify the potential impacts of the proposed scheme and develop measures to avoid or minimise any negative impacts.

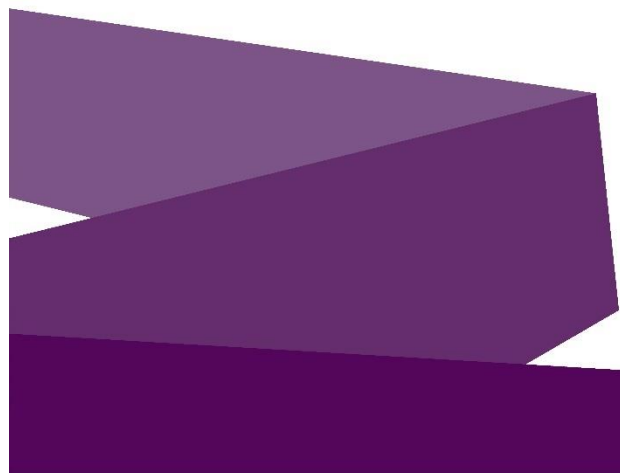
Following this consultation, we will prepare an Environmental Statement setting out in full our assessment of the potential effects of the scheme on the environment, and our proposed mitigation and enhancement measures.

In the meantime, we have prepared a non-technical summary of our Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report to help people understand the potential environmental effects of our proposal. This document can be viewed at today's exhibition.

The full report is available to view on our website at:  
[www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham)

Pages 14 to 19 of the consultation brochure also outline our current thinking in relation to potential environmental mitigation measures, considering topics such as:

- air quality
- noise
- cultural heritage
- landscape and visual impacts
- nature conservation
- road drainage and the water environment



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## Construction

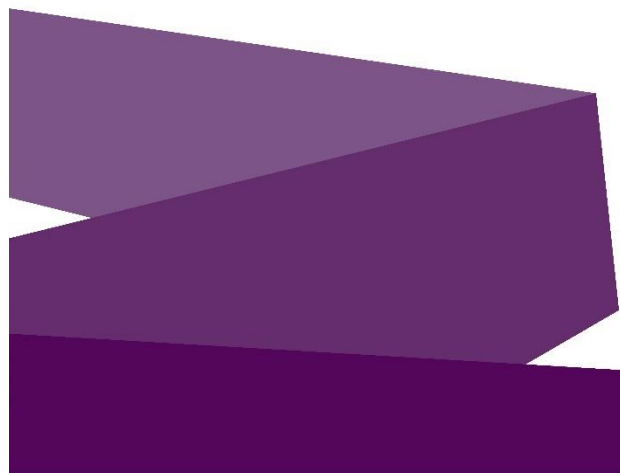
We understand that local people will want to know the likely impact that constructing the scheme will have on their daily life. Once the scheme proposals are finalised, a traffic management plan will be drawn up, together with a construction phase plan. This details exactly how the works will be undertaken on the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham and how local traffic will be managed.

Community and environmental impacts will be taken fully into account at all stages of the development, planning and decision-making process. This means working closely with local communities, local authorities, environmental bodies and major employers as work progresses in continuing the development of the scheme into the construction phase. If development consent for the proposed scheme is granted, construction of the main works would be expected to commence in spring 2021 and continue for up to 2 years.

Some of the mitigations we have already considered during construction include:

- noise
- air quality
- landscape and visual impacts
- nature and conservation
- drainage
- geology
- materials

Full details can be found on pages 14 to 19 of the consultation brochure.



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## What happens next?

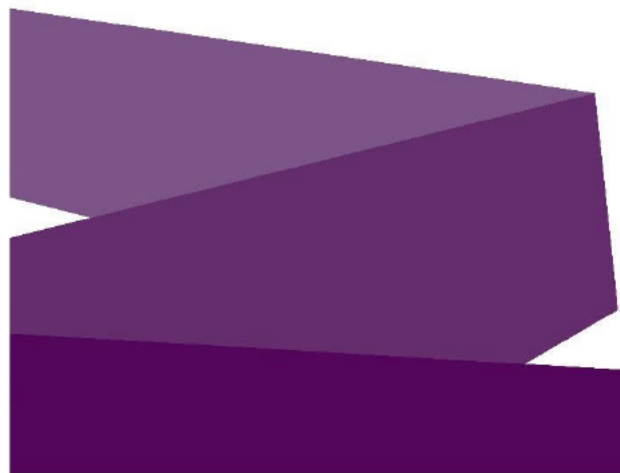
Once the consultation period has closed on Friday 19 October we will consider all the feedback given during the consultation. We will take the time to analyse and consider your comments when making further refinements to the proposed design and when developing our mitigation measures.

We expect to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate in spring 2019 for permission to build the scheme.

If it is granted, we anticipate that the scheme will take up to 2 years to build.

For further information about the DCO process, the role of the Planning Inspectorate and how to get involved in the examination stage please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

**To help us shape our final design, it is important you are involved now and submit your response by Friday 19 October 2018.**

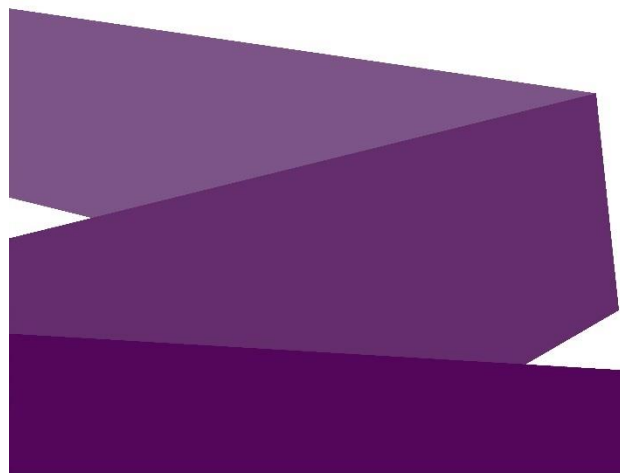


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## Timeline



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# Have your say

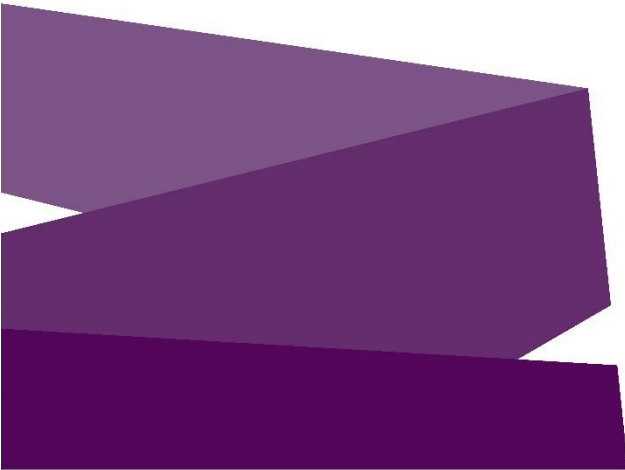
Thank you for attending this event.

You can respond to the consultation by filling in a consultation feedback form.

You can do this online at [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham](https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham)

or you can return one of the printed forms to **FREEPOST A47 Blofield to North Burlingham**. To help you provide your response, documents related to the scheme can be viewed online, here today, or at any of the venues listed below:

Public information point locations	Opening times
Lingwood Village Hall - Station Road, Lingwood, Norwich, NR13 4AZ	8:45am - 3pm Monday to Thursday
Blofield Library - North Street, Blofield, NR14 4RQ	1:00pm - 7:00pm Monday 10:30am - 7:00pm Wednesday 4:00pm - 7:00pm Friday 12:00pm - 4:00pm Saturday
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## 1.17 Public consultation event images

Castle Mall, 15 September 2018



### Acle Recreation Centre, 22 September 2018



**Blofield Courthouse, 24 September 2018**



### Lingwood Village Hall, 25 September 2018

