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1 PROJECT UPDATE MATERIALS, SEPTEMBER 2020

1.1 Project update brochure



Project update Summer 2020

A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling project

Investing in the A47

The A47 is an important connection, linking 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.

As part of a multi-billion investment to improve journeys on England's major A-roads and motorways, the Government is funding a package of six projects on the 115-mile stretch of the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth. Together, the proposals will relieve congestion and make journey times more reliable for drivers.

Together the projects will convert almost eight miles of single carriageway into dual carriageway and improve key junctions along the A47 road.

The A47 road improvement projects are:

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



About the Blofield to North Burlingham dualling project

Our proposal is to replace the existing single-lane section of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham with a new two-lane dual carriageway 70m south of the existing road.

We plan to make safety improvements to the Yarmouth Road junction, closing the right turn and adding a dedicated lane to join the A47. We will also add a new bridge over the new dual carriageway to connect the villages of Blofield and North Burlingham, and to take traffic from Blofield toward Great Yarmouth.

In addition, we also are proposing changes to the east junction, with a new two-tier junction connecting B1140 South Walsham Road (north of the A47) with B1140 Coxhill Road (south of the A47).

For safety reasons, we are proposing to close the direct access from Lingwood Road and Lingwood Lane to this stretch of the A47 when it becomes a dual carriageway.

Why is this dual carriageway needed?

This stretch of road connects areas of growing economic activity between Norwich and Great Yarmouth. Whilst around half of the A47 is already dual carriageway, the Blofield to North Burlingham section is not.

Sandwiched between two dual carriageway sections, the Blofield to North Burlingham stretch of the road acts as a bottleneck, resulting in congestion and leading to longer and less reliable journey times.

This section of road also has a poor safety record, with a total of 42 collisions recorded on the section between 2014 and 2018 (giving an average of nearly 9 collisions per year).

The greater Norwich area is set to see major housing and employment growth, including a significant number of new homes in Suffolk at Waveney.

Project benefits

The proposed improvements will:

- help boost local economic growth by supporting growth in employment and residential housing
- reduce delays to motorists caused by congestion; improve the flow of traffic (especially at the road junctions); make journey times more reliable; and increase the capacity of the A47 road to cope with more vehicles in the future
- improve road safety and reduce the number of serious injuries on our roads
- help improve journeys for local people and improve routes for cyclists and pedestrians

What's happened since the statutory consultation?

We held a statutory consultation in autumn 2018, based on the route shown in our Preferred Route Announcement. We received 767 responses. Your feedback showed that 63% wanted us to improve the road and agreed that our proposals would help reduce congestion and shorten journey times.

Based on the feedback, we have refined our proposals to address the common themes and concerns raised, whilst ensuring that the project solves the traffic problem, improves journey times and improves safety as key considerations.

We have also done more ground investigations and surveys, including using radar to detect underground plastic water and gas pipes; traffic surveys; and air quality monitoring. Environment and ecology surveys are continuing.

We have been talking to affected landowners, local authorities, parish councils and environmental bodies. We have met with local landowners and will be meeting with more residents in the local area over the coming months.

We successfully completed the archaeological trial trenching in June this year.



Our proposed design

Our revised layout that we intend to submit for planning approval includes:

- building 2.6km of dual carriageway on the A47
- de-trunking (downgrading) the existing A47 road between Blofield and North Burlingham (this road will continue to be used by local traffic)
- Improving the Yarmouth Road junction, including:
 - closing the central reservation
 - Closing the High Noon Lane direct access
 - a new merge lane/ slip road
 - Hemblington Road realignment
 - improving local access for the Sparrow Hall properties
- building a bridge to create a flyover at the junction with the B1140, to keep the traffic flowing on the A47
- a new bridge at Blofield crossing the proposed new A47 dual carriageway, which will connect Yarmouth Road with the existing A47 road
- installing new drainage, including an attenuation pond for storm water, whilst keeping existing drainage wherever possible
- building a retaining wall in the western part of this new stretch of road
- installing new lighting at the Yarmouth Road junction, and changing the lighting layout at the B1140 junction
- closing an existing layby just west of The Windle and creating a new layby instead to the west of Lingwood Lane
- new walking and cycling routes connecting
 - Blofield and North Burlingham via the Blofield bridge
 - North Burlingham and Lingwood via the B1140 bridge
- an agricultural access track
- installing boundary fencing, safety barriers and signs
- relocating a medium-pressure gas main and other utility pipes and cables

Traffic flow

We expect the new dual carriageway between Blofield and North Burlingham to be used by approximately 43,000 vehicles a day when it opens in 2023, and 50,000 vehicles a day by 2037.

By improving traffic flows we expect drivers will save around two minutes if they travel in either direction.

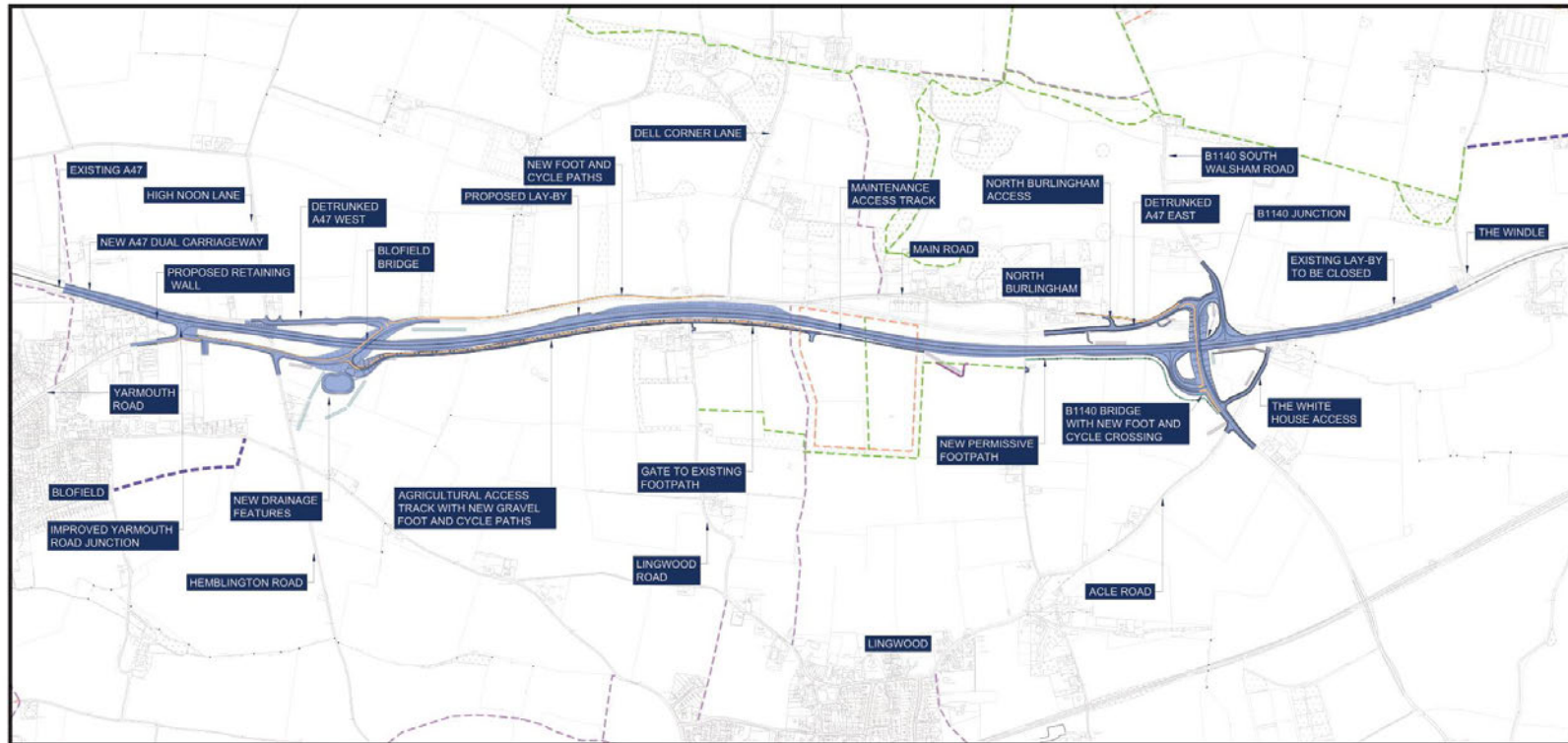
During the morning rush hour we expect our proposed changes to save drivers up to three minutes on their journeys in 2023, and up to four minutes by 2037 for westbound journeys.

For eastbound journeys we expect our proposed changes to save drivers up to two minutes in 2023, and up to three minutes by 2037 during the same time period.

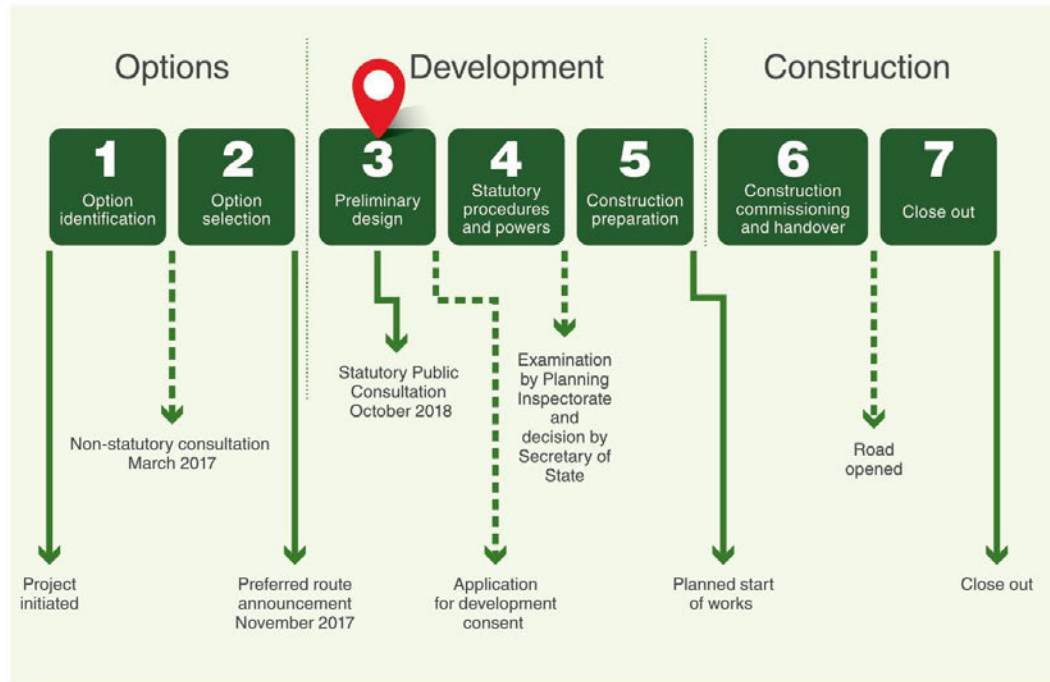
Further design refinements may be made, in advance of our submission to the planning inspectorate as a result of further engagement with:

- Key stakeholders
- Lead Local Flood Authority & Environment Agency
- Utility providers

Our proposed design



Next steps



We will be submitting a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate in late 2020. Due to the scale of the project, we are required to make a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to obtain consent to construct the road. The DCO application route is the planning consent route for projects categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008.

The DCO application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate. The examination process will provide you with the opportunity to comment on the proposals in writing as well as participate in hearings.

Following the examination, the Planning Inspector will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide whether the project will go ahead. If approved, we expect to start construction in 2022/ 2023.

More information about the Development Consent
Order process can be found on the Planning
Inspectorate's website at
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

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During these unprecedented times, Highways England's priority is to play our part in keeping the country safe and supporting travel by the emergency services and key workers, as well as the movement of essential supplies, services and people who cannot work from home.

We are keeping all aspects of our work under constant review during this period to ensure the safety of the public, our staff and colleagues in the supply chain, whilst following government guidance at all times.

Many of our project staff are working from home, so we can continue our important planning and scoping work. We will keep you informed about our project progress.

1.2 Project update press release issued by Highways England



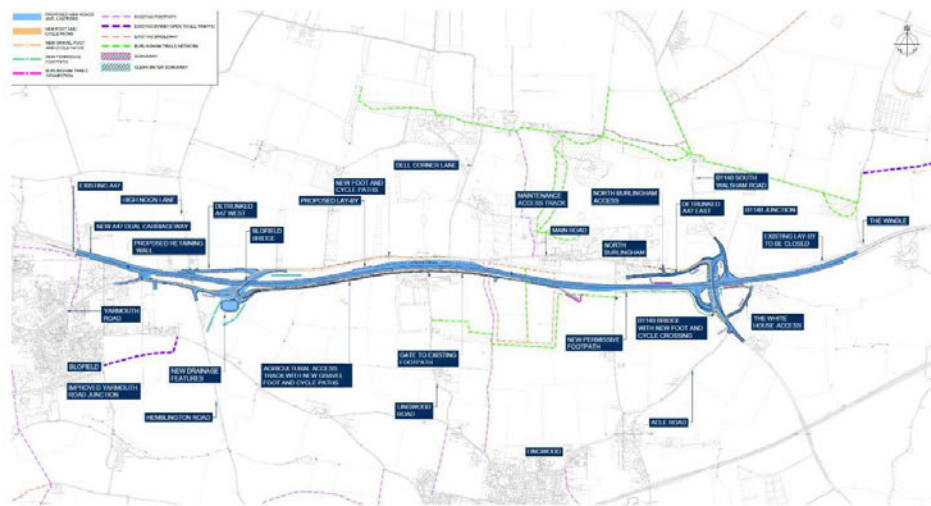
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Further improvements made to plans for A47 Blofield to North Burlingham dualling project

Plans for a new dual carriageway and junction improvements are among the latest designs for plans to improve the A47, released today.

Highways England is upgrading six stretches of the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth as part of a £300 million improvement, including the Norfolk section between Blofield and North Burlingham.

The preferred option for upgrading the Blofield to North Burlingham stretch was announced in November 2017, and today's plans reveal how the proposed dual carriageway will improve safety for road users. The changes will see a mile and a half of new two-lane dual carriageway created 70 metres south of the existing road, which will remain as a local access road to further reduce traffic on the A47.



Caption: the latest proposals for upgrading the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham

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

“This stretch of road connects areas of growing economic activity between Norwich and Great Yarmouth. Whilst around half of the A47 is already dual carriageway, the Blofield to North Burlingham section is not. Sandwiched between two dual carriageway sections, this stretch of the road acts as a bottleneck, resulting in congestion and slower journey times.

“Following on from our public statutory consultation in October 2018, we’ve continued to refine our plans for this stretch of the A47, as it’s important that we get it right for road users and the affected communities. We’ve refined our proposals to address the common themes and concerns raised, whilst ensuring that the project solves the traffic problem, improves journey times and improves safety as key considerations.

“We have also done more ground investigations and surveys, including using radar to detect underground plastic water and gas pipes; traffic surveys; and air quality monitoring. Our environment and ecology surveys are continuing.”



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Caption: the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham is regularly congested

The plans also include safety improvements to the Yarmouth Road junction, closing the right turn and adding a dedicated lane to join the A47. A new bridge over the new dual carriageway will connect the villages of Blofield and North Burlingham, and take traffic from Blofield toward Great Yarmouth.

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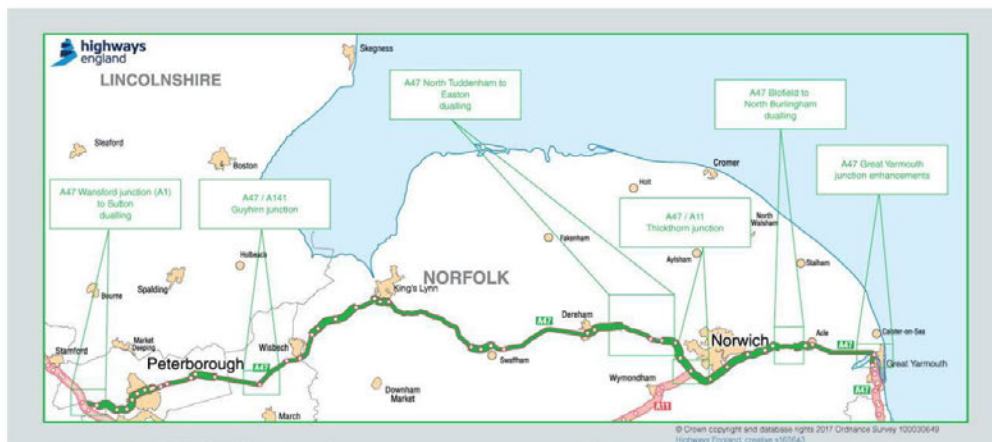
Direct access from Lingwood Road and Lingwood Lane to this stretch of the A47 will be closed when it becomes a dual carriageway, for safety reasons.



Caption: Highways England will be upgrading the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham

Feedback from the statutory consultation showed that 63 percent of the 767 responses wanted the road improvements, and agreed that Highways England's proposals would help reduce congestion and shorten journey times.

This proposal is one of six schemes Highways England is doing to improve the A47 between Peterborough and Great Yarmouth. 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, at the A11 Thickthorn roundabout for Norwich, and at Great Yarmouth junctions.



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

For more information about the plans, please visit www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/

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1.3 Letter to Section 42(1)(a) and (b) contacts, and additional stakeholders identified in Appendix 2 of the published Statement of Community Consultation



Our ref: TR010040/S42(1)(a)/092020

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Wednesday 9th September 2020

Dear

A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM – SCHEME UPDATE

I am writing to you regarding Highways England's proposed A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Scheme (the Scheme) which will improve journeys along the A47 in Norfolk.

The Scheme consists of upgrading the existing 2.6km section of single carriageway between Blofield and North Burlingham to dual carriageway, and junction improvements. The existing from Blofield to North Burlingham experiences delays and high levels of congestion during peak hours. Highways England aim to improve the traffic flow, reducing journey times on the route, increasing the route safety and resilience. The Scheme is also intended to support economic growth by making journeys safer and more reliable.

The Scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act). This means we will apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct and operate the Scheme. This application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate), who will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. We intend to make our application for a DCO in late 2020.

Following consideration of the responses to the formal consultation in 2018 our proposals have been refined, reflecting our further progress designing the Scheme. This includes more detail on the land that will be required for the utilities diversions that we need to undertake.

We have included with this letter a Project Update Brochure (Summer 2020). The update brochure sets out a refined Scheme layout and proposals that show how the scheme has developed since the 2018 formal consultation.

This update also gives you an opportunity your views on the updated and refined Scheme, before the DCO application is submitted. Currently we intend to submit the application in late November 2020. We will take account of comments you submit. We will also undertake further engagement with relevant stakeholders about the refined Scheme.

Any responses to this update in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- **By post:** Freepost A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM
- **By email:** A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk

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 Friday 9th October 2020.**

Although the enclosed Project Update Brochure reflects our current intentions for the Scheme, a full set of the 2018 consultation documents listed below is available free of charge on the Scheme webpage www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham to help you understand the proposals and share your views with us:

- the statutory consultation brochure (2018)
- the Preliminary Environmental Information Report accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary
- S47 Notice (2018)
- S48 Notice (2018) which provides formal notification of the application

As the period of formal consultation closed on the 19th October 2018, the hard copy documents are no longer available to view at the locations specified in the Section 48 Notice. Furthermore, the current situation with COVID-19 makes it difficult to safely make hard copies of the consultation documents available locally. If you do not have internet access and/or require a printed copy of a consultation documents, please contact us via the contact details below.

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 Scheme or the updates to the Scheme from the 2018 formal consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided.

Yours sincerely,



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1.4 Letter sent to Section 42(1)(d) contacts



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Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear

A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM - Scheme Update

I am writing to you regarding Highways England's proposed A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Scheme (the Scheme) which will improve journeys along the A47 in Norfolk.

The Scheme is to upgrade the existing 2.6km section of single carriageway of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham by providing a new dual carriageway, and junction improvements. The existing A47 from Blofield to North Burlingham experiences delays and high levels of congestion during peak hours. Highways England's aim is to improve traffic flow, journey times, route safety and resilience. The Scheme aims to support economic growth by making journeys safer and more reliable.

The Scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). This means we will apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct and operate the Scheme. The application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will ultimately decide whether the application is granted permission and whether we are able to use compulsory acquisition powers. We intend to make our application in late 2020.

Following consideration of the responses to the formal consultation in 2018 our proposals have been refined, reflecting our further progress designing the Scheme. This includes more detail on the land that will be required for the utilities diversions that we need to undertake.

We previously identified that you had an interest in land which fell within the proposed development boundary. As our proposed development boundary has been amended following the 2018 formal consultation we want to let you know that the proposed works, as they affect your land have changed, and to give you the opportunity to provide feedback on the changes.

We have included with this letter a Project Update Brochure (Summer 2020). The update brochure sets out a refined scheme layout and proposals that show how the scheme has developed since the 2018 formal consultation. As you have an interest in the affected land we have also included a Plan indicating the changes to the red line boundary since 2018 and showing the extent of the land needed for the Scheme.

Any responses to this update in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

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- the Preliminary Environmental Information Report accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary
- the Proposed Red Line Boundary (2018)
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Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the proposals or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details provided.

Yours sincerely,



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1.5 Email to hard to reach groups

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Dear Sir or Madam

As you may be aware Highways England are proposing to upgrade the existing 2.6km section of single carriageway of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham by providing a new dual carriageway and junction improvements. The existing A47 from Blofield to North Burlingham experiences delays and high levels of congestion during peak hours. Highways England's aim is to improve traffic flow, journey times, route safety and resilience. The Scheme aims to support economic growth by making journeys safer and more reliable.

The Scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). This means we will apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct and operate the Scheme. This application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate in late 2020.

Following consideration of the responses to the formal consultation in 2018 our proposals have been refined, reflecting our further progress designing the Scheme. This includes more detail on the land that will be required for the utilities diversions that we need to undertake. To explain the proposals we have published a Project Update Brochure (Summer 2020). The updated brochure sets out a refined Scheme layout and proposals that show how the Scheme has developed since the 2018 formal consultation. This brochure is available on the scheme webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham

This update gives you an opportunity to give us your views on the updated and refined Scheme, before the DCO application is submitted. We will take account of comments you submit and we will also be undertaking further engagement with relevant stakeholders about the refined Scheme.

Responses to this update in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- **By email:** A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk
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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 the Scheme or the updates to the Scheme since the 2018 formal consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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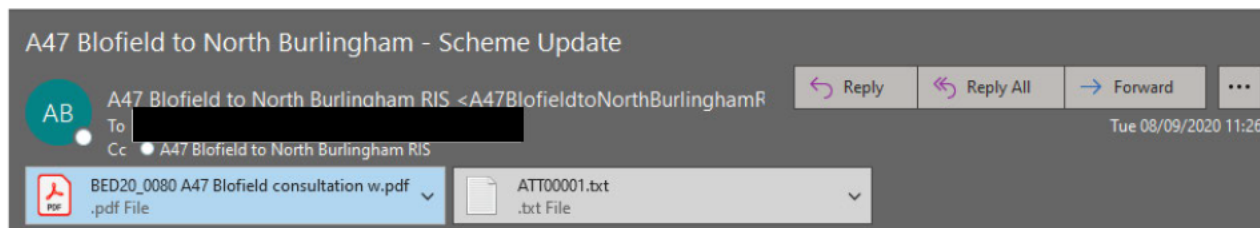
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1.6 Email to councillors and parish councils



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to let you know that this week we will be circulating information on our latest designs for our plans to improve the Blofield to North Burlingham A47 to help relieve congestion and make journey times more reliable.

As you know, the scheme plans to upgrade the existing 2.6km section of A47 single carriageway by providing a new dual carriageway and junction improvements.

Following on from our public statutory consultation in October 2018, we've continued to refine our designs for this stretch of the A47, as it's important that we get it right for road users and the affected communities. We have also been looking closely at the land that will be required for the utility diversions that we will need to make.

I'm attaching an electronic copy of a leaflet that is being circulated to stakeholders and local residents later this week. It sets out our latest layouts and proposals.

If you do have any comments on our latest proposals, please give us your feedback by the end of Friday 9th October.

- **By post:** Freepost A47 BLOFIELD TO NORTH BURLINGHAM
- **By email:** A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlinghamRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk

Once we have received the feedback, we will be progressing the project to the next stage. As this scheme is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008, we will apply to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO). We intend to submit our DCO application in late 2020.

In the meantime, please do email me if you have any queries, or if you would like to request a hard copy of the leaflet.

Yours,

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