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I1 Section 42(1)(a) prescribed consultee statutory consultation letter,
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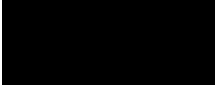
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Being consulted under this category does not confirm entitlement to a future claim. Entitlement to compensation is assessed by our professional valuers at the time that a claim is made. We recommend that you take professional advice before making a claim.

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As the project is 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 (PEI) Report to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals.

To view full suite of consultation documents listed below, please visit the project website at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad. These are provided to help you understand the proposals and share your views with us and include:

- The consultation brochure – providing details of consultation materials available at deposit locations;
- The consultation response form; and
- The PEI Report accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary.

As you may be entitled to make a relevant claim, we are enclosing the following documents in hard copy to help you understand our proposals and share your views with us:

- Consultation brochure;
- Consultation response form; and
- A plan showing the extents of proposed scheme, which is called the “red line boundary plan”.

Highways England has produced the following guidance in relation to compensation which can be viewed via the webpage www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad:

- Your property and Highways England road proposals;
- Your property and discretionary purchase; and
- A guide to Part I claims.

We would also like to invite you to meet with our Project Team for further discussion at the event listed below. Please let us know if you would like to discuss any specific issues. To arrange an appointment with the team or if the below date is not suitable, please contact us as detailed at the bottom of this letter.

Location	Address	Date	Time
Essington Community Centre	Hobnock Road, Essington, Wolverhampton WV11 2RF	Sat 15 th June 19	1:00pm to 8.00pm



During the consultation period a series of public consultation events will be held where you can speak with the Project Team, these are detailed in the enclosed consultation brochure. However, please be aware that there are no meeting rooms available for confidential discussions at these events, with the exception of the Essington event detailed above.

Hard copies of consultation documents will be made available at the deposit locations, for further details please see the enclosed consultation brochure or visit the scheme website details below. This information can also be found online from **24th May 2019** at:

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

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

- Completing the response form online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad;
- Completing the consultation response form accompanying this brochure and returning it using the free business address provided; and/ or
- Emailing your response to: **M54toM6linkroad@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 **5th July 2019**.

Further information about the 2008 Act process and Development Consent Orders can be found on the 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]

[Redacted name]

Project Manager for M54 to M6 Link Road Scheme

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- Consultation brochure
- Consultation response form
- Red line boundary plan

17 Section 42(1)(d) Cat 1 and 2 Statutory Consultation Letter to new parties, 21 Nov 2019

Our ref:TR010054/S42(1)(d)Cat1&2/Nov 2019

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21st November 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

**M54 to M6 LINK ROAD SCHEME –
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 42(1)(d) and 44: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A
PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT: 21st NOVEMBER
2019 to 20th DECEMBER 2019**

I am writing to you regarding the consultation on Highways England's proposed **M54 to M6 Link Road** scheme which proposes a new link road between M54 Junction 1 and M6 Junction 11, bypassing the existing A460.

We are now writing to you because we believe that you are:

- An owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land or property affected by the proposed scheme; or
- You have an interest in the land; or have power to sell and convey the land, or to release the land.

The enclosed plans detail where your land or property is situated in relation to the proposed scheme.

To enable construction and ongoing operation of the scheme, we may need to seek legal powers to compulsorily acquire your land, or rights over land. We may also need to take temporary possession of your land. We have recently identified your legal interest in the land due to a recent change in land ownership, changes to the scheme boundary or through additional information received through our diligent inquiry process.

We would be happy to organise face to face meetings to discuss the proposals and the reasons behind the identification of your land interest. Contact details are provided at the end of this letter for this purpose. This consultation period presents the best opportunity to input into the proposals and to particularly comment upon the proposed impact upon your land.

The Proposed Application

Highways England is proposing to submit an application under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act") to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order (the "Proposed Application") to authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme.

The key elements of the Scheme comprise:

- replacement of the existing M54 Junction 1 with free-flow slip roads between the new link road and the M54;
- construction of a new dual carriageway between M54 Junction 1 and the M6 Junction 11;
- stopping up Dark Lane between the final property and the junction with Hilton Lane so that it is no longer a through-road;
- the realignment of Hilton Lane on a bridge over the mainline of the Scheme to retain access to severed land to the east of the Scheme. The route of the new link road would then continue north to the east of Brookfield Farm to link into the M6 Junction 11; and
- enlargement of the M6 Junction 11 signalised roundabout to accommodate a connection to the new link road and realign existing connections with the A460 and M6.

Under the 2008 Act, the Scheme is a nationally significant infrastructure project and requires a Development Consent Order ("DCO"). The DCO includes powers to construct, maintain and operate the Scheme, as well as other powers necessary to enable the Scheme, including powers to compulsorily acquire land, or rights over land to provide easements, or other permanent rights to maintain the Scheme, and to take temporary possession of land.

We are proposing to submit the application in early 2020. Following submission, the Planning Inspectorate will process and examine the Proposed Application in line with prescribed timescales before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will then decide whether or not the DCO should be made.

Due to its size and nature, the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Therefore, we have prepared and consulted upon a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") to identify the likely environmental effects of the Scheme.

Consultation

Highways England undertook a statutory consultation on the application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act earlier this year, which closed on 5 July 2019.

Since the end of the statutory consultation period, we have continued to refine the design for the Scheme and undertake diligent inquiry to identify all persons with an interest in the land affected by the Scheme. **As a result of this, we have recently become aware that you own, occupy or have a legal interest in land that could be affected by the Scheme.** This means that you are a statutory consultee for the purposes of section 42 of the 2008 Act and we are required to consult with you about the Scheme.

The primary purpose of the consultation is to seek your views on the proposed land take as shown in the Land Plan enclosed with this letter.

To assist you in identifying how your interest may be affected by the Scheme we have attached to this letter:

- Land Interest Plan(s): A plan showing what land in the area of the proposed scheme we believe you have an interest in;
- Land Interest Schedule: Setting out nature interest of land we believe to be affected by the Scheme;
- Land Interest Questionnaire;
- Plan showing the extents of the scheme as presented during the consultation period in May-July 2019 (labelled as 'red line boundary from statutory consultation') alongside the current proposed extents (labelled as 'current red line boundary'); and
- Consultation brochure circulated with the initial consultation.

We would be grateful if you could advise if you consider there are any errors or changes required to the enclosed land interest plan and schedule. Please use the enclosed Land Interest Questionnaire to reply on this point.

We would like to use this consultation to understand the potential impacts that the Scheme may have on your land or interest. We would also like to work with you to reduce any impacts as much as possible and we can do that more effectively if we fully understand how you use the land and how our Scheme will affect that use. You may also wish to consider whether your interests in any surrounding land not acquired by the Scheme will be affected.

We are writing to you to provide you with an opportunity to share your views on the Scheme or other aspects you may wish to comment upon before the application is submitted. **We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us now during this period of consultation, which commences with the date of this letter and expires at 11.59 on Friday 20th December 2019.** This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals in advance of submitting the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Please note that whilst you will be entitled to compensation if your land or interests are acquired, or if temporary possession of your land is taken, this is not a matter upon which you can comment in this consultation. The amount of compensation due will be a matter to be determined at the time that land/rights are taken by Highways England and any disputes will be determined by the Upper Tribunal (Land Chamber) and not by the Planning Inspectorate.

Consultation information

To provide you with as much information as possible about the Scheme, please find attached a copy of the consultation brochure that we provided to statutory consultees earlier this year. Please note that this brochure includes some information **which is now out of date**. All of the documents made available during the earlier consultation can also be viewed on our project webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad.

The webpage includes:

- The consultation brochure;
- The consultation response form;

- A copy of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) accompanied by a non-technical summary of the PEIR;
- A 3D video visualisation of the scheme;
- Environmental masterplan - updated draft November 2019;
- General arrangement plan - updated draft November 2019; and
- Plan showing draft order limits in November 2019 vs May 2019.

For the most up to date Scheme information, please refer to the updated environmental masterplan and general arrangement plans dated November 2019. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the following changes:

- The draft limits of the land affected by the Scheme have changed in response to requests received during the statutory consultation period. Please refer to the plan showing the draft order limits in November 2019 vs May 2019 on the webpage to view these changes.
- In response to comments received on the proposed closure of Mill Lane, Highways England has decided to keep Mill Lane open.
- The environmental masterplan has been developed significantly since the initial information presented in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report including more detail on environmental mitigation measures.

As a result of the above changes, you may find that it is best to respond to the consultation by e-mail, telephone, letter or arranging a face to face meeting rather than in the consultation response form provided in the webpage.

How to respond

Responses to this consultation can be made using the following methods:

- **By email: M54toM6linkroad@highwaysengland.co.uk**
- **In writing by posting responses to: FREEPOST M54 to M6 link road**
- **Arrange a face to face meeting with the Project Team on site or at a convenient location by calling or emailing via the details at the end of this letter.** (Please let us know if you would like to discuss any specific issues).

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 20th December 2019.**

In addition to the enclosed information Highways England has produced the following guidance in relation to compulsory acquisition and compensation which can be viewed via the project webpage:

- Your property and Highways England road proposals
- Your property and discretionary purchase
- Your property and compulsory purchase
- Your property and blight

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

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

What happens next?

After this consultation period expires at **11.59pm on Friday 20th December 2019**, Highways England will review all responses received as part of the final preparations for submitting the Proposed Application in early 2020. Once the application has been submitted, Highways England will notify you if the application is accepted for examination. You will then have the opportunity to register with the Planning Inspectorate during this 'pre-examination' period and participate in the examination process. Registering as an 'interested party' will provide you with the opportunity to submit to the Examining Authority (the person(s) appointed to examine the application) written details of your views on the Scheme and to make submissions at public hearings during the examination.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Project Manager for M54 to M6 Link Road Scheme

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- Consultation brochure
- Land Interest Plan
- Land Interest Schedule
- Land Interest Questionnaire
- Plan showing the Red Line Boundary presented in May 2019 compared to that presented now.

18 Copy of Section 48 notice



Section 48 Planning Act 2008

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

M54 to M6 Link Road

Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

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

The Application is for the proposed M54 to M6 Link Road in South Staffordshire.

The scheme's main proposals in summary are:

To provide a new link road that will improve journey times and reliability on the motorway and local road networks. The scheme will include:

- A new link road of approximately 2.5 km (1.6 miles) in length between the M54 junction 1 and the M6 junction 11
- A new junction at M54 junction 1 to provide direct links to and from the M54 and the new link road and to maintain the connections to the local road network
- Realignment of Hilton Lane over the new link road
- A new junction at M6 Junction 11 with junction capacity improvements and changes proposed to Mill Lane
- In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Scheme, including compulsory acquisition.

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

Consultation on the proposals will take place from 24 May 2019 to 5 July 2019. Copies of the consultation materials - including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEI - will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation at the following locations and times:

Location	Opening times
South Staffordshire District Council Offices Wolverhampton Road Codsall WZ8 1PX	Monday to Friday 8:45am – 5pm
Staffordshire County Council No.1 Staffordshire Place Tipping Street Stafford ST16 2LP	Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 9am - 5pm
Codsall Library Wolverhampton Road Codsall WV8 1PX	Monday 9am - 5pm; Tuesday 12:30pm -8pm; Thursday 9am - 5pm; Friday 9am - 5pm; Saturday 9:30am - 4pm. Closed: Wednesday and Sunday
Cannock Library Manor Avenue Cannock WS11 1 AA	Monday 9am - 5pm; Tuesday 9am - 7pm; Wednesday 9am - 5pm; Thursday 9am - 5pm; Friday 9am - 5pm; Saturday 9am - 4pm; Sunday Closed
Bilbrook Parish Council Joeys Lane Bilbrook WV8 1JL	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am - 12 noon. Closed: Thursday, Weekends and Bank Holidays.
Collingwood Library Northwood Park Road Bushbury WV10 8EA	Tuesday 10am - 1pm; Wednesday 2pm - 5pm; Thursday 9am - 11am; Friday 1pm - 5pm; Saturday 10am - 1pm. Closed: Sunday and Monday
Brewood and Coven Parish Council 35 Stafford Street Brewood T19 9DX	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Cheslyn Hay Library and Village Hall Pinfold Lane Cheslyn Hay WS6 7HP	Monday 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm; Thursday 2pm - 5pm. Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Pendeford Library Whitburn Close Pendeford WV9 5NJ	Monday 10am - 1pm; Tuesday 10am - 6pm; Wednesday 1pm - 5pm; Thursday 10am - 1pm; Friday 2pm - 5pm; Saturday 10am to 1pm; Closed Sunday
Sainsburys, Cannock Orbital Retail Centre Voyager Drive Cannock WS11 8XP	24 hours a day, 6 days a week. Sunday 10am -4pm
Featherstone Community Centre Baneberry Drive Featherstone WV10 7TR	Monday to Friday 7am – 8pm
Essington Community Centre Hobnock Road Essington WV11 2RF	Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm (Closed 1.00 - 2.00pm)

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge from 24 May 2019 at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad.

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from Highways England using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided below:

- Email Address: M54toM6linkroad@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Postal Address: Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, 38 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BN
- Telephone: +44 (0) 300 123 5000

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 24 May 2019 and 5 July 2019. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials listed on the project website at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad. When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme. Please supply any response by posting them to:

FREEPOST M54 TO M6 LINK ROAD

Responses must be received no later than 23:59 hours on Friday 5 July 2019.

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

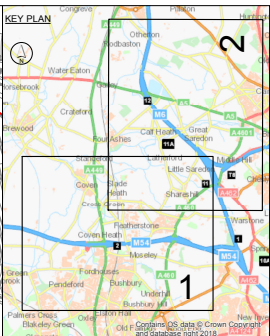
If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the scheme, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.



Project Manager
Highways England

21 May 2019

19 Red line boundary plans



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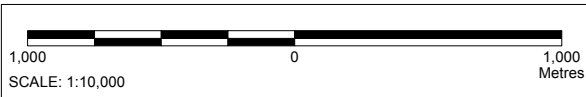


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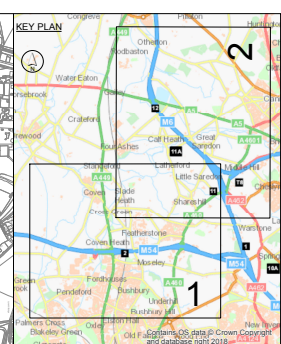
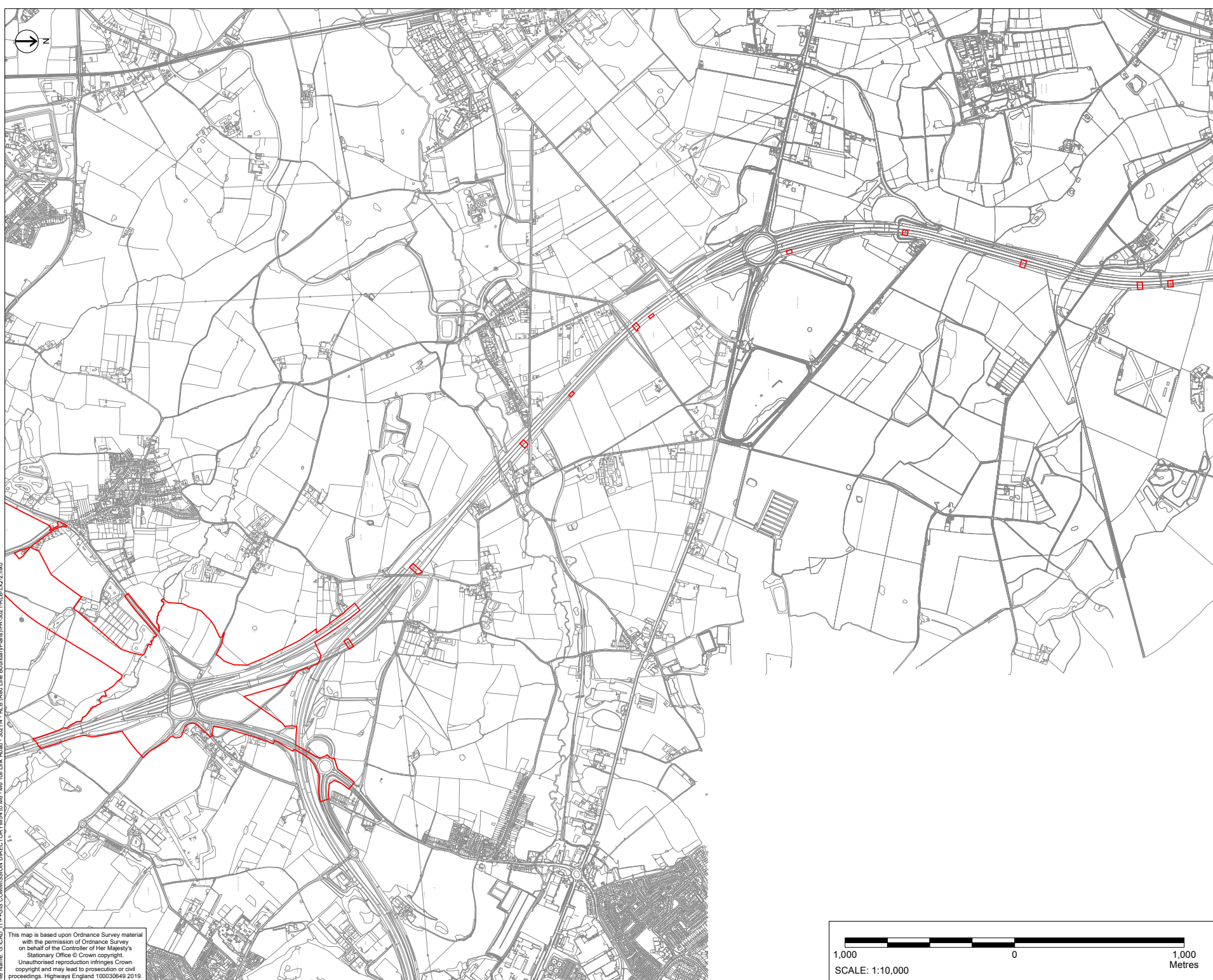
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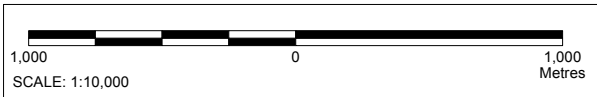


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M54 to M6

Link road scheme

Statutory consultation brochure

From 24 May to 5 July 2019



Investing in your roads

At Highways England we believe in a connected country and our 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 £15 billion of investment on our network – the largest investment in a generation. The M54 to M6 link road is a critical part of this investment and will improve local and long-distance journeys between the M54 and the north (via the M6), 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're required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to obtain consent to construct the scheme. For more information on this process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate website:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

In this brochure, we explain our proposals for the scheme and also give details of how you can give us your feedback during our statutory public consultation - **your feedback is important and will help us shape the scheme before we submit our application.**

A separate statutory consultation response form is available for providing us with your feedback.



How to respond

We're now holding a statutory 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 for 6 weeks, from 24 May 2019 to 5 July 2019** and there's lots of ways you can tell us what you think. Why not come along to one of our public consultation events? Alternatively, you can view all the consultation materials on our webpage www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad. Please remember to submit the response form accompanying this brochure using the instructions provided or complete the form online.

Please respond by 23:59 on 5 July 2019 using one of the following methods:

- complete the response form online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad
- complete the consultation response form accompanying this brochure and return it to **Freepost M54 to M6 link road**
- put a completed copy of the form into a response box at one of our consultation events

Public consultation events

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 events. 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.



Date	Time	Location
Friday 31 May	1pm to 8pm	Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, WV10 7TR
Saturday 1 June	11am to 6pm	Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, WV10 7TR
Wednesday 5 June	1pm to 8pm	Shareshill Village Hall, 1 Elms Lane, WV10 7JS
Saturday 8 June	11am to 6pm	Shareshill Village Hall, 1 Elms Lane, WV10 7JS
Tuesday 11 June	3pm to 8pm	Wedges Mills Village Hall, Wolverhampton Road, WS11 1ST
Thursday 13 June	3pm to 8pm	Cheslyn Hay Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, WS6 7HP
Saturday 15 June	1pm to 8pm	Essington Community Centre, Hobnock Road, WV11 2RF

Where to get consultation documents

Paper copies of the statutory consultation brochure, response form, preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) and non-technical summary of the PEIR will also be available at the following locations from 24 May 2019 during normal opening times:

- South Staffordshire District Council Offices - Wolverhampton Road, WZ8 1PX
- Staffordshire County Council - No.1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, ST16 2LP
- Codsall Library - Wolverhampton Road, WV8 1PX
- Cannock Library - Manor Avenue, WS11 1AA
- Bilbrook Parish Council - Joeys Lane, WV8 1JL
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Why is the scheme needed?

This scheme will provide an improved link between the M54 and the M6.

Currently, there's no direct motorway link from the M54 to the M6 north. Road users wanting to access the M6 north or M6 Toll must use local roads such as the A460, A449 and A5. This means high volumes of both long-distance and local traffic use the local roads to travel this route.

A large volume of local and long-distance traffic uses the A460, which passes through the villages of Featherstone, Hilton and Shareshill.

The A460 has just one lane in each direction with numerous junctions and stretches of road with a 30mph speed limit. It was not designed for the amount and type of traffic currently using it. This results in delays, congestion and high accident rates. There are also air quality issues in the villages along the A460 due to the high volume of traffic.

The objectives of the scheme include:

Connectivity – An enhanced connection between the M54 and M6 would significantly improve customer journeys from east to west and north to south. This will support local growth for Telford, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Cannock and Tamworth.

Environmental – We're designing the scheme to limit impacts on the natural environment and landscape wherever possible.

Capacity – The A460 currently carries about 26,500 vehicles each day with heavy goods vehicles making up about 10% of this figure. When the proposed link road is open, it could reduce traffic on the A460 to around 4,000 vehicles each day. This will create a safer and less congested environment for local road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Reliability – Journey times will be more reliable as the scheme will increase capacity and provide a higher quality connection between the M54 and M6.

Safety – The scheme will improve safety by keeping the right traffic on the right roads, separating local traffic from long-distance and commuter traffic. This should reduce the number of accidents along the route due to fewer vehicles using the A460.



The scheme

During the 2017 consultation, we presented three modified options for the scheme, Option B West, Option C West and Option C East. We've selected Option B West, which bypasses the A460 to the east, as the preferred route for the scheme. We selected this option as it:

- provides the highest economic benefits
- will provide the greatest journey time savings
- has the least impact on ancient woodland
- provides the best value for money to taxpayers
- is preferred by most of the respondents to the options consultation

Evolution of the scheme



Rejected options

Option C West

Our assessment showed that this option provided lower value for money than Option B West due to longer journey times and not removing as much traffic from the A460, A449 and A5. It was supported by 16% of respondents to options consultation compared to 71% for Option B West. It had a negative impact on local business and social amenities. Option C West had a slightly lower impact on the environment compared to Option B West.

Option C East

This option provided fewer benefits than Option B West in terms of journey times, safety and congestion. It was the least preferred option in the consultation and it had significant impact on the environment, directly impacting on scheduled ancient woodland. Option C East offered the lowest value for money.

For more information on the previous consultation results and the preferred route announcement, please visit our webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

Our proposed design

Since we chose the preferred route, we've worked to design the scheme further and address concerns raised about the alignment and environmental impact.

This includes holding meetings with the local parish councils and local authorities to provide further information on route selection and to allow stakeholders to input to the design. We have also been carrying out environmental

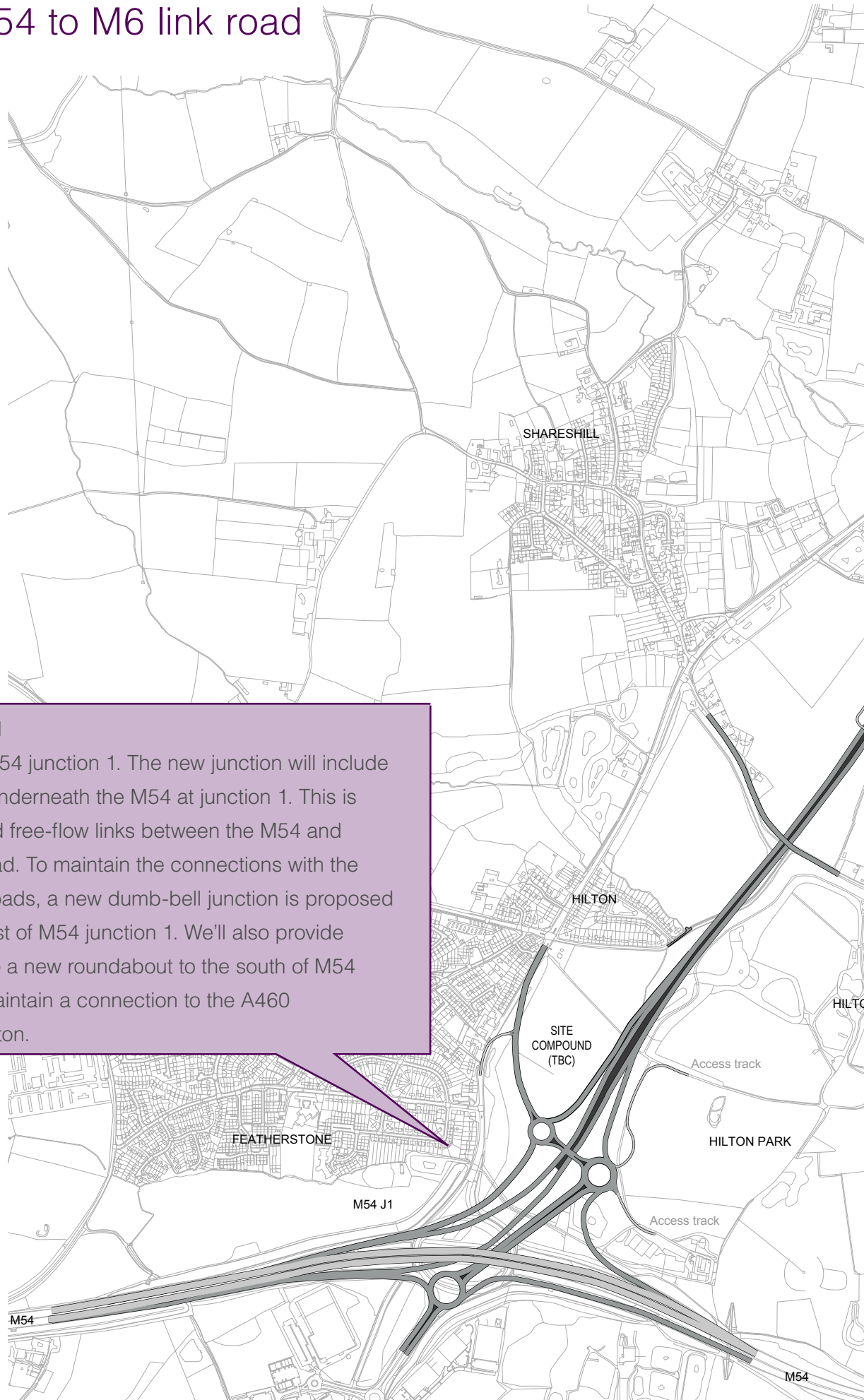
surveys to help us to fully understand the environmental considerations and possible mitigation.

We've listed below the areas that have developed or changed since the previous consultation, which **we would like your views on**. This will enable us to take into consideration the views of all affected stakeholders as we develop the design.

- **Junctions** – size and visibility of the new junctions at M6 junction 11 and M54 junction 1.
- **Dark Lane and Hilton** – position of the new link road to Dark Lane and Hilton.
- **Hilton Lane** – alignment of new link under Hilton Lane.
- **Environmental mitigation** – proposals to reduce impact on environment.
- **Mill Lane** – closure of Mill Lane where it meets the A460.

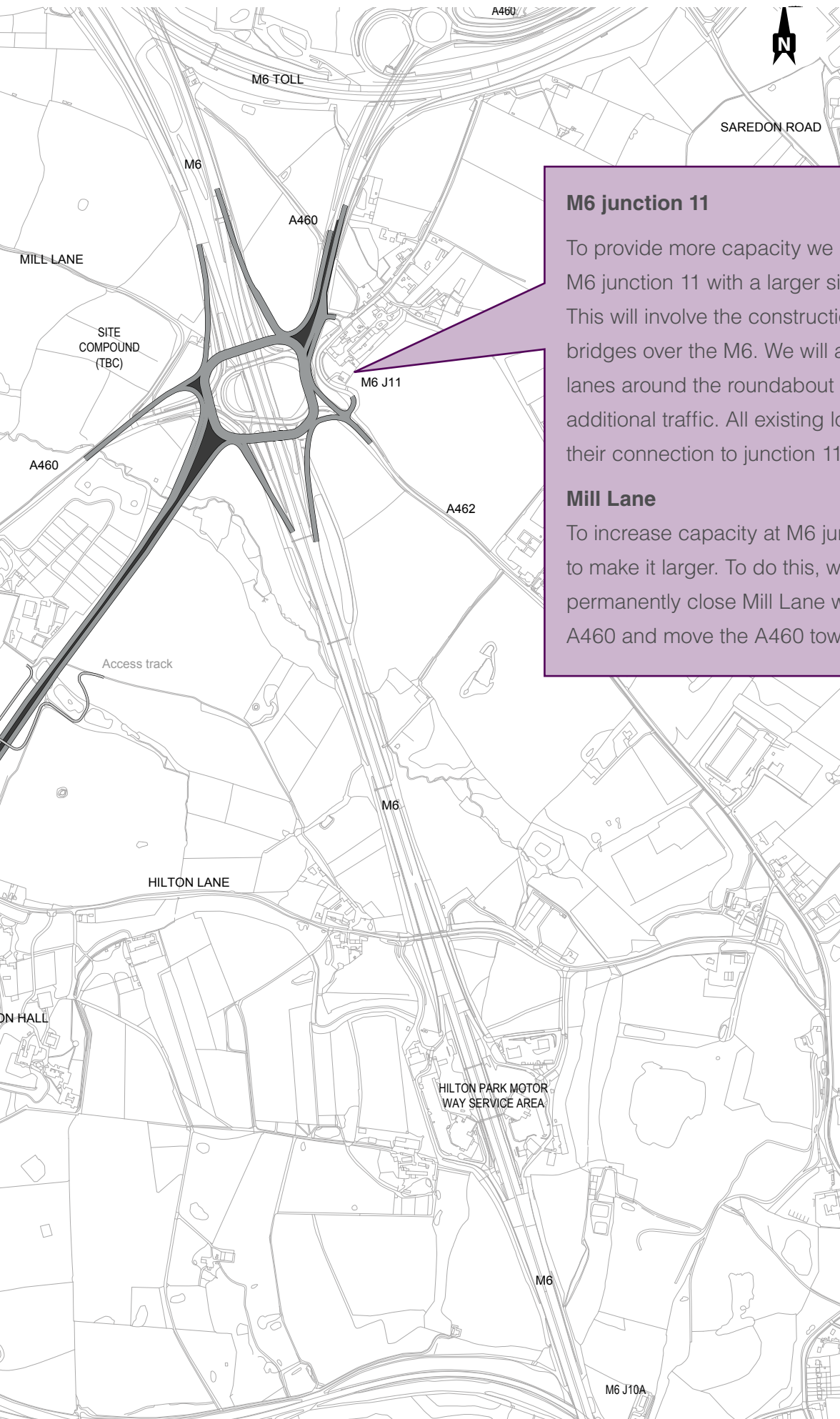


Plan of M54 to M6 link road



M54 junction 1

We'll replace M54 junction 1. The new junction will include a new bridge underneath the M54 at junction 1. This is so we can build free-flow links between the M54 and the new link road. To maintain the connections with the existing local roads, a new dumb-bell junction is proposed to the north-east of M54 junction 1. We'll also provide a connection to a new roundabout to the south of M54 junction 1 to maintain a connection to the A460 to Wolverhampton.



M6 junction 11

To provide more capacity we need to replace M6 junction 11 with a larger signalised junction. This will involve the construction of two new bridges over the M6. We will also put additional lanes around the roundabout to accommodate additional traffic. All existing local roads will keep their connection to junction 11.

Mill Lane

To increase capacity at M6 junction 11, we need to make it larger. To do this, we're proposing to permanently close Mill Lane where it meets the A460 and move the A460 towards junction 11.

Dark Lane and Hilton

The new link passes to the east of Hilton Village, near to properties on Dark Lane. Following concerns raised by local residents, we've moved the new route a further 25 metres away from properties on Dark Lane.

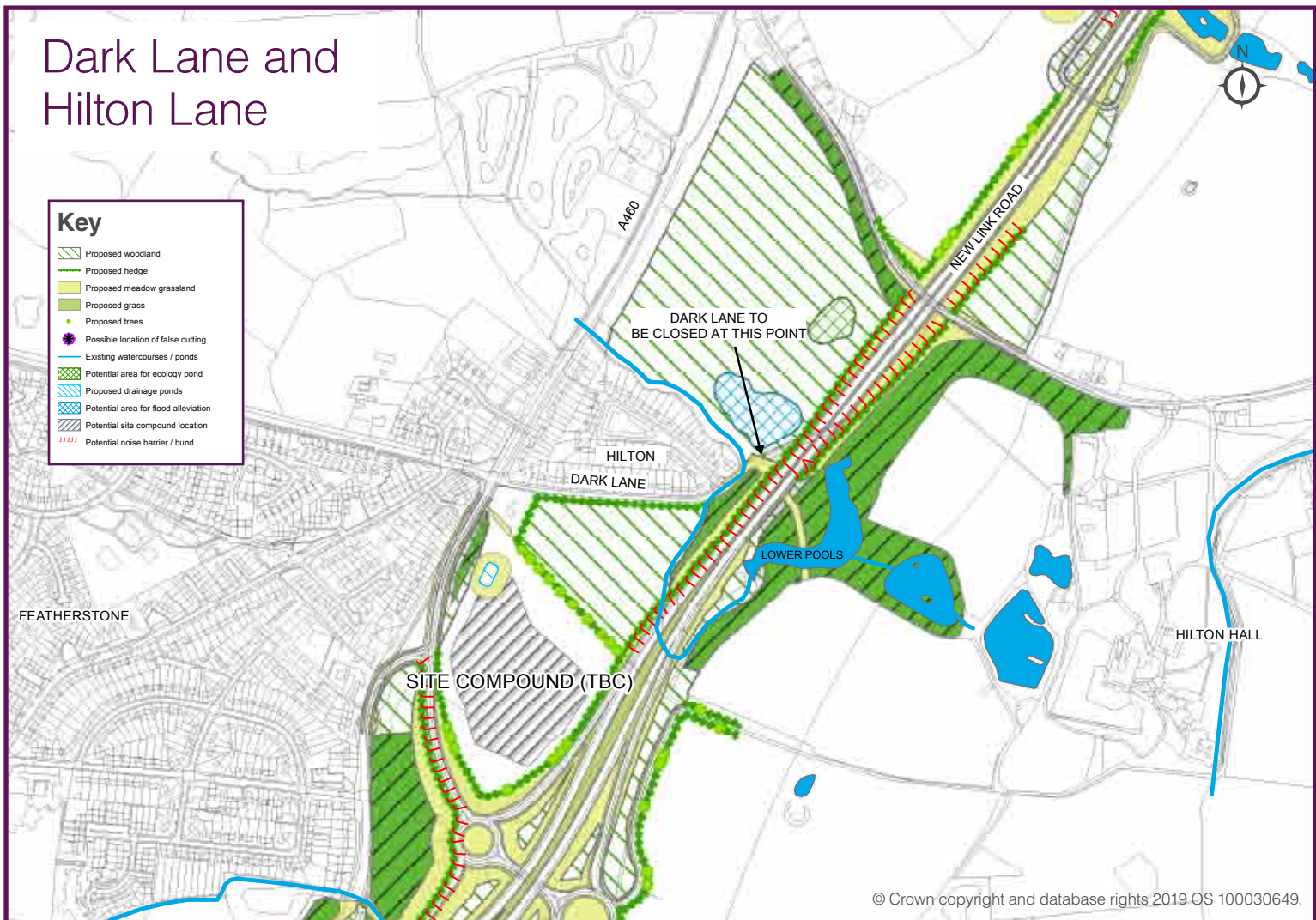
This will reduce the impact on local residents in Hilton who may be potentially affected by increased noise, air quality and visual impacts. In moving the alignment at this location, we've also considered the impact on:

- existing woodland and ponds at Lower Pools Site of Biological Importance
- historic parkland of Hilton Hall

Hilton Lane

The new link road near Hilton Lane will be approximately 6 to 8 metres below the existing ground level. We're developing an environmental design that includes new planting to screen the road as much as possible.

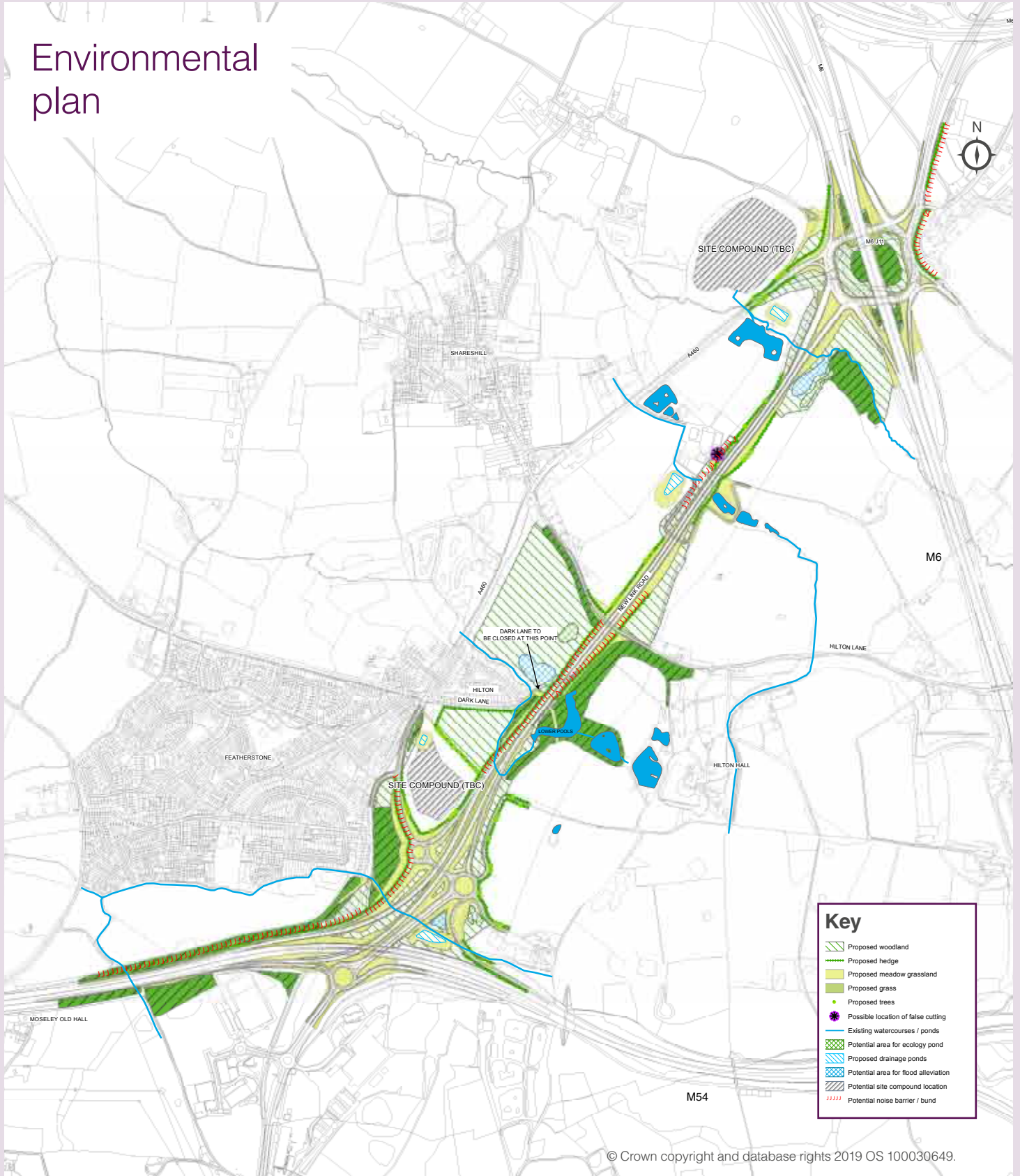
Dark Lane and Hilton Lane



Environmental impacts

We're assessing the impact on any existing features and identifying opportunities to reduce these impacts. As part of our environmental design, we'll be planting new trees and shrubs, providing replacement ponds and reducing noise impacts.

Environmental plan



Potential barrier types

Barriers, screening against noise and the view of the new road, can be used to help reduce the impact of the scheme. We're still considering the different options and have included some indication of where barriers might be used on the plans and visualisation video, which has been put together for this scheme. This has been done for illustrative purposes only. The video is available on our webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

Timber barrier

These would provide visual screening and would be effective in mitigating noise.



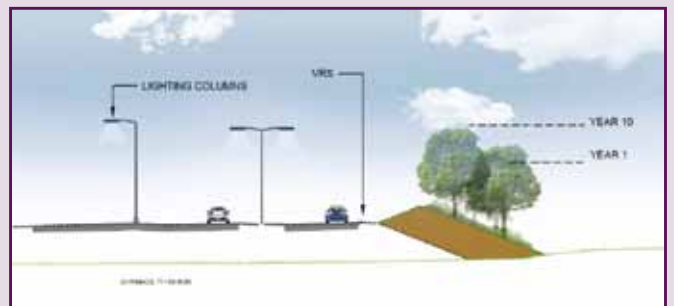
Timber barrier with climbing vegetation

These are similar to the solid barrier above, but supplemented with appropriate landscape planting. This will grow up the fence to give a more natural looking appearance over time.



Earth bunds

These can provide visual screening and reduce noise levels. Bunds are not as effective at reducing noise as the timber barriers and they require more land and removal of vegetation.



Benefits and effects of the proposed design

In assessing the benefits and effects of the proposed design, we have considered a variety of features including those summarised below.

This information is based on our findings from detailed surveys and assessments that we've 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 Impact Report.

Feature	Benefits and effects of the proposed design
Air quality	The scheme will change traffic patterns, including a significant reduction of traffic on the existing A460. Many properties next to the A460 will see an improvement in air quality with a small number of properties close to the new link experiencing a worsening of air quality conditions. We don't expect the scheme to result in significant adverse effects during construction or once it opens for traffic.
Noise and vibration	Our preliminary assessment predicts a large reduction in road traffic noise on the A460. Increases in road traffic noise may arise at points very close to the proposed scheme on Dark Lane, Hilton Lane and properties next to the new link. We're currently considering what mitigation is required to reduce these increases in traffic noise.
Water environment	The proposed scheme would cross a number of watercourses and require the loss of a number of ponds. Our design will mitigate losses as far as possible, protect the water environment from highway pollution and prevent increases in flood risk.
Cultural heritage	We're carrying out archaeological surveys, historic building and landscape recording to understand potential effects. There's potential for heritage features to be adversely affected either directly, through loss or damage during construction or indirectly, for example through adverse effects upon the setting of Hilton Park Historic Parkland. We're developing the design and landscaping to mitigate effects upon historic buildings and other cultural heritage features.
Landscape and visual impacts	Traffic on the new road, the presence of new bridges, lighting and sign gantries, can all affect views and the landscape. The scheme has the potential to have both adverse and beneficial effects upon views and the surrounding landscape. We're exploring mitigation proposals including scheme design, construction planning and provision of a suitable environmental design including new tree planting.

<p>Ecology and biodiversity</p>	<p>The scheme area includes ponds, streams, grassland, sections of woodland and hedgerows, along with protected species, which could be affected by the proposed scheme. Impacts would potentially include the direct loss of habitat and breaking up of habitat, disturbance to wildlife from noise and lighting, and animal collisions with traffic. The ongoing environmental assessment will help to identify ways to avoid and mitigate potential ecological effects.</p>
<p>Population and health</p>	<p>Some minor diversions of existing public rights of way are required to ensure existing facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders are retained. We'll investigate proposals as part of the environmental assessment following feedback received from the public, local authorities and other interested groups at this consultation.</p>
<p>Road safety</p>	<p>The existing A460 has a higher than average rate of road accidents for a road of this type. The number of collisions involving personal injuries would reduce due to the reduced traffic on the A460.</p>
<p>Construction duration and impacts</p>	<p>The majority of the proposed scheme will be constructed away from the A460 and connections to existing roads will be planned to minimise disruption to traffic. The indicative site compounds allow for construction plant, storage areas and material stockpiles to be used during the construction of the proposed scheme.</p>
<p>Land take</p>	<p>As part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, we're consulting on the proposed areas of land required for the scheme. We're also working with affected land owners to mitigate the impact on them and their businesses or properties. This includes land needed for the construction of the new scheme and land required temporarily, for example, construction compounds and working space. The DCO application would seek powers to enable us to acquire land and rights over land compulsorily and take temporary possession of land following discussions with the relevant land owners.</p>

Next steps

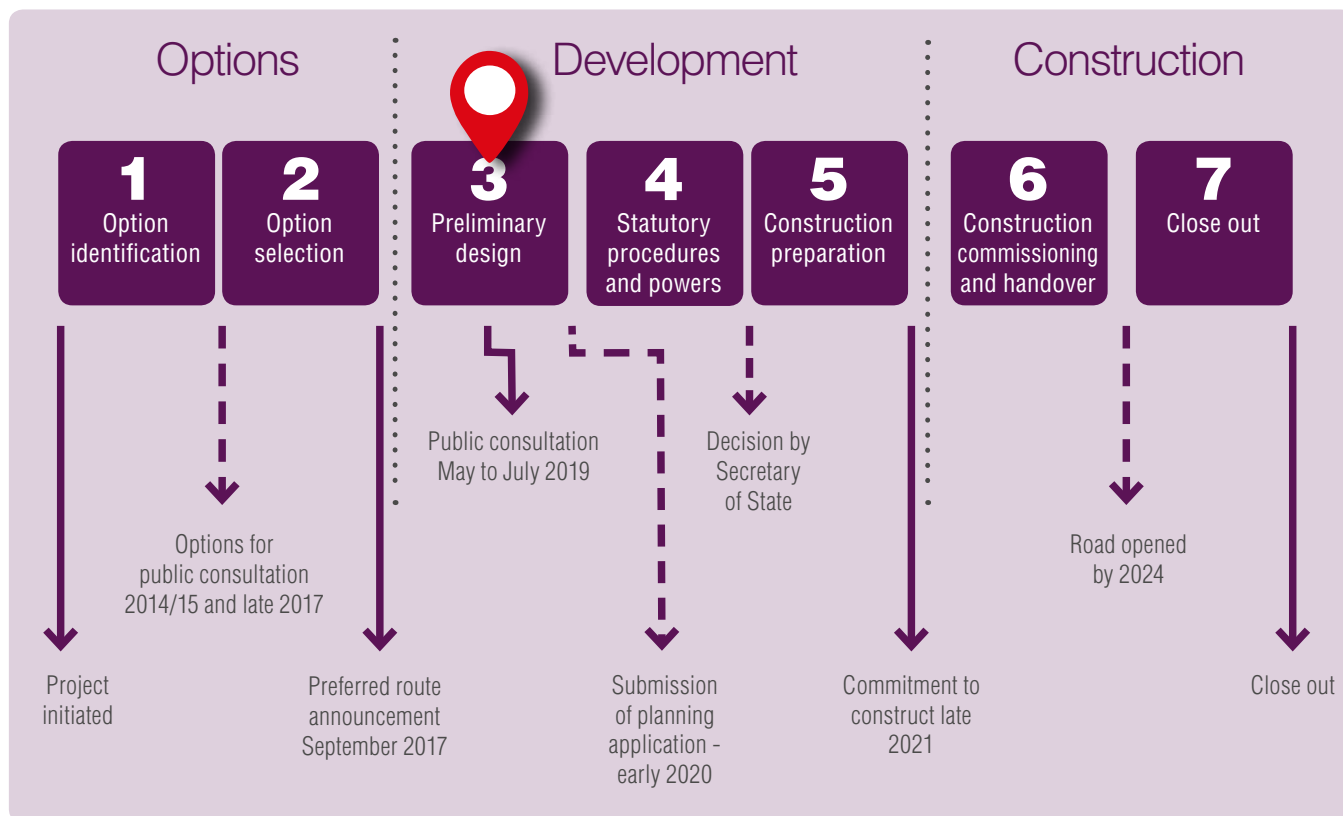
Once the statutory consultation has closed on 5 July 2019, we'll review all the suggestions and comments received during consultation. We'll take time to analyse and consider your feedback when making further refinements to the proposed design and to develop our mitigation measures. We'll set out a summary of the responses, and describe how our proposals have been informed by and influenced by them, in a consultation report. This will form part of our Development Consent Order application and will also be available to the public following submission of the application. We expect to submit our application by early 2020 and, provided it is granted, construction will start late 2021.

In addition to this statutory consultation process, we'll 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 5 July 2019.**

Once we submit our application, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) will examine the application in public hearings and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide on whether or not the scheme will go ahead.

The process for this is explained in the table below.



For more information please visit our webpage 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 call 0300 123 5000 or email M54toM6linkroad@highwaysengland.co.uk

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M54 to M6 link road scheme




Statutory consultation Response form

From 24 May to 5 July 2019

We want to understand your views about the proposed design for the M54 to M6 link road scheme.

Please read the consultation brochure and the other supporting consultation documents to help you complete this form.

Share your views with us by:

-  Returning this form to us by using our freepost address: **Freepost M54 to M6 link road**
-  Placing a completed copy of this form into a response box at one of our public consultation events
-  Completing an electronic version of this response form on our scheme webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

The closing date for responses is **11.59pm on Friday 5 July 2019**.



About you

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

If would you like to go on our email database for updates, please tick this box.

1. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes No

If 'yes', please provide the name of your organisation and your role within it.

Organisation name: _____

Role: _____

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

Resident in Featherstone	
Business owner in Featherstone	
Resident in Shareshill	
Business owner in Shareshill	
Resident in Hilton	
I'm employed locally (within 2 miles of the scheme)	
I do not live or own a business in this area but I travel through it regularly using a private vehicle	
I do not live or own a business in this area but I travel through it regularly in a commercial vehicle	

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

Yes No

Your travel

4. Please indicate how frequently you travel in each of the areas listed below:
(please tick one for each area)

	Five days or more a week	Two to four days a week	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Never
Through M54 junction 1						
Through M6 junction 11						
Along the A460 between M6 and M54						
Dark Lane						
Mill Lane						

5. What times of day do you typically travel in the areas listed below?
(please tick all that apply)

	Weekday peak periods (7am to 9am and 5pm to 7pm)	Weekday day time (9am to 5pm)	Evenings/nights (7pm to 7am)	Weekends
Through M54 junction 1				
Through M6 junction 11				
Along the A460 between M6 and M54				
Dark Lane				
Mill Lane				

The scheme

To help you answer questions in this section, please refer to the consultation brochure.

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(please tick one for each statement)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Delays occur regularly on the A460					
Delays occur regularly on the A449/A5					
Journey times are unpredictable and vary on the A460					
Journey times are unpredictable and vary on the A449/A5					

7a. Please indicate your level of support for the scheme.
(please tick one only)

Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

7b. Please explain your reasons for your level of support.

8a. How satisfied are you with the position of the new link road to Dark Lane and Hilton?
(please tick one only)

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied

8b. Please explain your reasons for your level of satisfaction.

9a. How satisfied are you with the position of the new link road under Hilton Lane?
 (please tick one only)

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied

9b. Please explain your reasons for your level of satisfaction.

10a. How satisfied are you with the design of the junctions at either end of the proposed link road?
 (please tick one only)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
M54 junction 1					
M6 junction 11					

10b. Please explain your reasons for your level of satisfaction.

M54 junction 1	
M6 junction 11	

11a. Please indicate your level of support for the closure of Mill Lane where it meets the A460.
(please tick one only)

Strongly favour	Somewhat favour	Neither favour nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

11b. Please explain your reasons for your level of support.

12. We're still considering the different options for screening barriers. What type of screening barriers would you prefer around M54 junction 1, Dark Lane, Hilton Lane and M6 junction 11?
(please tick one for each location)

	Timber barrier	Timber barrier with climbing vegetation	Earth bunds	No preference	Other (please specify)
M54 junction 1					
Dark Lane					
Hilton Lane					
M6 junction 11					

We've produced a Preliminary Environmental Information Report as part of the consultation, a Non-technical Summary version is also available. These documents outline the potential impact of the scheme and what we propose to do about it. Both of these documents can be viewed on the scheme webpage, at the consultation events and at deposit points.

13a. How satisfied are you with the proposed environmental mitigation for the scheme?
(please tick one only)

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied

13b. Please explain your reasons for your level of satisfaction.

14. If you have any further comments on the M54 to M6 link road, please write them below.

The consultation

15. How did you find out about this consultation?
(please tick all that apply)

- Correspondence through your door _____
- Local radio/local media coverage (please specify) _____
- Highways England website _____
- Other website (please specify) _____
- Highways England roadside van _____
- Highways England Facebook advert _____
- Social media (please specify) _____
- Word of mouth _____
- Poster (please specify where seen) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

16. Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process. Your feedback will help us improve how we engage with you in the future.

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Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

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