

#### M3 Junction 9 Improvement

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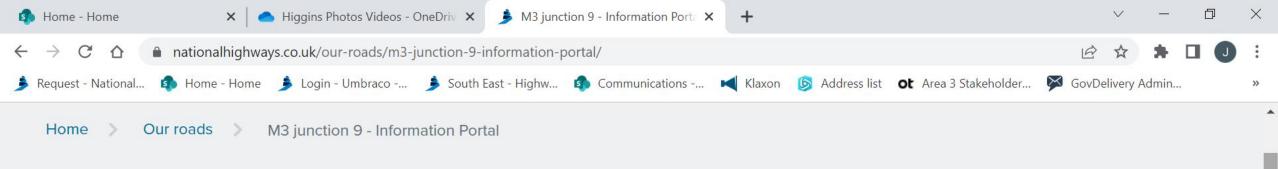


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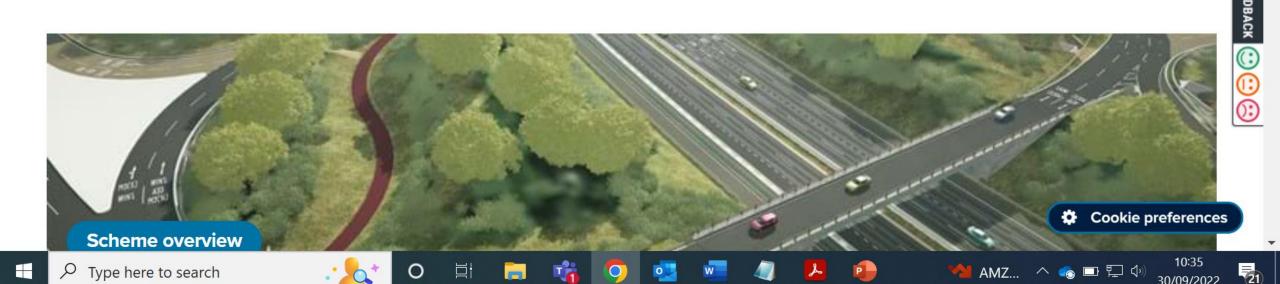


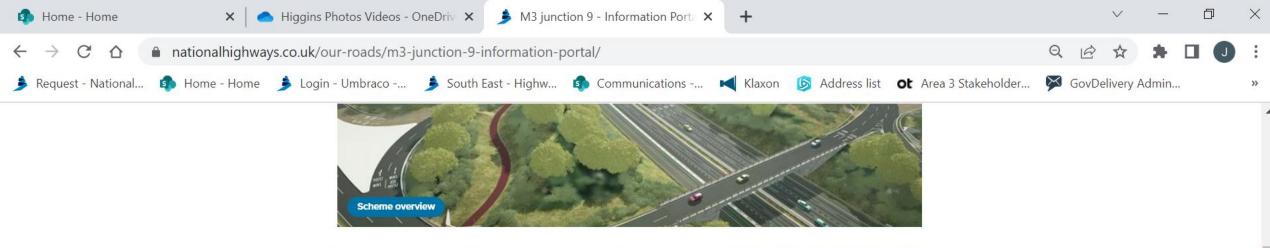
#### M3 junction 9 - Information Portal

#### Welcome

This portal has been designed to update you about our current plans, what's changed since our last consultation and our timeline for the future.

Click each tile below to find out more.













#### Want to know more?

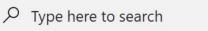
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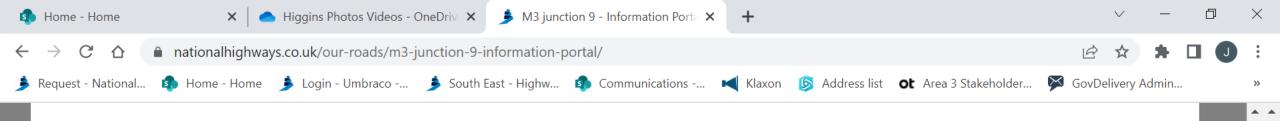












#### Scheme overview

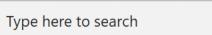
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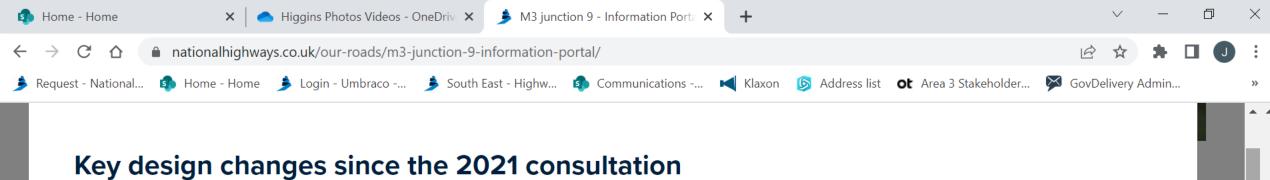










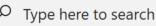


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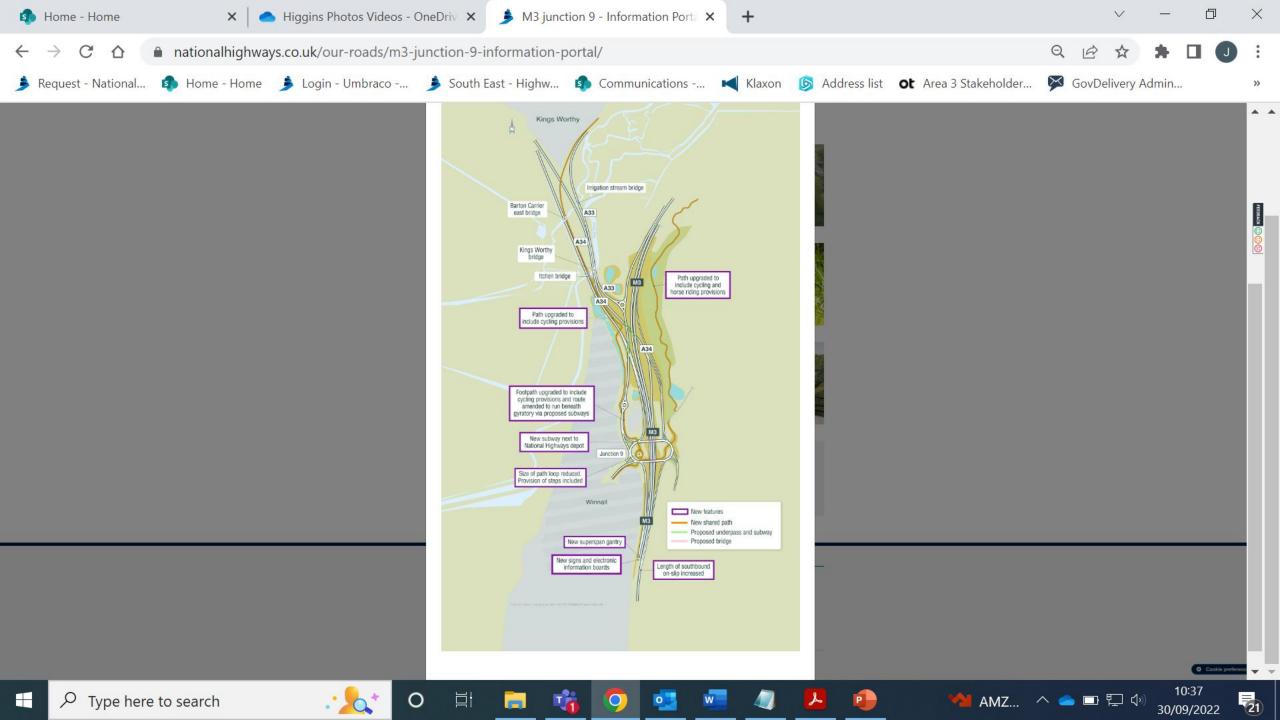


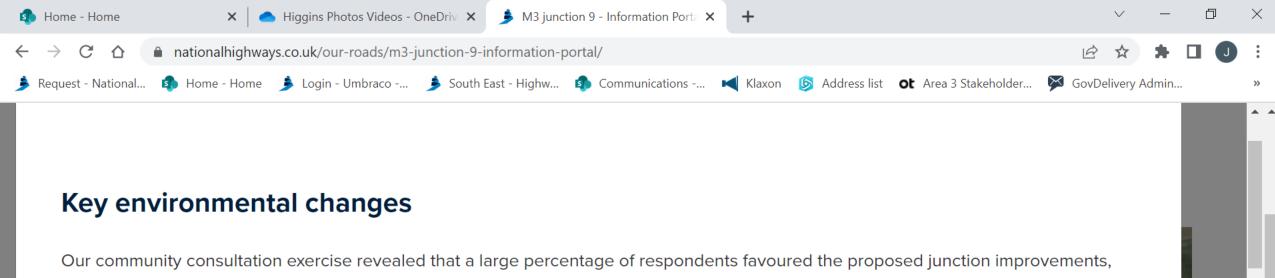












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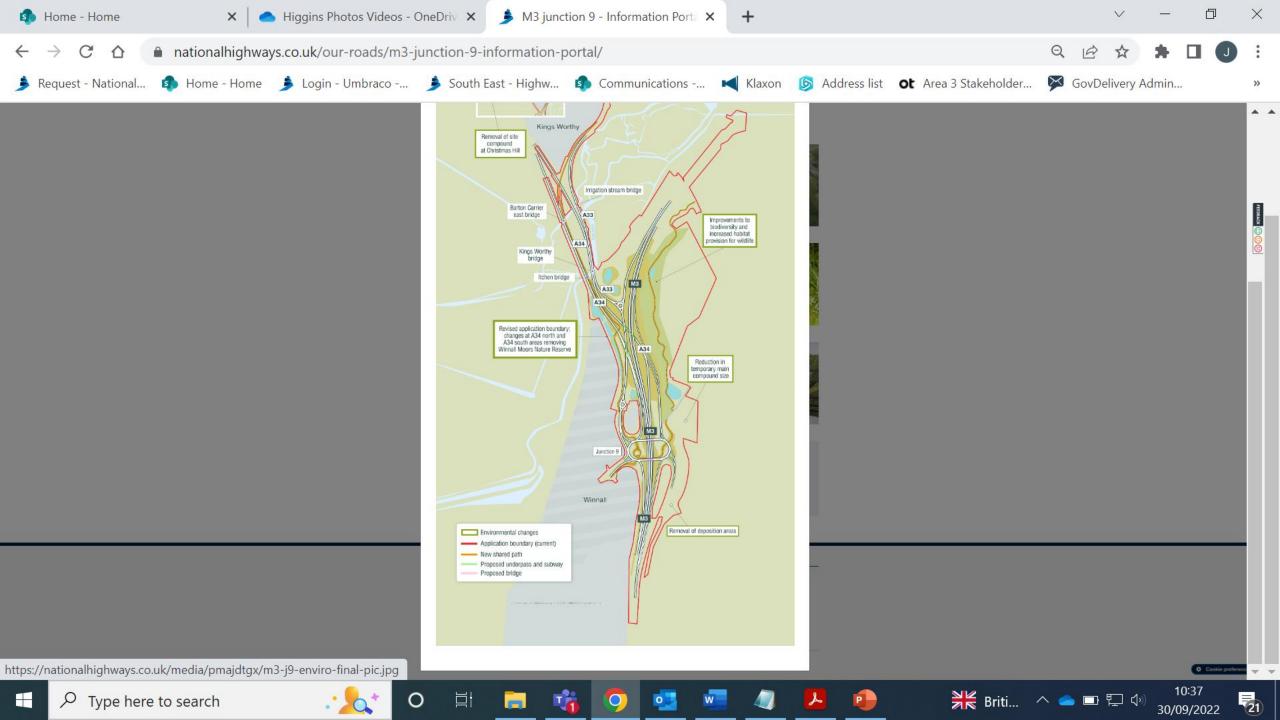


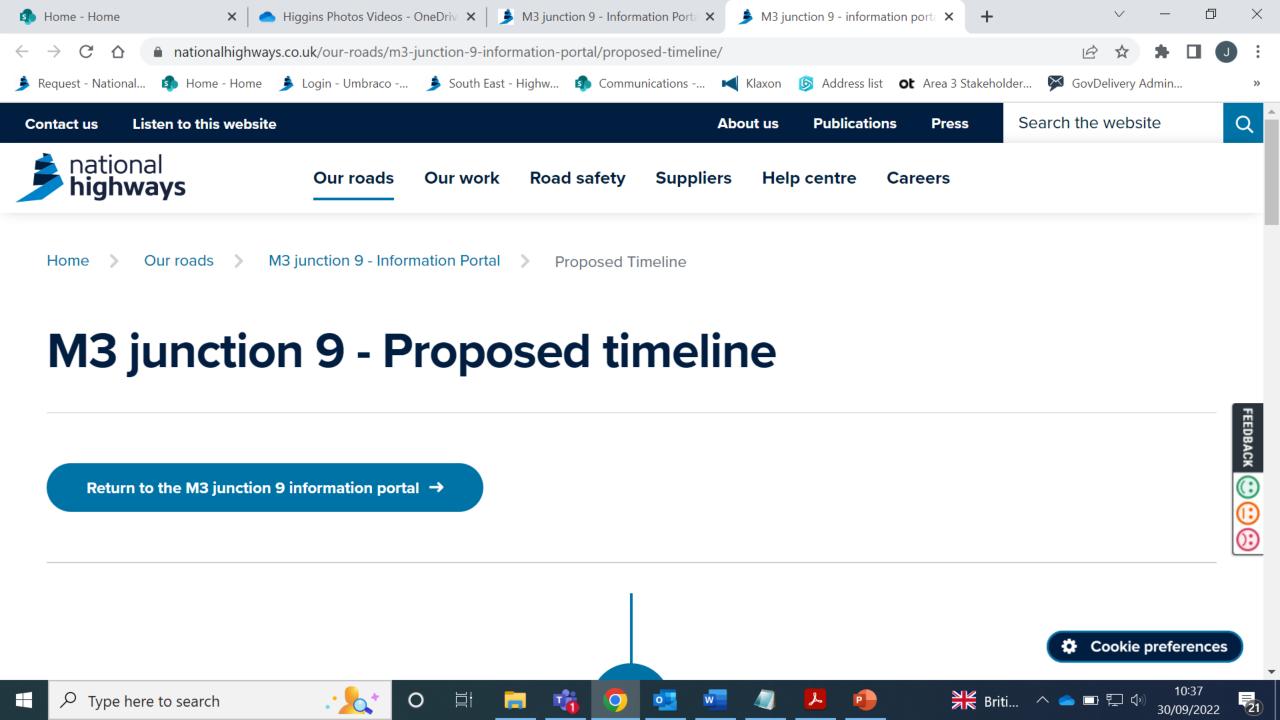


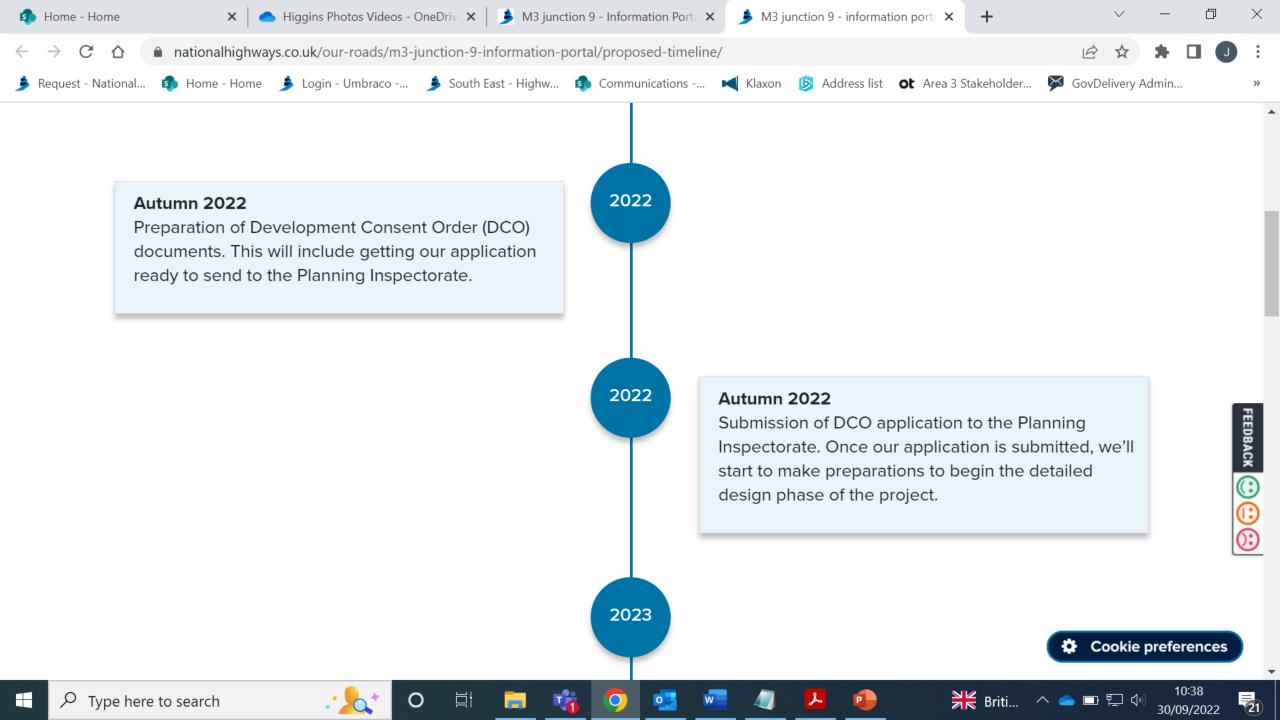


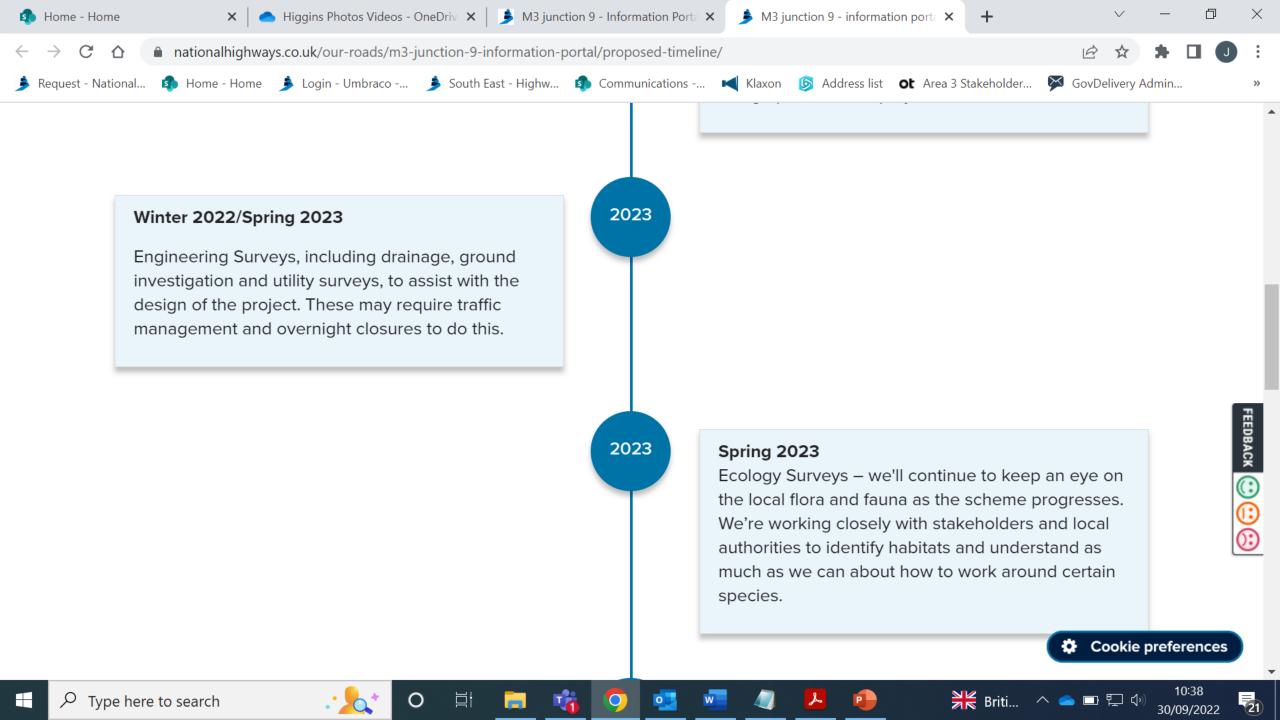


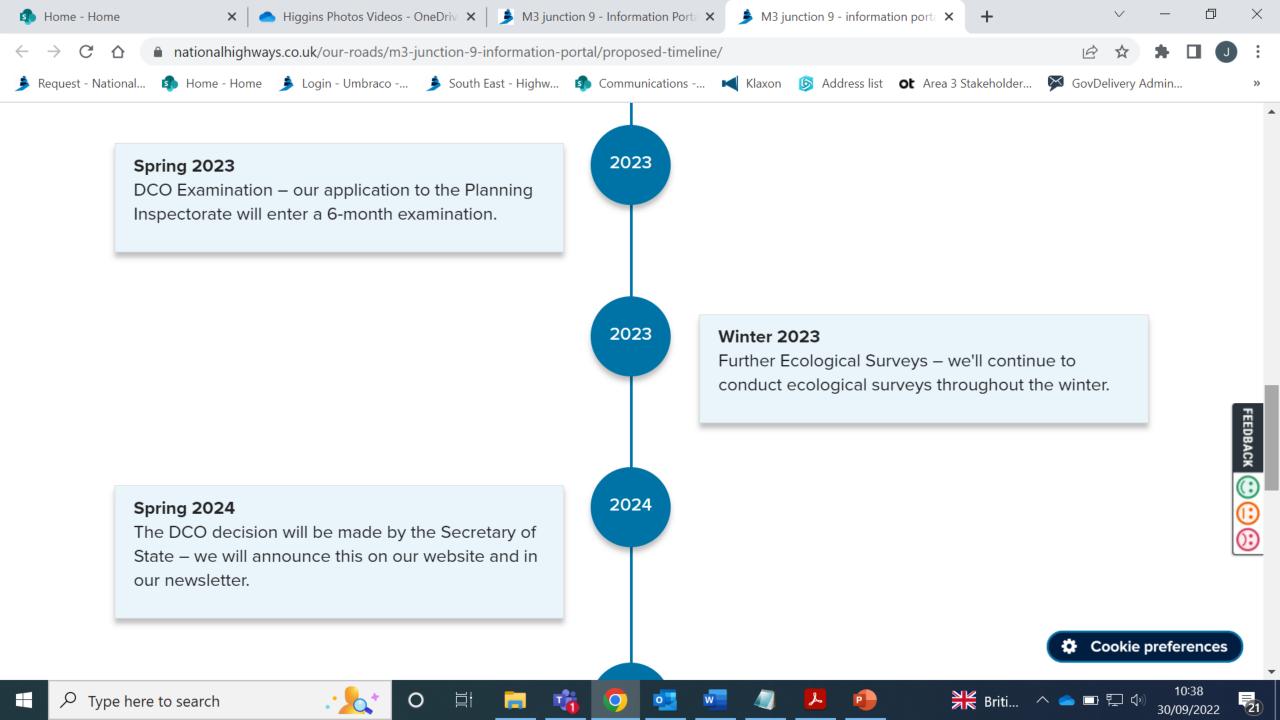


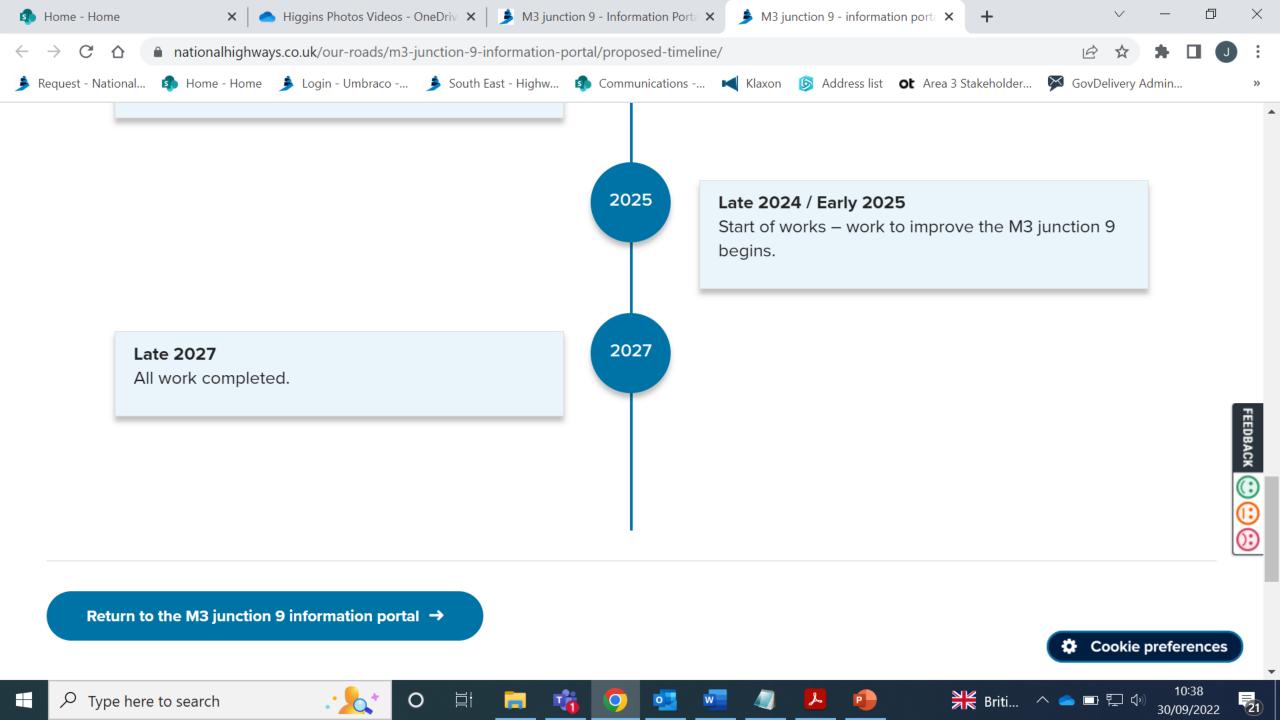












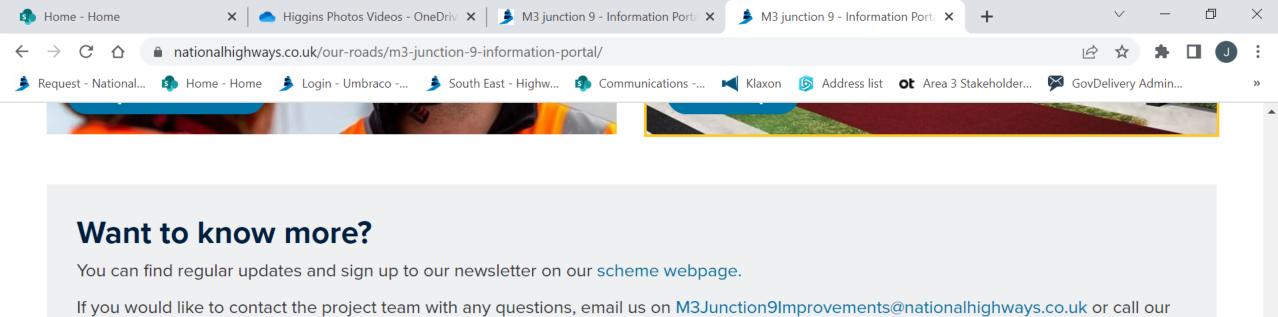


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#### M.2. Scheme webpage update

#### Latest updates

20 September 2022

#### Key changes to our design

We've been reviewing the comments from our last consultation and have made some key design and environmental changes to our scheme.

You can view our current plans, see the changes and look at our proposed timeline in our new online information portal.

#### **Public engagement events**

For anyone who would like to meet the team in person, we will be holding two public information events at Tesco Extra, Easton Lane, Winchester, SO23 7RS on:

- Sunday 25 September from 10am until 4pm
- Monday 26 September from 10am until 4pm

Free parking is available on site, we look forward to meeting you.

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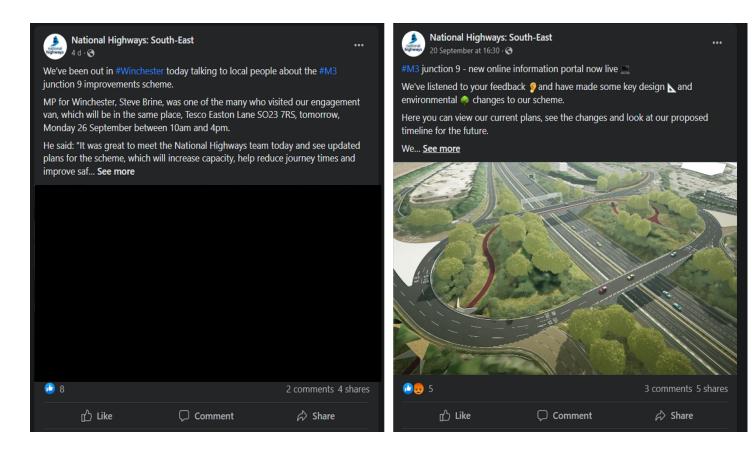
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#### M.3. Social media posts





#### M.4. Newsletter



#### M3 junction 9 improvements Update – September 2022

### New online information portal

Since our last consultation, we've been reviewing your comments and have made some key changes to our design.

To show these changes and explain our timeline for the future, we've created an online information portal which is now available to view from our website www.nationalhighways.co.uk/m3j9

#### What are the changes?

Our revised design has improved walking, cycling and horse-riding routes as well as a new subway, allowing users to cross the roundabout safely.

We've also increased the habitat provision for local wildlife, removed the site compound at Christmas Hill and reduced the size of our temporary main compound.

The pause on the M3 J9-14 'All Lane Running' motorway scheme means that a revised design was needed to tie in with the existing road layout.

For this reason, we're now extending the southbound slip, updating our signage



and electronic information boards and installing a new superspan gantry.

#### Ongoing surveys

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#### **Barrier replacement works**

You may have noticed that works are also taking place along the M3 between junctions 9 and 14.

Our colleagues are replacing the old metal central reservation barrier on this stretch with a safer concrete one. This is being done by a separate project team at National Highways.



Concrete barriers significantly reduce the risk of vehicles crossing over from one

carriageway to another and reduces the duration of incident-related congestion. They are also virtually maintenance free and will last longer than metal barriers, with far less need for closures for routine repairs.

For more information about this project, please visit the scheme webpage www.nationalhighways.co.uk/m3j9to14

#### **Next steps**

Large schemes like ours do not follow the same planning system as smaller applications – they are classed as 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' and follow a process set out in the Planning Act 2008.

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Our next step is to apply for a DCO during winter 2022. We will update you when we've made our application.

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#### M.5. 2022 Scheme update poster



#### M3 junction 9 improvements

We've listened to your feedback and have made some key changes to our design.

Find out more about the work we're doing to improve safety, reduce congestion and enhance walking and cycling routes.



Meet us at:

Tesco Car Park, Easton Lane, Winchester, SO23 7RS



#### M.6. Project update letter 3 (2022 Scheme update)



Our ref: TR0100055/Sep22

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20 September 2022

Dear «Salutation»,

#### M3 junction 9 Improvement Scheme - project update

We're writing to update you on the M3 junction 9 Improvement Scheme ("the Scheme") which will enable free-flowing links between the M3 and A34, both northbound and southbound.

Following our consultation in 2021, we've evaluated the feedback received and made some design changes which we'd like to share with you. In addition, the Government has asked National Highways to pause all development of all lane running (ALR) motorways. The M3 junctions 9-14 upgrade is one of the ALR projects being paused. This has meant some minor design development has been undertaken to the Scheme to tie into the existing road layout.

In summary, the main changes to the design include:

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Project Manager, Regional Investment Programme (South)



#### M.7. Public information event – display boards



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### About the scheme

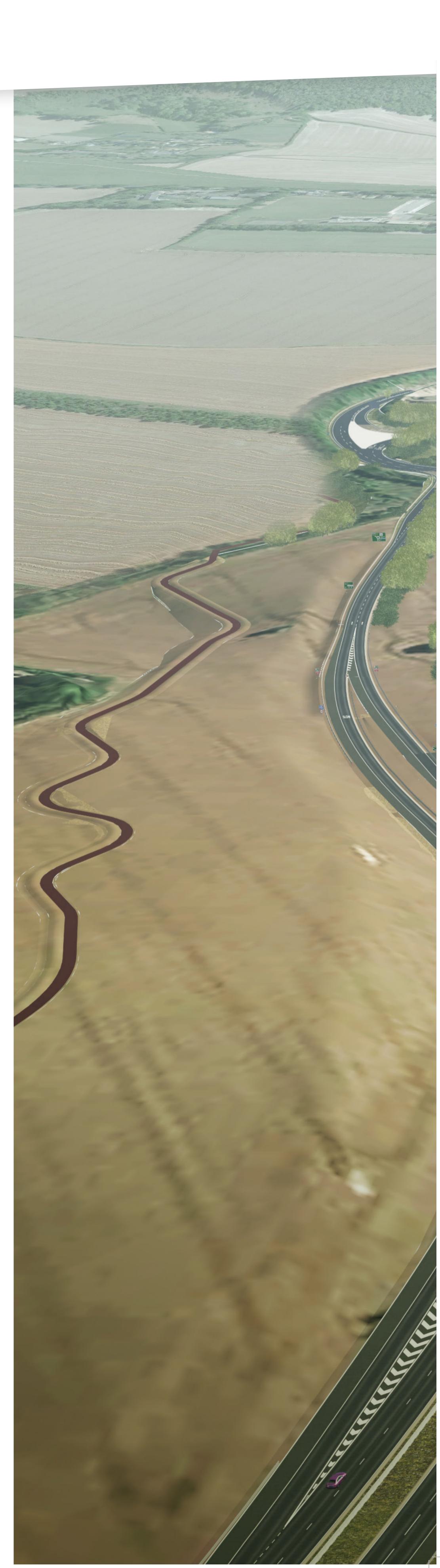
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# M3 junction 9 improvements



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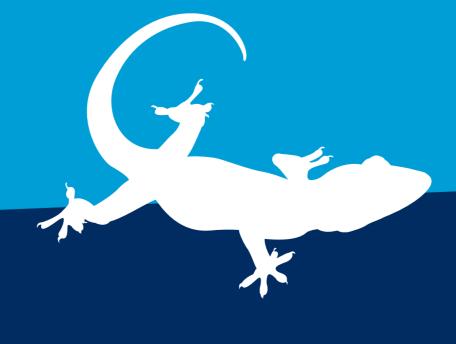
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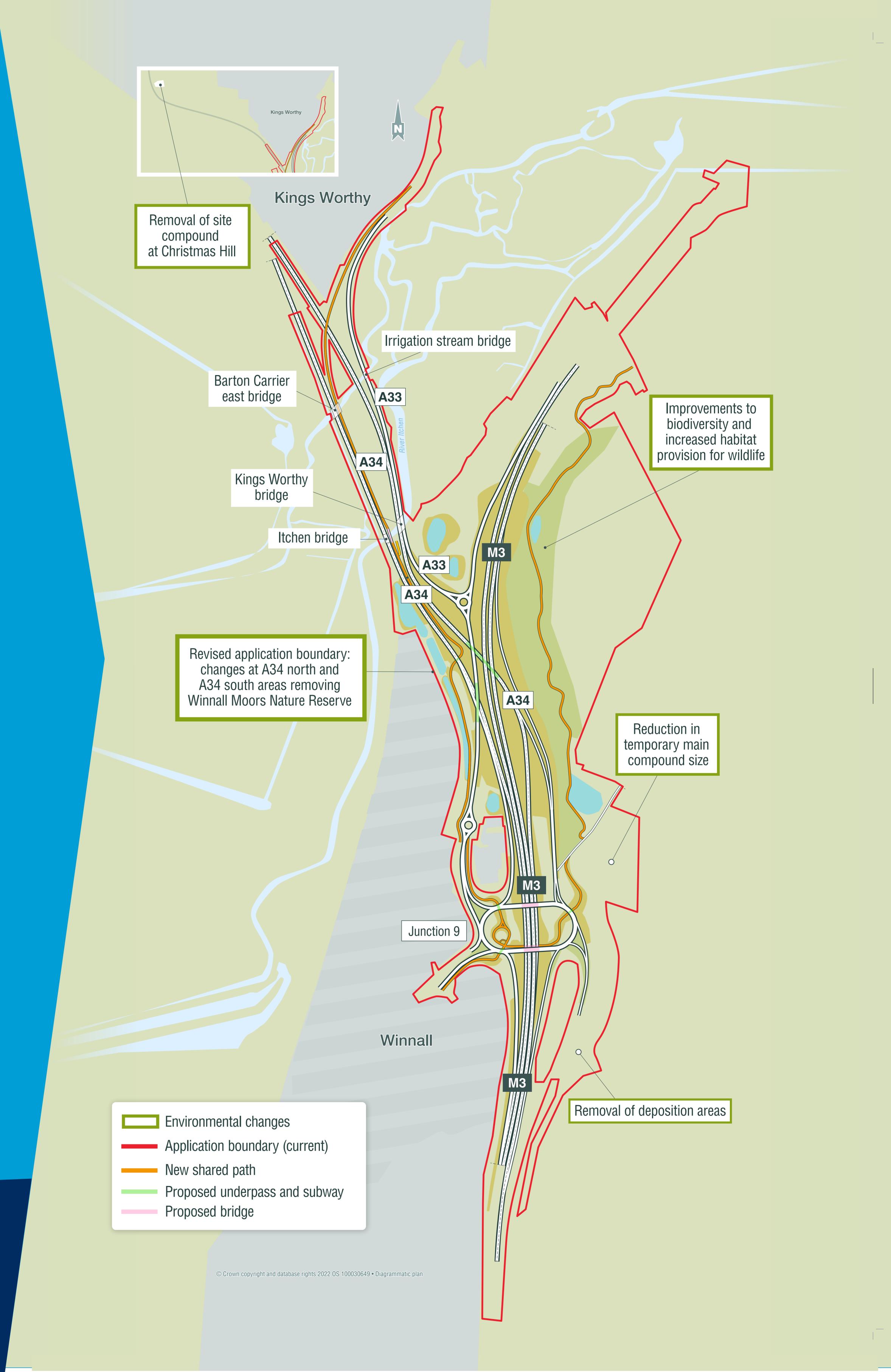
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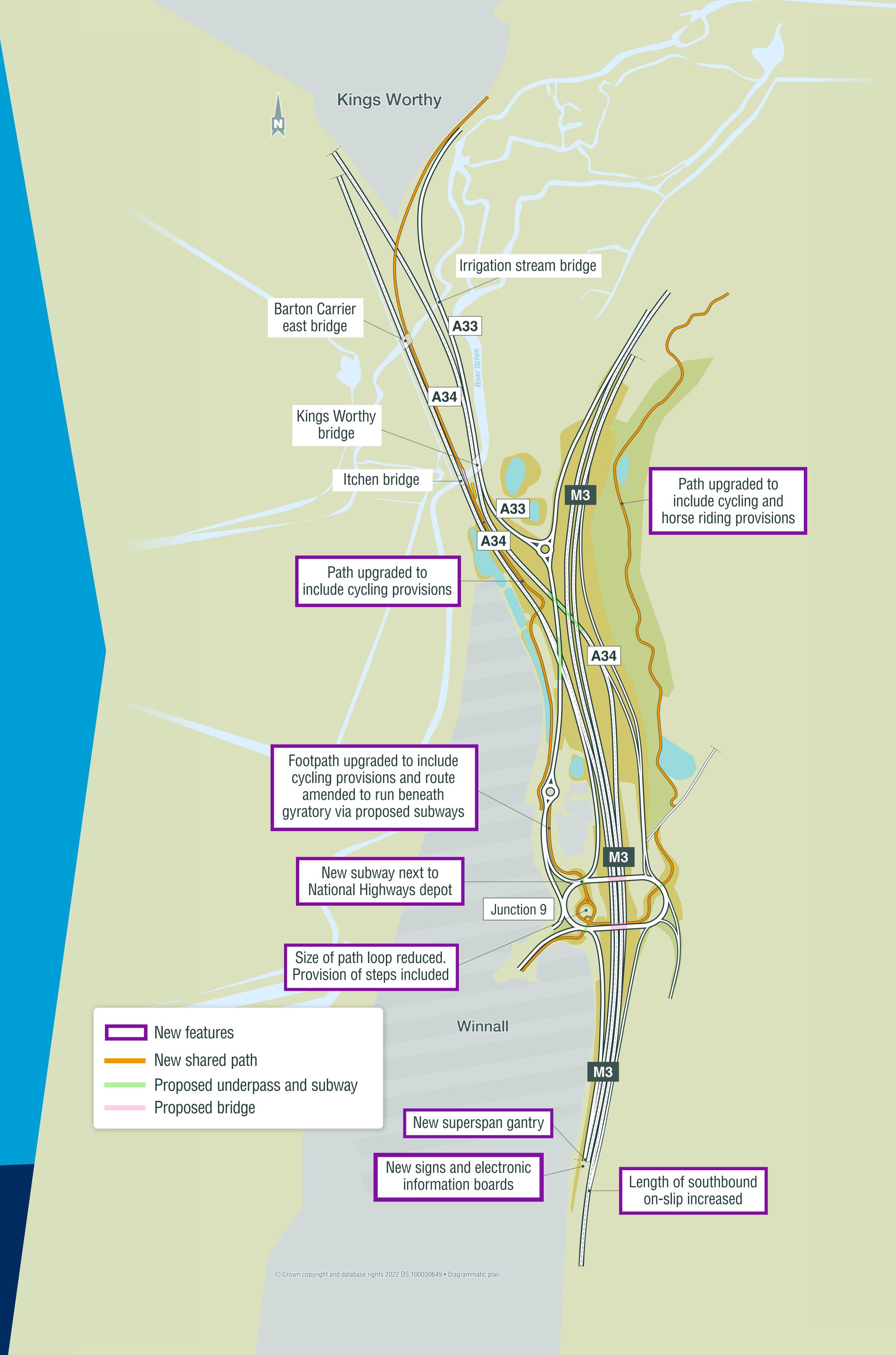
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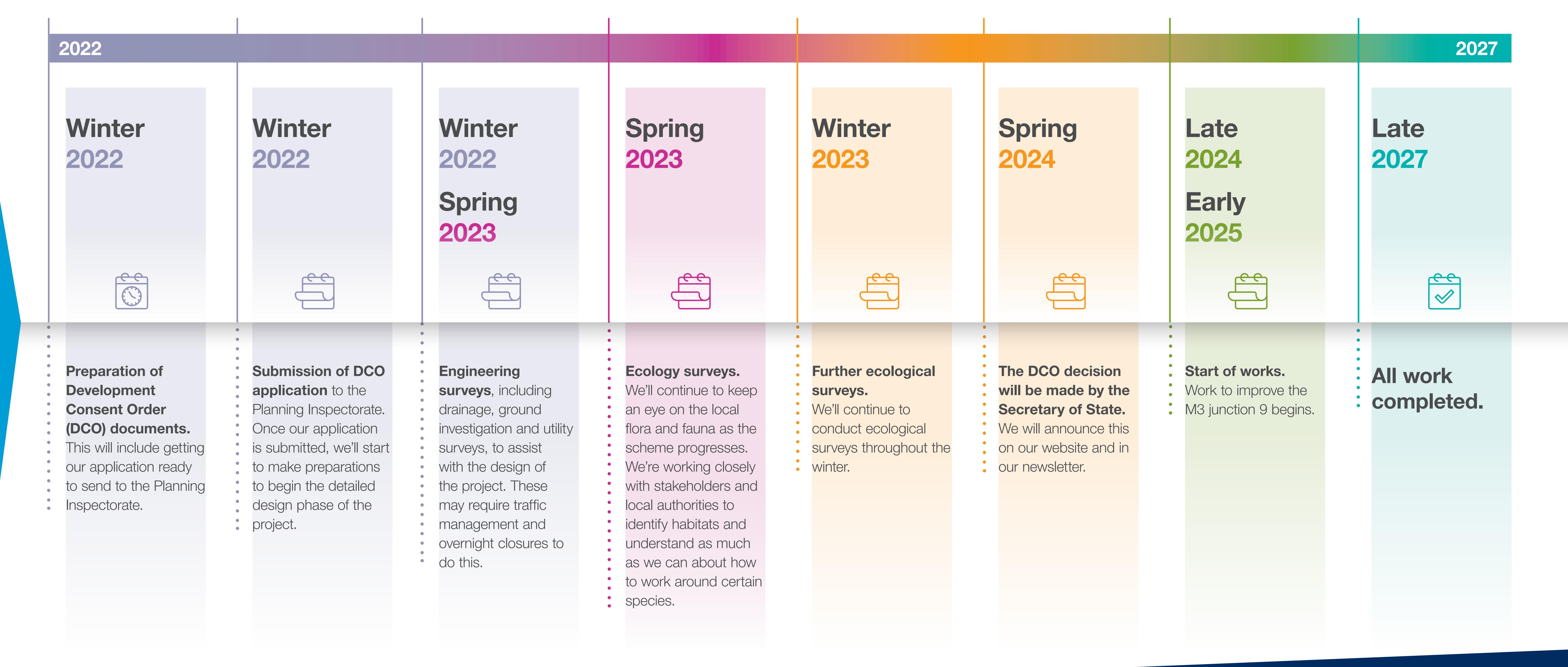


## M3 junction 9 improvements

## Proposed Timeline







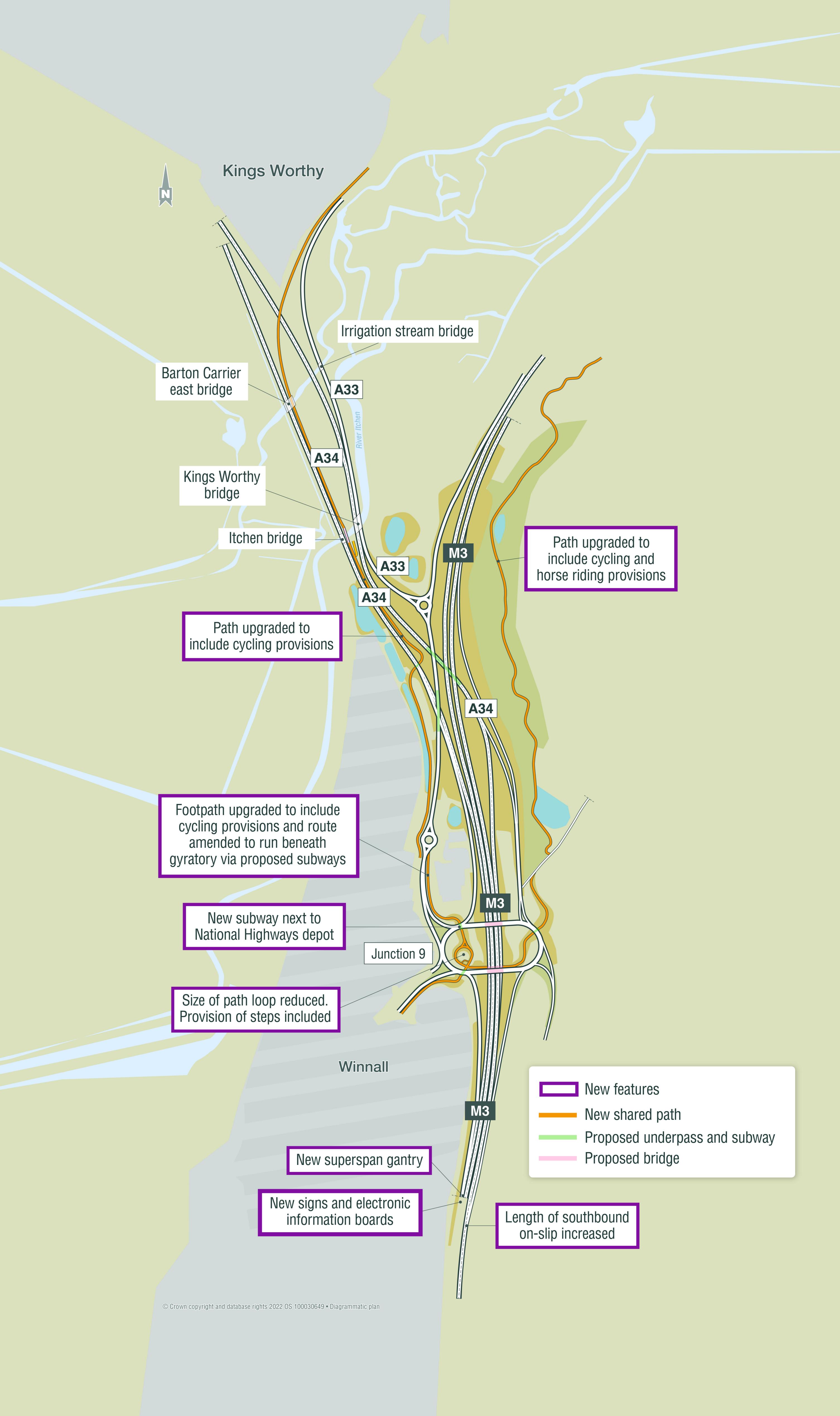


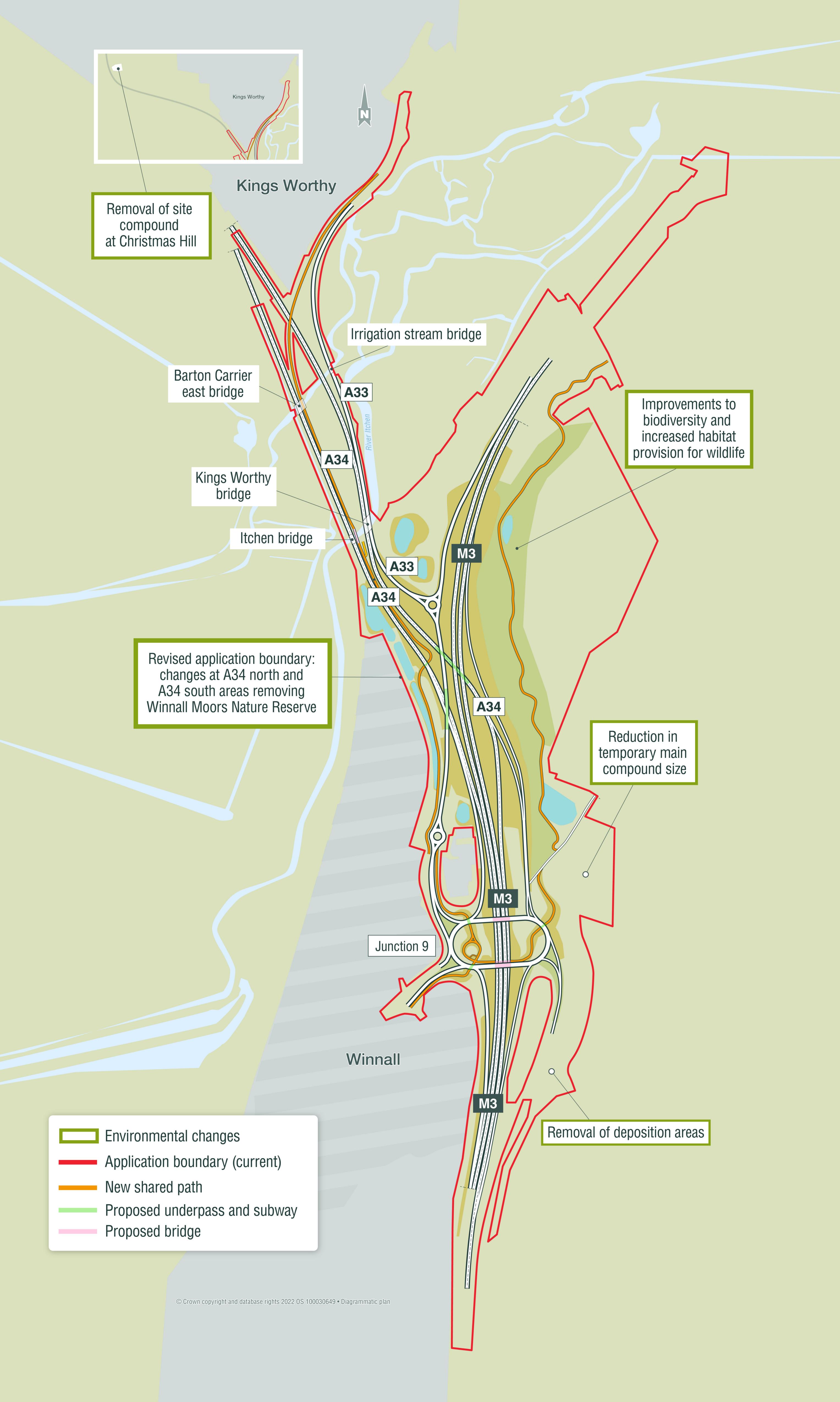
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### M.8. Public information event – general arrangement boards







## M.9. Public information event – stakeholder briefing presentation



# M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme

Stakeholder Briefing

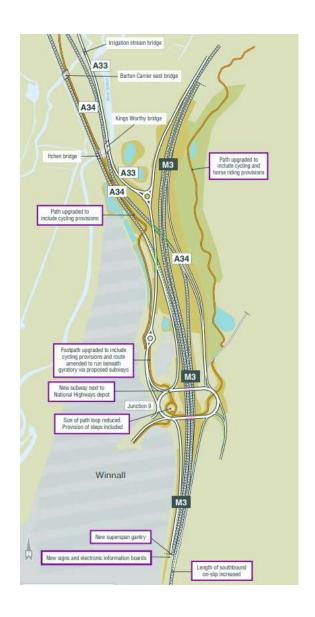
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## **Aims**

- To outline how the Scheme design has responded to feedback received at the 2021 consultation.
- To explain how the Scheme design has responded to the pause in new All Lane Running motorway projects, notably the M3 Junction 9-14 scheme.
- To look forward to next steps for the Scheme.





## **M3J9 Improvement Scheme Overview**

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## Main changes since the 2021 consultation

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## **Revised timeline**

Jan Feb – 2018 First Public Consultation July 2018 Preferred Route Announcement July 2019 Statutory Consultation on Preferred Option

2019 - 2020 Further Scheme development May to July 2021
Statutory
Consultation on
Proposed
Scheme

Winter 2022
Submission of
the Development
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Application

Late 2024 / Early 2025 Start of Works

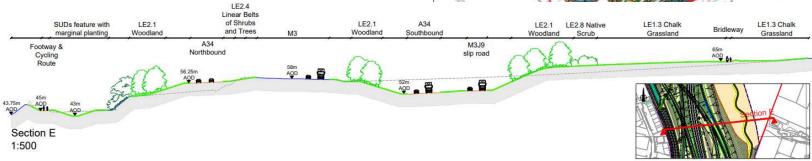
Late 2027 Open for Traffic



## **Design Changes – Earthworks**

- We've improved the design of the earthworks between Easton Lane and Long Walk to create an earth bund sensitive to the South Downs National Park environment.
- This will reduce our carbon emissions and reduce our scheme footprint.







## **Design Changes – Soil deposition areas**



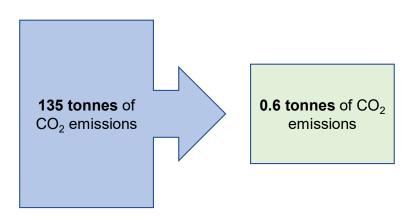
- We've been able to remove all three deposition areas from the Scheme.
- This is turn means that we have been able to significantly reduce the area impacted, and therefore reduce the red line boundary.



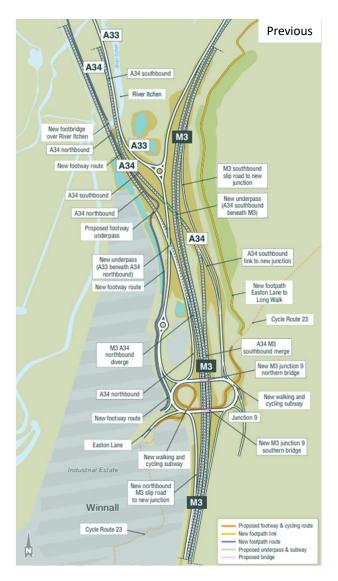
## **Design Changes – Construction compounds**

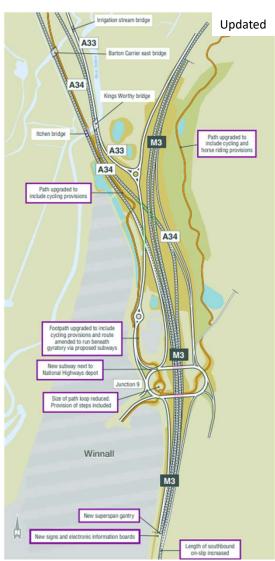
- The central construction compound has been reduced in size and the compound at Christmas Hill has been removed from the Scheme.
- Land used for compounds will either be returned to former use or will be landscaped.
- These changes will contribute to a significant reduction in carbon emissions as shown.







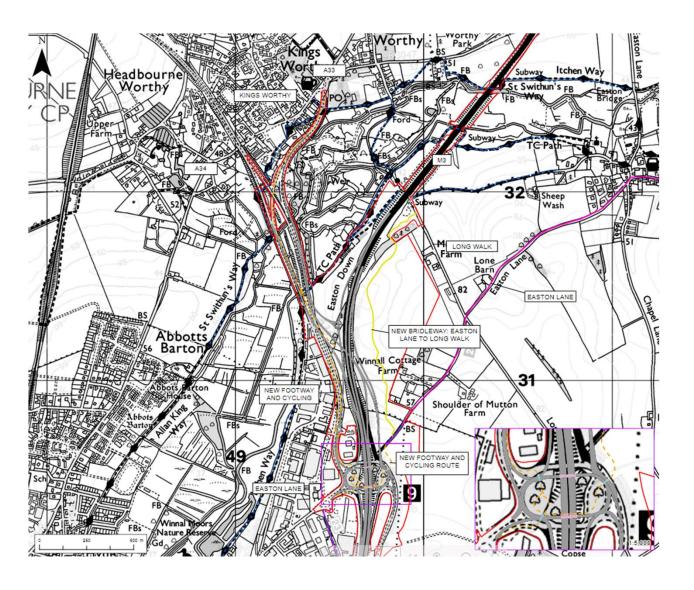




# Design Changes – Improved walking, cycling and horse-riding provision

- At the 2021 public consultation
  - Proposed footpath from junction 9 to Kings Worthy
  - Proposed footpath connection from Easton Lane to Long Walk
- Scheme updates
  - Cyclist provision added to the west of the junction (3.2km in length)
  - Cyclists and horse riders provision included (1.7km in length)





## Design Changes – Improved walking, cycling and horseriding provision

#### Legend

- Application Boundary
- - Existing Footpath
- National Cycle Network (NCN 23)

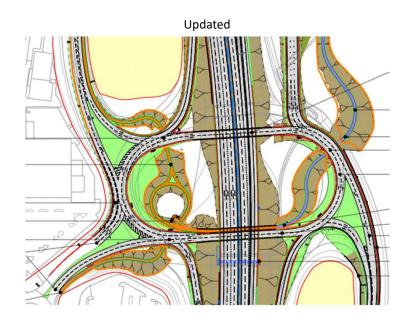
#### **New Walking and Cycling**

- New Bridleway
- New Footway and Cycling Route
- Pedestrian Subway
- New Cycle and Pedestrian Footbridge
  - Bridge Extent Above M3 Alignment
- Proposed Carriageway



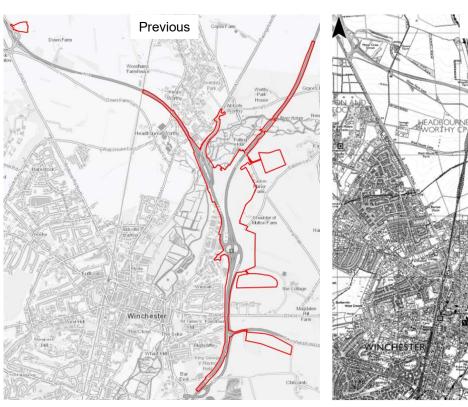
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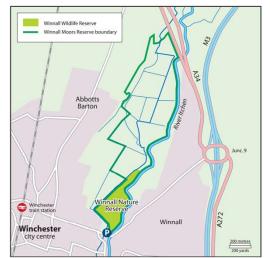


## **Design Changes – Application Boundary changes**





The changes in the red line boundary mean that the Winnall Moors Nature Reserve is outside the Application Boundary and is not impacted by the proposals.





**Design Changes – Biodiversity improvements** 



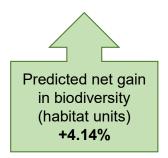
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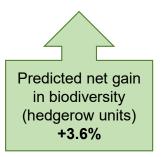




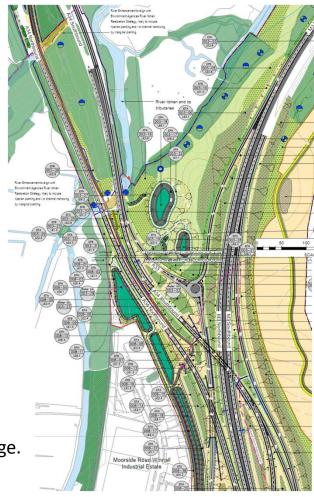
## **Design Changes – Biodiversity improvements**

- Improve wildlife mobility
- Better habitat provision to the north of the scheme for bats, dormice and other wildlife
- Habitats east of the scheme have been reconfigured to provide more extensive chalk grassland, alongside woodland and scrub.





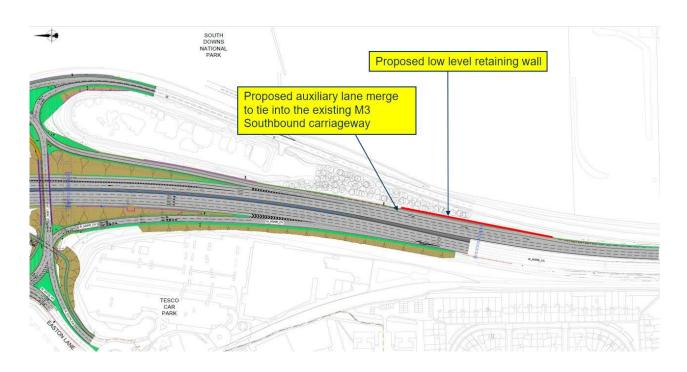
These figures are predictive estimates and may be subject to change.





## **Design Changes – Carriageway construction**

 Extend the length of the southbound on slip for traffic entering the motorway to merge into the existing traffic flow and layout. To enable the slip road extension a low height retaining wall will be required.





## **Design Changes – Road signs**



Variable message sign



Super span gantry

- New 1 mile and 1/2 mile advance directional signs, and a variable message sign to provide safety information for the northbound motorway.
- Construct a super span gantry across the motorway.



Advance directional signage



## Communicating the design changes – September 2022

- MP meeting (Winchester & Chandlers Ford) Thursday 7 September
- NH Scheme webpage update goes live Tuesday 20 September
- Parish Council meeting Thursday 22 September
- Public Information Events (PIEs) to be held at Tesco Extra Winnall with the NH Engagement Van
  - Sunday 25 September
  - Monday 26 September









## M.10. Project update correspondence to LPAs and SEBs (2022 Scheme update)

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M3J9 - Project Update

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We would like to share with you an update on the M3 Junction 9 project and changes that we have made in response to feedback received as part of our summer 2021 consultation. Please find attached a copy of our Members Briefing which we hope will be helpful in understanding these changes.

We will be contacting local land owners by post, and a copy of the letter we are send is attached to this email.

Our online project portal provides further details and updates on the project, this may be accessed at: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/m3j9

In summary, the main changes to the design include:

- Revised and improved proposed walking, cycling and horse-riding routes
- Redesigned earthworks between Easton Lane and Long Walk to create a more sympathetic feature and reinforce the existing characteristics of the South Downs National Park
- Removal of the northern construction compound at Christmas Hill and a reduction in the size of our central temporary construction compound
- · Removal of the three proposed deposition areas
- Extended the southbound slip onto the M3, allowing traffic more time to join the motorway and improve the safety of the junction
- Added a super-span gantry to provide safety information (signage) to motorists
- · Revised our directional signage in advance of the junction to suit the new road layout

We will also be visiting Tesco Extra on Easton Lane, Winchester SO23 7RS, on the below dates and times, giving you the chance to meet the project team.

- Sunday 25 September from 10am until 4pm
- Monday 26 September from 10am until 4pm.

#### Kind Regards

Graduate Stakeholder Engagement Consultant London





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20 September 2022

Dear «Salutation»,

#### M3 junction 9 Improvement Scheme - project update

We're writing to update you on the M3 junction 9 Improvement Scheme ("the Scheme") which will enable free-flowing links between the M3 and A34, both northbound and southbound.

Following our consultation in 2021, we've evaluated the feedback received and made some design changes which we'd like to share with you. In addition, the Government has asked National Highways to pause all development of all lane running (ALR) motorways. The M3 junctions 9-14 upgrade is one of the ALR projects being paused. This has meant some minor design development has been undertaken to the Scheme to tie into the existing road layout.

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We look forward to meeting you.

#### Keeping you up to date

If you have any questions or would like to know about our work, please contact us on or email: <a href="mailto:m3j9improvements@nationalhighways.co.uk">m3j9improvements@nationalhighways.co.uk</a>

You can also subscribe for updates and find further information about the M3 j9 Improvement scheme on our website: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/m3j9

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Project Manager, Regional Investment Programme (South)