

A417 Missing Link

Construction

Improving road safety is a primary objective for this scheme and is our number one priority. This applies both before and during construction, and once the road is built.

We've carefully considered how we'll build the road and reduce disruption during construction.

We're now proposing to change the gradient of the A417 as it climbs the escarpment near Crickley Hill to 8% rather than 7%. This will reduce the impact of construction on local communities and businesses, for example it will reduce construction noise for nearby properties, construction traffic and the construction period by up to six months.

We'll appoint a Public Liaison Officer to help keep people safe and address any concerns raised during construction.

We'll be preparing an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) as part of our Development Consent Order application, which will detail how we'll manage the impact of construction on local communities, the environment and the local landscape.

We'll also do the following to help minimise disruption:

- keep the existing road open during construction while we build the new road alongside
- use the new road to transport material as soon as sections are built, which will reduce traffic on the existing road
- reuse excavated materials from the existing landscape wherever possible
- carefully plan and manage our roadworks to ensure we maintain safety at all times