

Welcome

M25 junction 28 improvement scheme

Welcome to our consultation exhibition for the **M25 junction 28**.

We are now running our statutory consultation from **3 December 2018 to 28 January 2019**.

As part of this consultation we want to tell as many people as possible about our scheme, so we are hosting eight exhibitions.

We would like to thank you for coming today and encourage you to meet the project team and ask them any questions you may have.



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The scheme so far

At Highways England we believe in a connected country and our network makes these connections happen. That's why we're delivering a £15 billion investment on our network. The M25 junction 28 is a critical part of this.

In November 2016 we held a non-statutory consultation, presenting three Options (5B, 5C and 5F) for consideration.

Following an in-depth assessment of the work done to date, as well as your feedback, in August 2017 we announced Option 5F as our preferred route.

We have now developed [Option 5F](#) and want to hear your views.



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Developments and changes since our Preferred Route Announcement

The [layout of the merge for the new loop road](#) with the A12 eastbound has been slightly reconfigured, to avoid the need to realign the A12 carriageway, resulting in less roadworks during construction.

The [latest traffic forecasts](#) have been considered for the M25 which includes new developments such as the Lower Thames Crossing. These predictions have been key in developing our scheme to accommodate future traffic volumes.

We are developing options to mitigate potential [environmental issues](#) associated with the scheme including impacts on water courses, flood areas, ecology and landscape.

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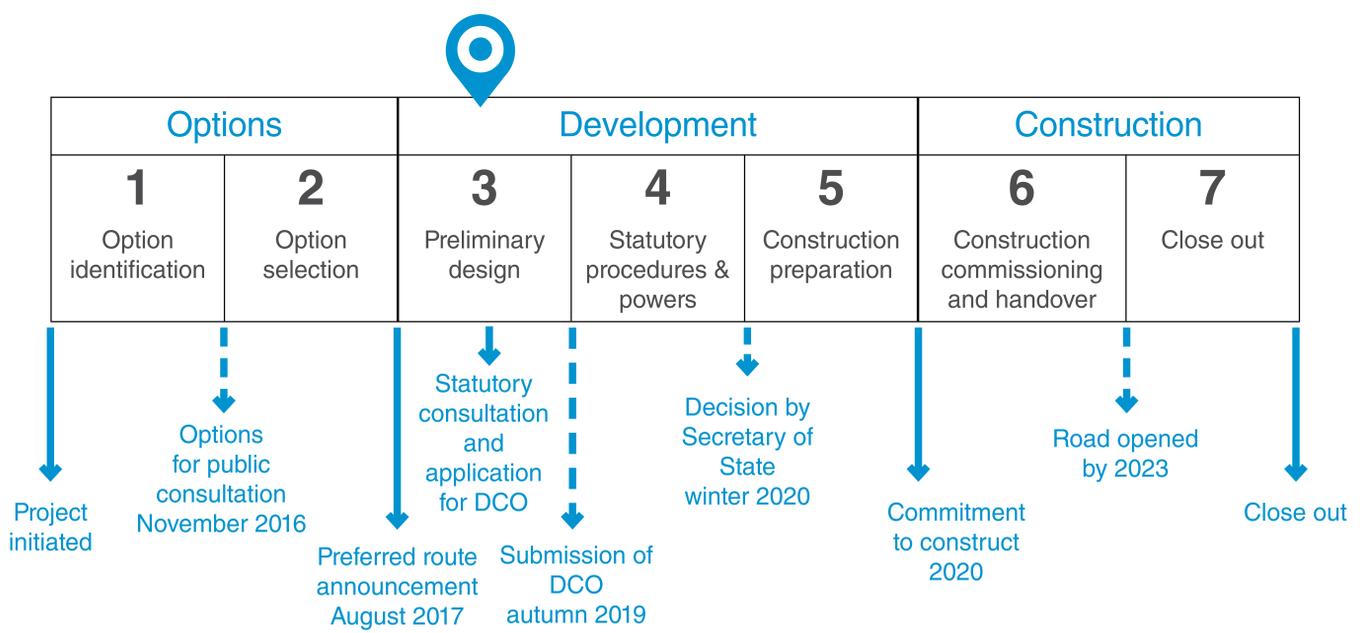
The Development Consent Order (DCO)

Due to the amount of additional land we require to build and operate this proposal, we are required by law to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

We submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate, who is the body appointed by the Government to examine our proposal, and will make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Transport on whether the DCO should be granted or not.

A short video of how this process works can be found online

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>



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Give us your views



We want to hear your views, ideas and local knowledge.

The consultation will run for eight weeks, from **3 December 2018 to 28 January 2019** and there are lots of ways you can tell us what you think:

- **Online:** complete the response form at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m25j28
- **Complete the consultation response form** and return it to FREEPOST M25 junction 28 improvement scheme
- **Email** your response to info@highwaysengland.co.uk
- **Post** write to us at FREEPOST M25 junction 28 improvement scheme.

Please respond by 11:59pm on the 28 January 2019.

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Scheme benefits

- **Reduce future traffic delays** on the roundabout by providing a new dedicated link from the M25 northbound to A12 eastbound
- **Cater for future traffic demands** to enable development and economic growth
- **Safer roads and fewer accidents** by increasing the capacity of the junction and reducing traffic levels using the roundabout
- **Improve driver behaviour and safety** by redesigning the direction signage and road markings
- **Minimise the impact on local air quality and noise** by smoothing the traffic flow
- **Protect access for pedestrians and cyclists** and improve conditions where possible.

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Environmental considerations

The scheme aims to minimise the impact on the environment.

A Preliminary Environmental Information Report has been prepared to provide information on the likely environmental impacts identified at this stage of the design:

- Air quality
- Noise and vibration
- Biodiversity (nature conservation)
- Landscape and visual
- Road drainage and the water environment
- Geology and soils
- Cultural heritage
- Materials and waste
- Climate change

Potential mitigation measures are outlined, and we would welcome your views on these.

A full Environmental Impact Assessment will be carried out following the consultation and will be submitted as part of our DCO.



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What happens next

When the consultation closes at 11:59pm on 28 January 2018 we will consider your feedback in the future development of our scheme.

We will set out a summary of your feedback in a consultation report and describe how it has been taken account of. This will form part of our DCO submission.

We expect to submit our DCO by autumn 2019 and, provided it is granted, works will start in June 2021.

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