

M6 junction 19 improvements scheme

Statutory Instrument Consultation Document

The introduction of 40mph permanent speed limits

May 2021

Summary of the consultation

Topic of this consultation	Introduction of 40mph permanent speed limits on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads
Scope of this consultation	We are keen to have your comments on the introduction of a 40mph permanent speed limit on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads. We specifically would like to hear how the proposal could affect you, your organisation or those you represent.
Geographical scope	M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads.

General Information

To	The consultation is aimed at any affected stakeholder groups or individuals.
Body/bodies responsible for the consultation	Highways England
Duration	The consultation will last for a period of four weeks commencing on 12 May 2021. The consultation will close on 9 June 2021. Please ensure responses arrive no later than the closing date.
Enquiries	Khalid El-Rayes Project Manager M6 junction 19 site office Old Hall Lane Knutsford, WA16 0PW M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk
How to respond	Please respond to the consultation via email: M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of a larger organisation, please make it clear what organisation you represent and, where applicable, how the views of members were gathered.

<p>Additional ways to become involved</p>	<p>You can complete the consultation response form at Appendix B and send it to:</p> <p>Khalid El-Rayes Project Manager M6 junction 19 site office Old Hall Lane Knutsford, WA16 0PW</p> <p>M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk</p>
<p>After the consultation</p>	<p>All responses received from consultees within the consultation period will be considered and responded to as necessary. Following the consultation, a response to consultation report will be made available on the Highways England website. The report will provide an analysis of responses received and the Highways England response.</p> <p>Subject to results of the consultation, we envisage that the 40mph speed limit would be in place permanently from when the scheme opens for traffic in summer 2021.</p>
<p>Compliance with the Government's Consultation principles</p>	<p>The consultation complies with the Government's Consultation Principles.</p>
<p>Getting to this stage</p>	<p>The M6 junction 19 improvement scheme is building a new bridge across junction 19, providing two new dedicated link roads between the M6 and A556. The new design is unable to achieve the ideal standards for horizontal curves, vertical curves and stopping sight distance, so for safety reasons a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph is required on the slip roads connecting to the new link roads. Highways England is proposing permanent 40mph speed limits by way of regulations made by statutory instrument.</p>

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Executive Summary

This consultation provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the proposal to introduce, by way of Regulations, permanent 40mph speed limits on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads, for the M6 junction 19 improvement scheme.

The 40mph speed limit will, if approved, be set permanently and will be clearly displayed by signs on both sides of the carriageway indicating where they start and where they end.

Once in force, the relevant Regulations will restrict driving at a speed exceeding 40mph on those sections of the northbound and southbound exit slip roads.

Benefits of the introduction of permanent 40mph speed limits

- Due to the constraint of constructing the extra lane capacity through M6 junction 19 (northbound and southbound), the geometry and “sight stopping distance” of these new links require the implementation of a mandatory 40 mph speed limit for reasons of safety. The M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads are subject to variable mandatory speed limits (VMSL) which would make it unsafe for drivers using the new link roads and the circulatory carriageway at the improved junction.
- The new link roads and other improvements at junction 19 will increase capacity at the junction, decrease journey times using the junction, reduce congestion on the roundabout and improve safety by removing queuing traffic from the M6 carriageway.

We welcome comments specifically on how the proposal could affect you, your organisation or those you represent.

1. How we are conducting the consultation

1.1. What is this consultation about?

We are consulting on the proposed implementation of permanent 40mph speed limits on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads within the M6 junction 19 improvement scheme.

1.2. Why do we need the 40mph speed limits?

The M6 junction 19 improvement scheme began construction in March 2020 and is due to complete in August 2021. The overall aim of the scheme is to alleviate anticipated congestion and safety issues at M6 junction 19 which will be compounded following the completion of regionally-significant developments, specifically around Manchester Airport. As traffic using the roundabout increases, longer queues are expected to form on the M6 northbound exit slip road approach to the junction. These queues would extend back onto the M6 carriageway with associated impacts on safety and network operation.

The scheme involves the construction of a new bridge across the centre of junction 19, providing two new dedicated link roads, one from the M6 northbound to the A556 northbound and the other from the M6 southbound to the A556 southbound. The scheme will provide improved links and capacity which will decrease journey times using the junction, reduce congestion on the roundabout and subsequently improve safety by removing queuing traffic from the M6 carriageway. The scheme will also improve access for pedestrians and cyclists by widening the existing footway around the junction and providing a shared use pathway.

The new design is unable to achieve the ideal standards for horizontal curves, vertical curves and stopping sight distance, so for safety reasons a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph is required on the slip roads connecting to the new link roads. A non-standard design has been approved by Cheshire East Council and Highways England to cover the horizontal and vertical curves and stopping sight distance.

The M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads are currently subject to variable mandatory speed limits (VMSL). The current speed limits would make it unsafe for drivers using the new link roads and the roundabout carriageway at the improved junction. The 40mph speed limit will help mitigate the effects of the nonstandard alignment.

Highways England is proposing permanent 40mph speed limits by way of regulations made by statutory instrument.

1.3. Comments on the introduction of the 40mph speed limits

We would like to encourage any organisations, businesses or individuals affected by these proposals to contact Highways England and communicate their views.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, it would be helpful if you could make this clear in your reply. Please also indicate the nature of the organisation; how many individuals' views are included in the response and the ways in which these views were gathered.

1.4. Sending your consultation response

You can respond to the consultation via email:

M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk

When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of a larger organisation, please make it clear what organisation you represent and, where applicable, how the views of members were gathered.

Alternatively, you can complete the consultation response form located at Appendix B and return it to us by email or by post to the following addresses. Please ensure that your response reaches us by **9 June 2021**.

Email: M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk

Post: Khalid El-Rayes
Project Manager
M6 junction 19 site office
Old Hall Lane
Knutsford, WA16 0PW

1.5. How we will act on your responses

All responses received from consultees within the consultation period will be considered and responded to as necessary. Following the consultation, a response to consultation report will be made available on the Highways England website. The report will provide an analysis of responses received and the Highways England response.

1.6. Data Protection Statement

Under the General Data Protection Regulation Highways England is required to explain to consultees, stakeholders and customers how their personal data will be used and stored.

Highways England is permitted to collect personal data in carrying out our public functions, including the development of proposed road schemes. The duty to consult on introducing a Statutory Instrument to implement fixed 40mph mandatory speed limits is provided by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Personal data collected for the M6 junction 19 will be processed and retained by Highways England and its appointed contractors until the Scheme is complete.

Under the GDPR you have the following rights:

1. Right of access to the data (Subject Access Request);
2. Right for the rectification of errors;
3. Right to erasure of personal data – this is not an absolute right under the legislation;
4. Right to restrict processing or to object to processing, and;
5. Right to data portability.

If, at any point, Highways England plans to process the personal data we hold for a purpose other than that for which it was originally collected, we will provide you with information about what that other purpose is: for example, if we are requested to release information about consultation responses under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Highways England will contact you prior to any further processing taking place to explain about that processing and to provide any relevant further information about the rights referred to above, including the right to object to that further processing.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority, the Information Commissioner's Office.

If you'd like more information about how we manage data, or a copy of our privacy notice, please contact DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk.

1.7. Further information

To receive further information on the Scheme you can contact the project team in writing at:

Khalid El-Rayes
Project Manager
M6 junction 19 site office
Old Hall Lane
Knutsford, WA16 0PW

Or by email: M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk

1.8. Government consultation principles

We are conducting this consultation in accordance with the Government's Consultation Principles, which are listed below.

- Consultations should be clear and concise
- Consultations should have a purpose
- Consultations should be informative
- Consultations are only part of a process of engagement
- Consultations should last for a proportionate amount of time
- Consultations should be targeted
- Consultations should take account of the groups being consulted
- Consultations should be agreed before publication
- Consultation should facilitate scrutiny
- Government responses to consultations should be published in a timely fashion
- Consultation exercises should not generally be launched during local or national election periods

If you have reason to believe this consultation document does not comply with these Consultation Principles, please write to our consultation co-ordinator at the address below, setting out the areas where you believe this consultation does not meet the principles:

Kathryn Moore
Highways England
Lateral
8 City Walk
Leeds
LS11 9AT

Email: Kathryn.Moore@highwaysengland.co.uk

Further information about the Consultation Principles can be found on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

2. Legislative changes

2.1. Legislative changes for the implementation of 40mph mandatory speed limits

Subject to the outcome of the consultation, Regulations will be made under section 17(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ('the 1984 Act') for the implementation of 40mph speed limits on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads as part of the M6 junction 19 improvement scheme.

The relevant legislative power in the 1984 Act permits the making of Regulations that regulate the manner in which, and the conditions subject to which, motorways may be used by traffic authorised to use such motorways.

The 40mph maximum speed limit would apply to approximately the final third of each of the exit slip roads on the approach to the Tabley Interchange at junction 19. The 40mph speed limits would be clearly displayed by signs on both sides of the carriageway indicating where the speed limits start and end.

Subject to the outcome of the consultation, the proposed Regulations when made will apply in relation to the sections of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads specified in the Regulation. This consultation is solely about the introduction of the 40mph speed limits on these sections of road.

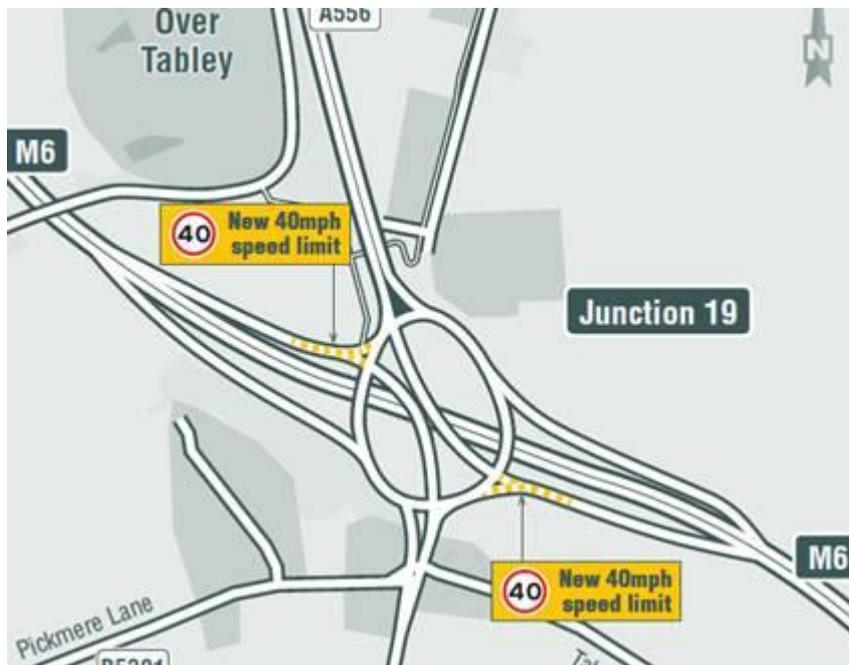
3. Extent and enforcement of the proposed 40mph speed limits

3.1. Proposed extent of the 40mph speed limits

This map shows the extent of the 40mph speed limits.

The proposed 40mph speed limit would cover the last 88-89 metres of each exit slip road, where traffic slows to join the roundabout or link roads. This is the final third of the slip roads.

Please note: the junction roundabout and the new link roads will also have speed limits of 40mph, but these sections are not part of the consultation.



3.2. Enforcement

Obtaining an acceptable level of compliance with the 40mph speed limits (displayed on post mounted static signs) is key to the successful and safe operation of the speed limit. No new offences or sanctions will be introduced because of the proposed Regulations. Enforcement of the 40mph speed limits would be carried out using traditional enforcement by the police.

4. Appendices

Appendix A – Frequently asked questions

Appendix B – Consultation response form

Appendix C – List of consultees

Appendix A: Frequently asked questions

Q. What is happening?

A. As part of the M6 junction 19 improvement scheme, we are building a new bridge across junction 19, providing two new dedicated link roads between the M6 and A556. The new design is unable to achieve the ideal standards for horizontal curves, vertical curves and stopping sight distance, so for safety reasons a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph is required on the slip roads connecting to the new link roads. A non-standard design has been approved by Cheshire East Council and Highways England to cover the horizontal and vertical curves and stopping sight distance.

Q. Why is Highways England consulting?

A. This consultation will provide an opportunity for interested parties and individuals to comment on the legislative changes required to allow for the implementation of the permanent 40mph speed limits on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads.

Q. Who can respond to this?

A. This consultation is available for anyone to respond to, including organisations that would be affected by the implementation of the permanent 40mph speed limits. The consultation is aimed at any affected stakeholder groups.

Q. Is the introduction of the permanent 40mph speed limit likely to be effective?

A. The introduction of the permanent 40mph speed limit on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads will improve safety on the approach to the roundabout and new link roads.

Q. When are the permanent 40mph speed limits likely to become mandatory?

A. We plan to implement the permanent 40mph mandatory speed limits by August 2021, when the project opens.

Q. What is the point of the consultation?

A. We are committed to providing an effective consultation which complies with the Government's Consultation Principles. Effective consultation with affected stakeholders brings to light valuable information which we can use to design effective solutions and mitigate any concerns.

Following the consultation period, responses will be issued where appropriate and a summary report compiled which will provide an analysis of the

responses and provide justification for the selected option. The report will be published on the Highways England project webpage.

Q. How are you going to enforce the speed limits?

A. Fixed speed limits are enforced by the police.

Appendix B: Consultation response form

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Part 1: Information about you

Completion of this section is optional but helps with our analysis of results. A note at the end of this form explains that we may be obliged to release this information if asked to do so.

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Email	
Company Name or Organisation (if applicable)	

Please tick one box from the list below that best describes you/your company or organisation.

	Small to Medium Enterprise (up to 50 employees)
	Large Company
	Representative Organisation
	Trade Union
	Interest Group
	Local Government
	Central Government
	Police
	Member of the public
	Other (please describe):
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or interest group, how many members do you have and how did you obtain the views of your members:	
If you would like your response or personal details to be treated confidentially please explain why:	

Part 2: Your Comments

Q1. Do you consider that the proposed permanent 40mph mandatory speed limits on a section of the M6 junction 19 northbound and southbound exit slip roads will lead to an improvement in safety and/or travelling conditions on this section of motorway (please tick yes or no in the boxes provided)?	Yes	
	No	

Please provide any comments below.

Q2. Are there any aspects of the proposed permanent 40mph mandatory speed limits which give you concerns?

Yes

No

Please provide any comments below.

Q3. Are there any additional comments you would like to make about the proposed permanent 40mph mandatory speed limits?

Yes

No

Please provide any comments below.

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Appendix C: List of consultees

Government / Local Government bodies	
Esther McVey, MP for Tatton	John Dwyer, Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner
Lorraine O'Donnell, Chief Executive, Cheshire East Council	Tabley Parish Council

Emergency services	
Cheshire Constabulary	North West Fire Service
Greater Manchester Police	Greater Manchester Fire Service
National Police Air Service	North West Ambulance Service
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service	

Environmental advisory bodies	
Natural England 4th Floor, Foss House Kings Pool 1-2 Peasholme Green York YO1 7PX	Historic England 4th Floor Cannon Bridge House 25 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2YA
Environment Agency Horizon House Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AH	Campaign to Protect Rural England 5-11 Lavington Street London SE1 0NZ

Road and transport organisations	
DVSA Berkeley House Croydon Street Bristol BS5 0DA	Chairman RAC Foundation 89-91 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5HS

The AA Fanum House Basing View Basingstoke Hampshire RG21 4EA	The RAC RAC House Brockhurst Crescent Walsall WS5 4AW
The Institute of Vehicle Recovery Unit 11, Brook Business Centre Cowley Mill Road Uxbridge UB8 2FX	Green Flag The Wharf Neville Street Leeds LS1 4AZ
Road Haulage Association Roadway House Bretton Way Bretton Peterborough PE3 8DD	Freight Transport Association Hermes House St John's Road Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 9UZ
The Alliance of British Drivers PO Box 1043 Stockton-on-Tees TS19 1XG	British Motorcyclists Federation 3 Oswin Road Brailsford Industrial Estate Braunstone Leicester LE3 1HR

Business organisations

Manchester Airport Group	Cheshire East Chamber of Commerce
Knutsford Motorway Services	Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
Lymm Motorway Services	

Other interested parties

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