

Improving safety and supporting economic growth

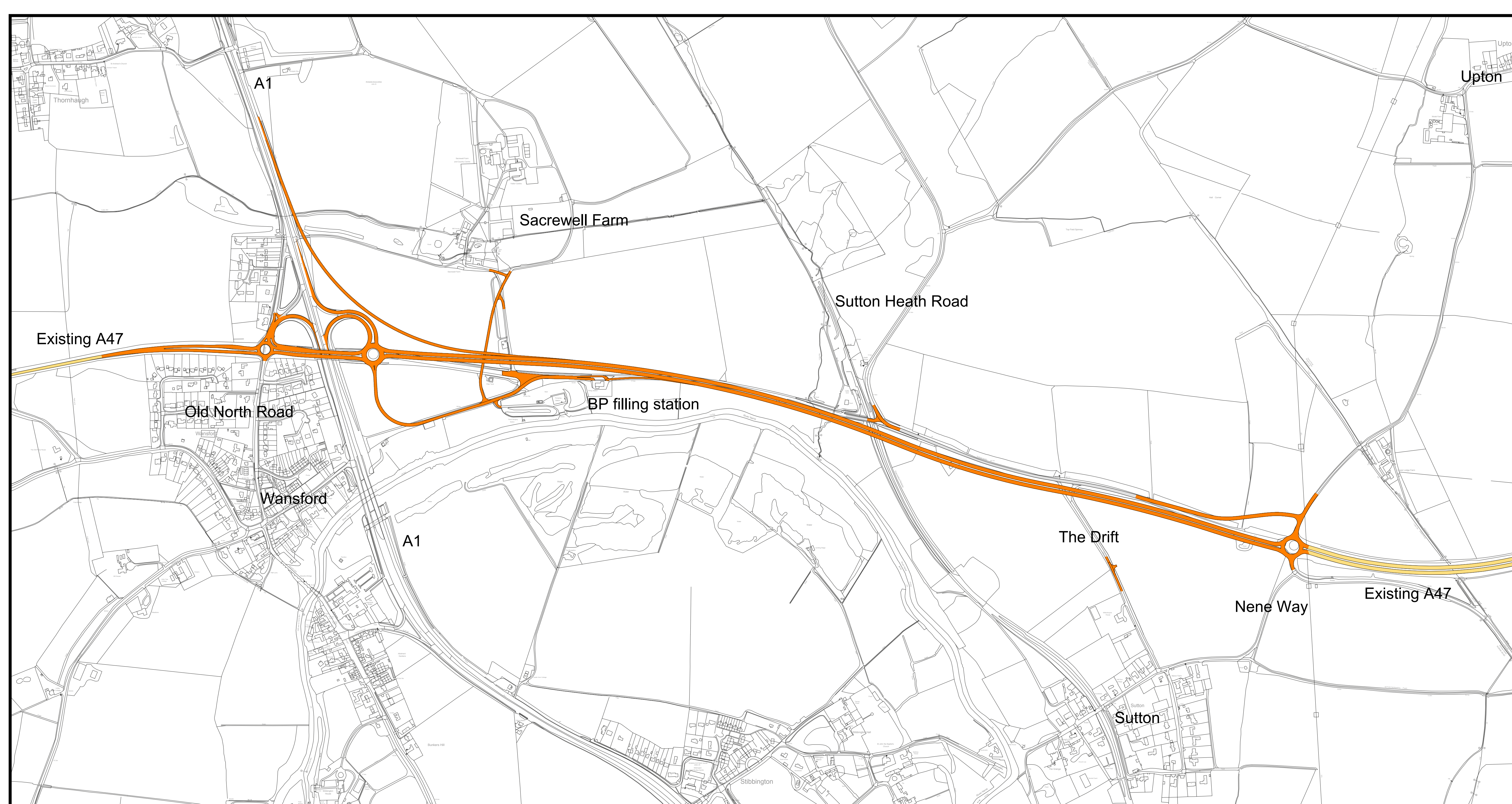
The A47 forms part of the strategic road network and provides for a variety of local, medium and long-distance trips between the A1 and the eastern coastline. The corridor connects the cities of Norwich and Peterborough, the towns of Wisbech, Kings Lynn, Dereham, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and a succession of villages in what is largely a rural area.

The A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling scheme is located to the west of Peterborough between the A1/A47 junction near Wansford and the Nene Way roundabout near Sutton. This 1.6 mile stretch of road is single-carriageway and currently acts as a bottleneck, resulting in congestion and leading to longer journey times and a poor safety record.

By dualling the A47 between Wansford and Sutton we aim to:

- support economic growth in the area
- improve safety for all users and improve journeys across the route
- increase the resilience of the corridor in coping with incidents such as collisions, breakdowns, maintenance and extreme weather
- provide a safer route between communities for walking, cycling, horse riding and other non-motorised user groups
- reduce journey times and improve journey time reliability

What we are consulting on now: our proposed design



We are proposing to upgrade the A47 to a dual carriageway between Wansford and Sutton.

Starting at the A1/A47 junction and travelling in an easterly direction, a new dual carriageway will be constructed to the north of the existing A47 for approximately 800m. The new dual carriageway will then cross over the current road and be constructed to the south of the existing A47 until it joins the Nene Way roundabout near Sutton.

Provision for walking, cycling and horse riding is proposed to connect between Wansford, Sutton and local amenities. Existing access tracks will be reinstated.

Western section



Key features of this section are:

A1/A47 junction western roundabout

We will modify the existing western roundabout at the A1/A47 junction to incorporate additional entry and exit lanes on each arm, except the southern arm (Old North Road). The northern entry will include a segregated left turn from the A1 northbound on to the A47 eastbound carriageway.

A1 overbridge

The existing section on the A1 overbridge, between the western and eastern roundabouts, will be opened to two lanes in each direction.

A1/A47 junction eastern roundabout

We will enlarge the existing eastern roundabout at the A1/A47 junction and remove the part-time traffic signals. The roundabout will include a new link road to the south for access to the water pumping station and the fuel station.

Sacrewell Farm underbridge

We will build a new underbridge off the new link road going under the proposed A47, giving access to Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre.

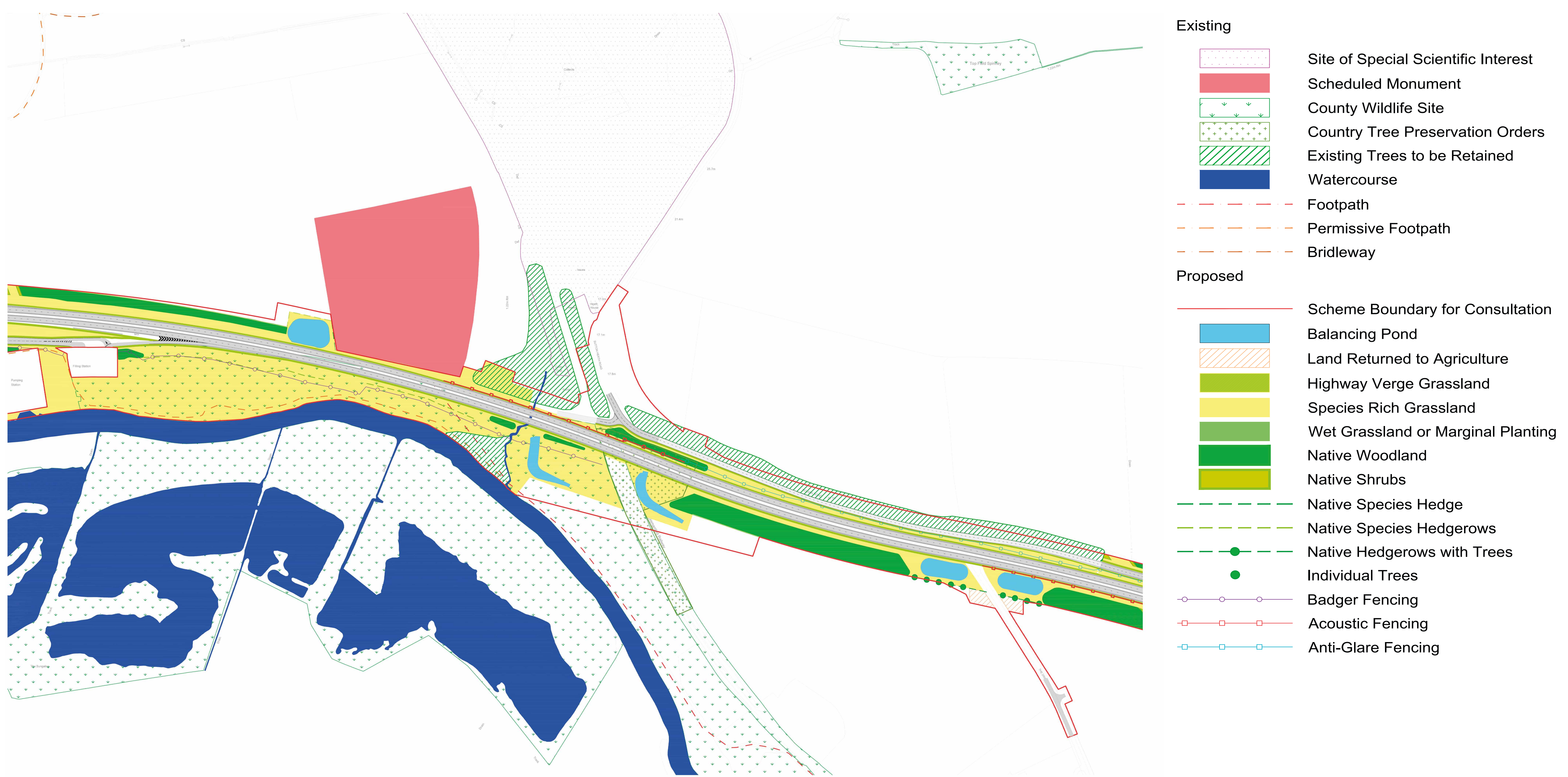
A1 southbound to A47 eastbound slip road

To the west of the scheme, we will build a new free-flow slip road connecting the existing A1 southbound carriageway to the new A47 eastbound carriageway. The existing slip road off the A1 southbound is retained as part of these arrangements to connect to the eastern roundabout at the A1/A47 junction for all other movements.

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Central section



Key features of this section are:

Bridge over disused railway

We'll build a new bridge where the proposed A47 alignment crosses over the disused railway line to the west of Sutton Heath Road.

Sutton Heath Road and The Drift

Current direct accesses to Sutton Heath Road and The Drift will be closed. We're proposing to connect both roads slightly further east, at the Nene Way Roundabout near Sutton. The Drift is proposed to be shortened with turning arrangements to be provided.

View from above Sutton



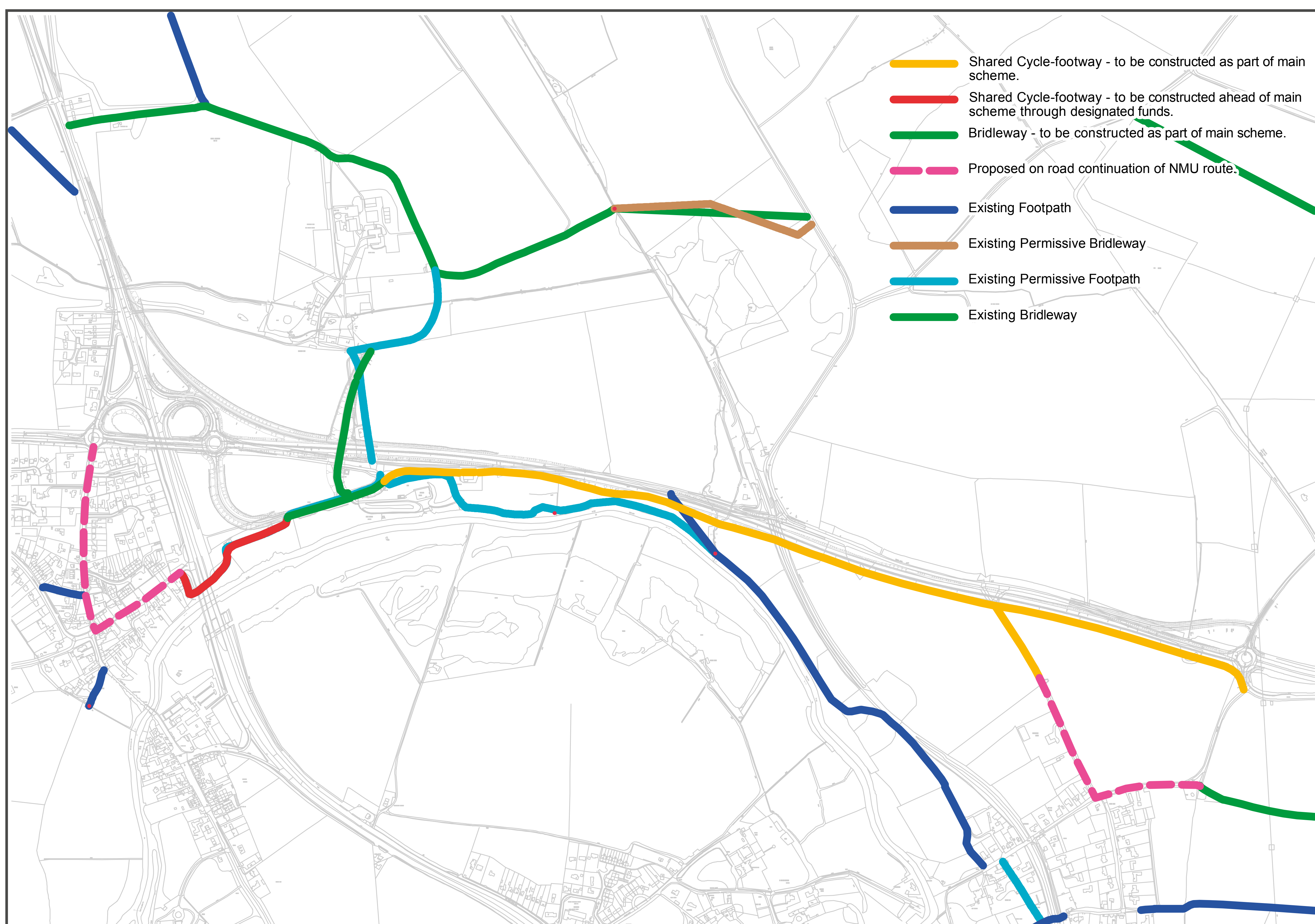
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Scheme benefits

Predicted journey time savings	Journey time savings at peak times		
		2022	2037
	Eastbound AM	4min 20sec	4min 40sec
	Eastbound PM	50sec	2min
	Westbound AM	1min	1min 20sec
	Westbound PM	2min 20sec	2min 30sec
Improved local road network	Sutton Heath Road and The Drift will join the A47 at the Nene Way roundabout. The A1/A47 junction eastern roundabout will include a new link road to the south for access to the water pumping station, the fuel station and to Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre.		
Improving safety	The scheme will improve safety at the existing junctions by increasing the size of the roundabouts and use of better signing and road marking. Upgrading the A47 to a high quality dual carriageway will also contribute to providing a safer road network by physically separating the eastbound and westbound traffic.		
Economic growth	The scheme will improve journey time reliability and will therefore benefit local businesses and commuters as well as encouraging economic growth in the region.		

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Caring for the environment

Understanding the impact of our scheme on the environment and the community is very important to us. Our aim is to reduce any adverse effects while capturing the wider opportunities for improvement created by this scheme.

Following this consultation, we will prepare an Environmental Statement setting out in full our assessment of the potential effects of the scheme on the environment, and our proposed mitigation and enhancement measures.

In the meantime, we have prepared a non-technical summary of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to help people understand the potential environmental effects of our proposal.

This document can be viewed at today's exhibition. The full PEIR is available to view on our website at:

[www https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-wansford-to-sutton-dualling/](https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-wansford-to-sutton-dualling/)



Construction

We understand that you will want to know the likely impact that constructing the scheme will have on your daily life.

A traffic management plan will be produced once the scheme proposals are finalised following this consultation. This will include a construction phase plan, detailing exactly how the works will be undertaken and how A47 and local traffic will be managed.

Community and environmental impacts will be taken fully into account at all stages of the development, planning and decision-making process. We will work closely with local communities, local authorities, environmental bodies and major employers as work progresses in continuing the development of the scheme into the construction phase. We will look to minimise traffic management and road closures where possible.

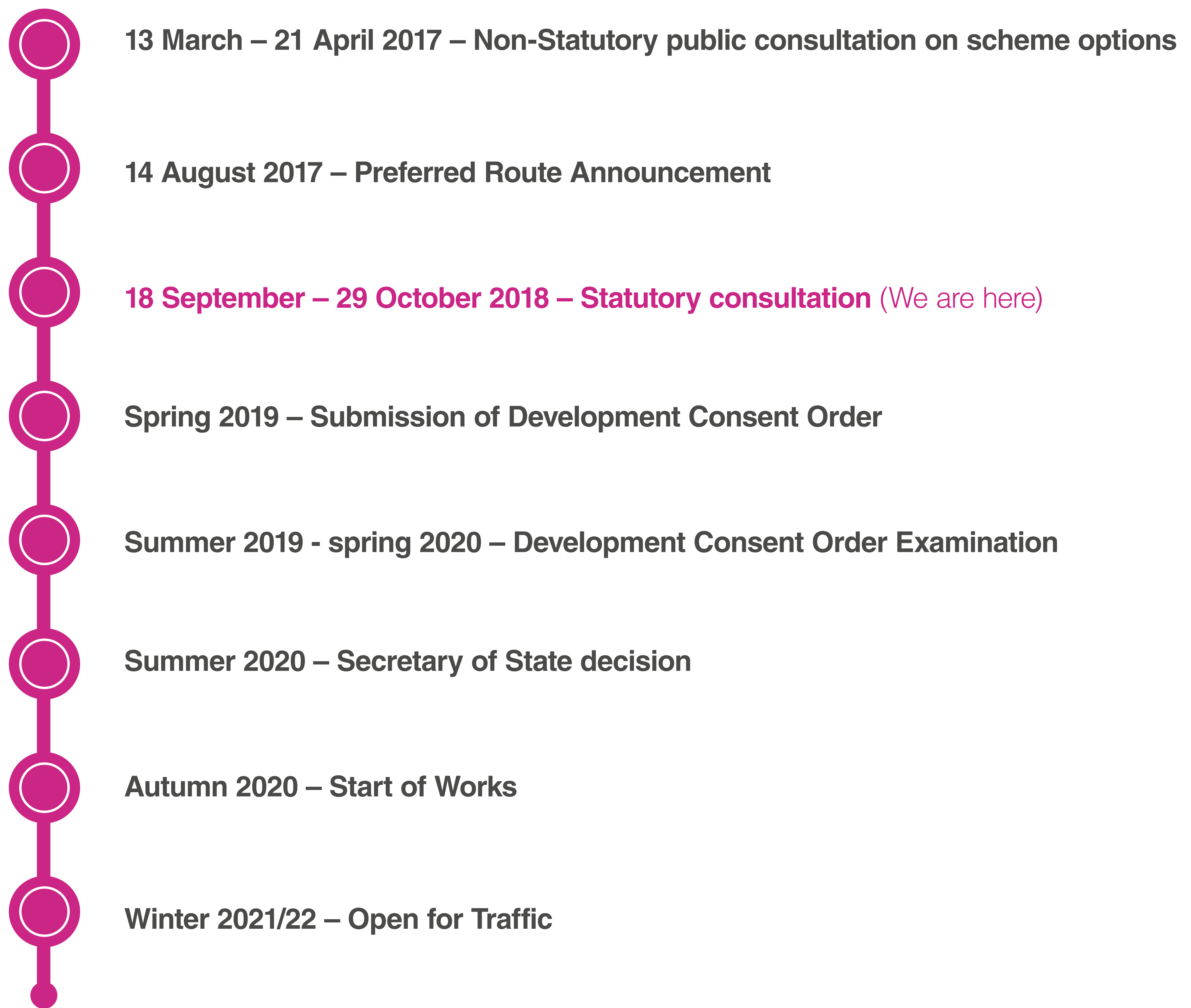
This can be done by:

- manufacturing off site
- night-time working
- construction phasing

The start of construction is planned to commence in autumn 2020 and is expected to last for approximately 18 months.



Timeline



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Have your say

You can get involved in a number of ways:

Fill in a consultation response form.

You can do this online at:

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-wansford-to-sutton-dualling/



or you can return one of the printed forms to
FREEPOST A47 Wansford to Sutton

These documents can also be viewed here today, or at any of the venues listed below:

Public information point locations	Opening times
Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre, Thornhaugh, Peterborough, PE8 6HJ	Monday - Sunday 9:30am - 5pm
Peterborough Central Library, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1RX	Monday 10am – 5pm Tuesday 10am – 5pm Wednesday 2pm – 5pm Thursday 2pm – 5pm Friday 10am – 5pm Saturday 9am – 3pm Sunday closed
Haycock Hotel, Wansford, Peterborough, PE8 6JA	Monday – Sunday 7am – 11pm

All consultation responses must be received by
11.59pm on Monday 12 November 2018.

Responses received after this date may not be taken into consideration as part of the consultation.

If you have any questions, talk to us today or contact in the following ways:

Email us at:

A47WansfordtoSuttonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk

Call us on:

0300 123 5000

What's happened so far?

As part of developing our proposals for the scheme, in spring 2017 we held a public consultation on 3 different options:

Option 1: Dualling the existing road.

Option 2: Building a new dual carriageway partly to the north and also to the south of existing A47.

Option 3: Building a new dual carriageway to the north of the existing A47.

In August 2017 we announced that we would be taking forward Option 2 as it would provide the best solution, by:

- solving the traffic and safety issues of the existing road
- having less impact on the historic environment when compared to Option 3
- having less impact during construction when compared to Option 1

Progress since the Preferred Route Announcement

The project team has continued to develop the design of the preferred route, with traffic flow and safety as primary considerations.

Further design work has included development of the positioning of the road and junctions, structures, lighting, landscaping and drainage. Engagement is ongoing with utility providers to make arrangements for diversions that may be required to accommodate the route.

We've also carried out several surveys including:

- aerial topographical surveys
- ecological surveys
- walking, cycling and horse riding surveys
- ground investigation, drainage and pavement surveys are now in progress