



Welcome to the M20 junction 10a Improvement scheme public exhibition

Thank you for coming. We want to hear your views on a proposed new motorway junction and link road in Ashford. We aim to inform you of all important aspects of the scheme covering:

- The proposed new junction and link road layout
- Preferred route design developments
- Access arrangements around the proposed design
- Environmental impacts
- The benefits of the scheme
- An explanation of the consultation process, the timetable and how we'll consult you

Responding to the consultation:

Your views and feedback help shape our proposal; all responses will be reviewed by the project team. You can:

- Talk to the project team here today
- Complete the community consultation questionnaire – available here and online:

www.highways.gov.uk/m20j10a

The consultation will run for a period of nine weeks, from Thursday 14 January to Thursday 17 March 2016.

Your feedback and comments must be received before the consultation deadline of Thursday 17 March 2016 at 23.59, so we can consider your response.



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About us

Highways England, formally the Highways Agency, is a government run company. We are responsible for operation, maintenance and improvements to England's motorways and major A roads.

The government's Road Investment Strategy (RIS) sets out a long-term programme for our motorways and major roads.

Over the next 5 years the first RIS will see £11.35 billion invested in over 100 major schemes to enhance, renew and improve the highway network in England.

In the South East we are investing £2.2 billion of government funding to improve the capacity and condition of our roads.

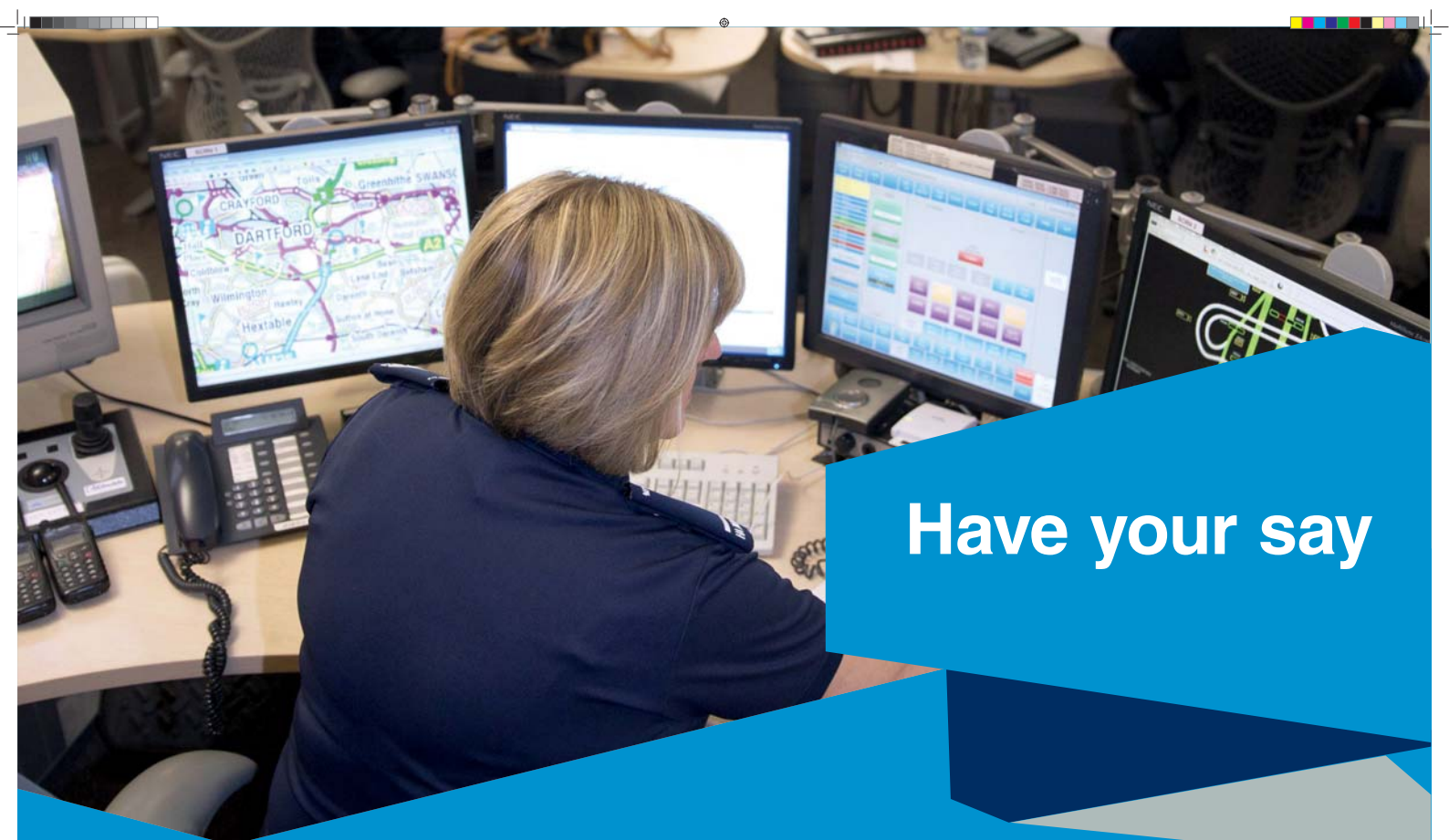


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Have your say

The M20 J10a scheme is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. Schemes of this size have a legal requirement, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, to consult with the community. Consultation with the public and stakeholders is vital in developing the scheme.

After the consultation we will write a consultation report which summarises your feedback and our response to your feedback. Your views will help to further develop our proposals.

This consultation report will be part of the final application that we plan to submit in summer 2016.

The aims of the community consultation are to:

- Provide the local community with an opportunity to review the scheme proposals, understand the project areas and talk to the team.
- Enable the local community to put forward views and ideas which may influence parts of our proposal.
- Provide details of any impacts the scheme may have on the community and help them understand the mitigation measures we intend to use.
- Encourage the community to actively participate in the consultation process.



Project history and timescale

Dates	Development Consent Order stage	Milestone
Pre-summer 2008	Pre-application	Development of Options
Jun to Sept 2008		Public consultation on scheme options
Mar 2010		Preferred scheme announcement
Jan - Mar 2016		Public consultation on preferred scheme
Summer 2016		Development Consent Order application submitted
Summer 2016	Acceptance	Development Consent Order accepted by the Planning Inspectorate
	Pre-examination	Deadline for public to register as an 'interested party' so comments can be made on the application
		Comments, known as 'representations', are made on the scheme
Summer 2016 to Autumn 2017	Examination	Examination of the application starts
	Recommendation	A report is prepared for the Secretary of State, with a recommendation for a decision
		Secretary of State makes a decision on the application
	Decision	Start of works (if application is approved)
2019		Scheme open for traffic



M20 Junction 10a Improvement Scheme

Scheme objectives:

- Increase the capacity of the road network to support and allow the delivery of residential and employment development either proposed or permitted within the Ashford growth area.
- Improve safety by alleviating congestion around the existing junction 10 whilst creating the opportunity to enhance local transport facilities for non-motorised users.
- Provide a new route for traffic into Ashford.
- Minimise the environmental impact and where possible allow enhancements to be made to the environment.
- Improve journey time reliability on the Strategic road network.

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Scheme Development

A community consultation exercise took place in 2008 between 13 June and 5 September on three options, a 'Proposed Option' and two alternative options. The consultation found an overall preference for the option we are currently consulting on. This option was subsequently announced as the preferred route in March 2010.

The Preferred Route:

- To construct a new M20 Junction 10a, 700 metres south east of Junction 10. The new junction will include a roundabout over the motorway, new slip roads and a new link road to the A2070 Bad Munstereifel Road. Junction 10a will be partially signalised with two 3 lane bridges.
- The A20 Hythe Road would be incorporated in the new junction so that the traffic in both directions will travel via the new roundabout.
- A new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the M20 from Kingsford Street to the A20.

- The existing Highfield Lane Bridge and Church Road footbridge will be demolished.
- A new non-motorised user crossing at Church Road.
- The east facing slips at the existing Junction 10 will be removed.

Since the 2010 announcement the scheme has been updated to include minor improvements to Barrey Road A2070 junction.



Environmental Information

We are carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the scheme. An EIA looks at present environmental conditions and identifies impacts that may arise during construction of the scheme and the day to day operation of the new road network.

The environmental information that has been obtained to date presented along with our mitigation measures in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

The report:

- Details the environmental information gained to date
- Advises on potential mitigation measures
- Provide details of how we further intend to assess the impacts.

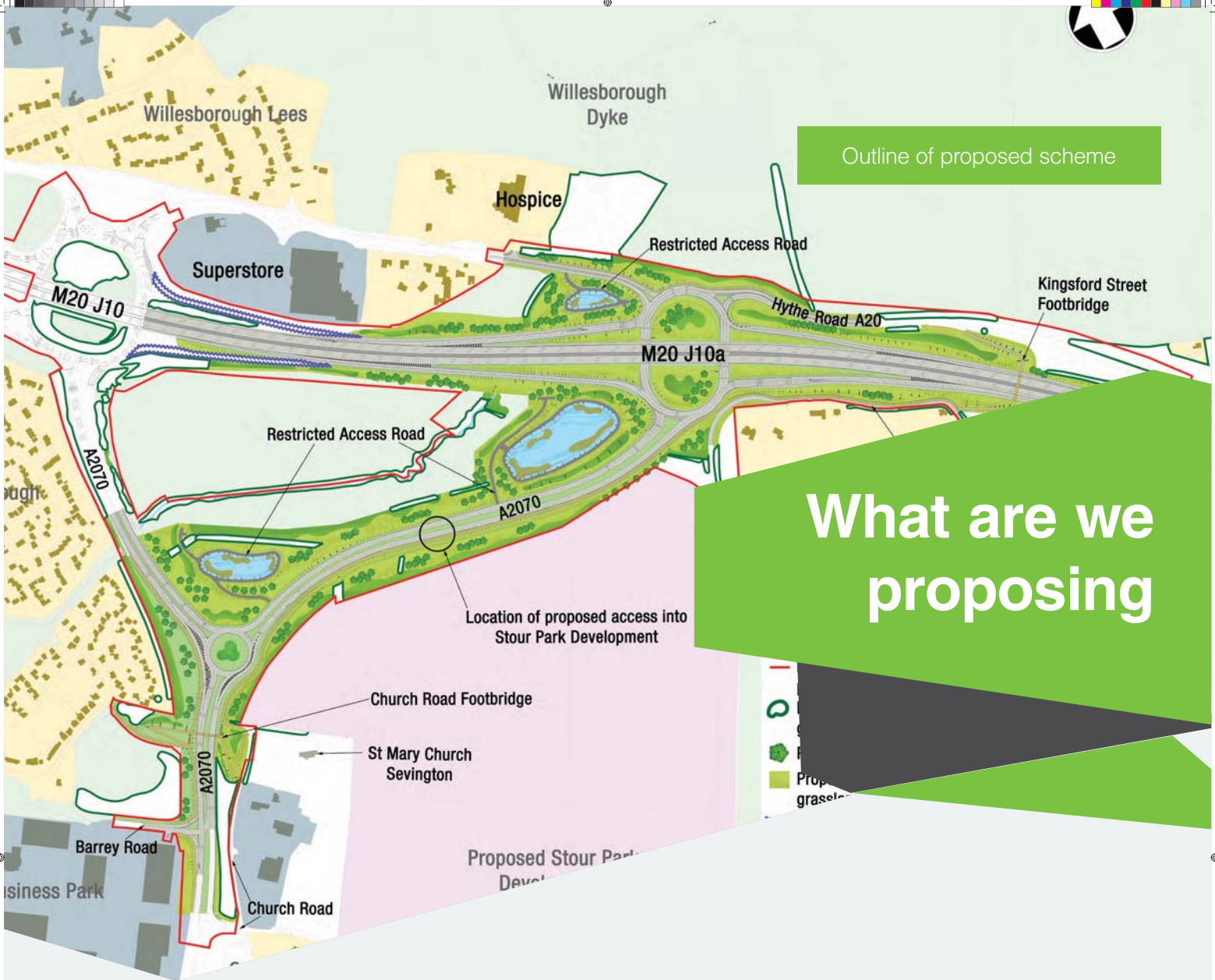
The report forms part of the community consultation and is available to view today. You can discuss the report and any environmental questions you may have with our project team.

Environmental topics being assessed include:

- Air quality
- Cultural heritage
- Landscape
- Nature conservation
- Geology and soils
- Materials
- Noise and vibration
- Effects on all travellers
- Community and private assets
- Road drainage and water environment

Environmental surveys have been undertaken to inform our assessments, including:

- Acoustic noise surveys
- Existing vegetation surveys
- River habitat and river corridor surveys
- Animal surveys such as; badgers, breeding and wintering birds, dormice, water voles and otters, reptiles and great crested newts
- Bat activity transect surveys and bat root assessments
- Visual impact surveys



Outline of proposed scheme

What are we proposing

Features of the proposed design:

- New interchange junction 700 metres east of junction 10 over the M20.
- New dual carriageway link road to the existing A2070 Southern Orbital Road (Bad Munstereifel Road).
- A20 Hythe Road connection.
- New footway linking the A20 Hythe Road to the Church Road footbridge across the A2070.
- New Kingsford Street footbridge across the M20 and a new Church Road footbridge.



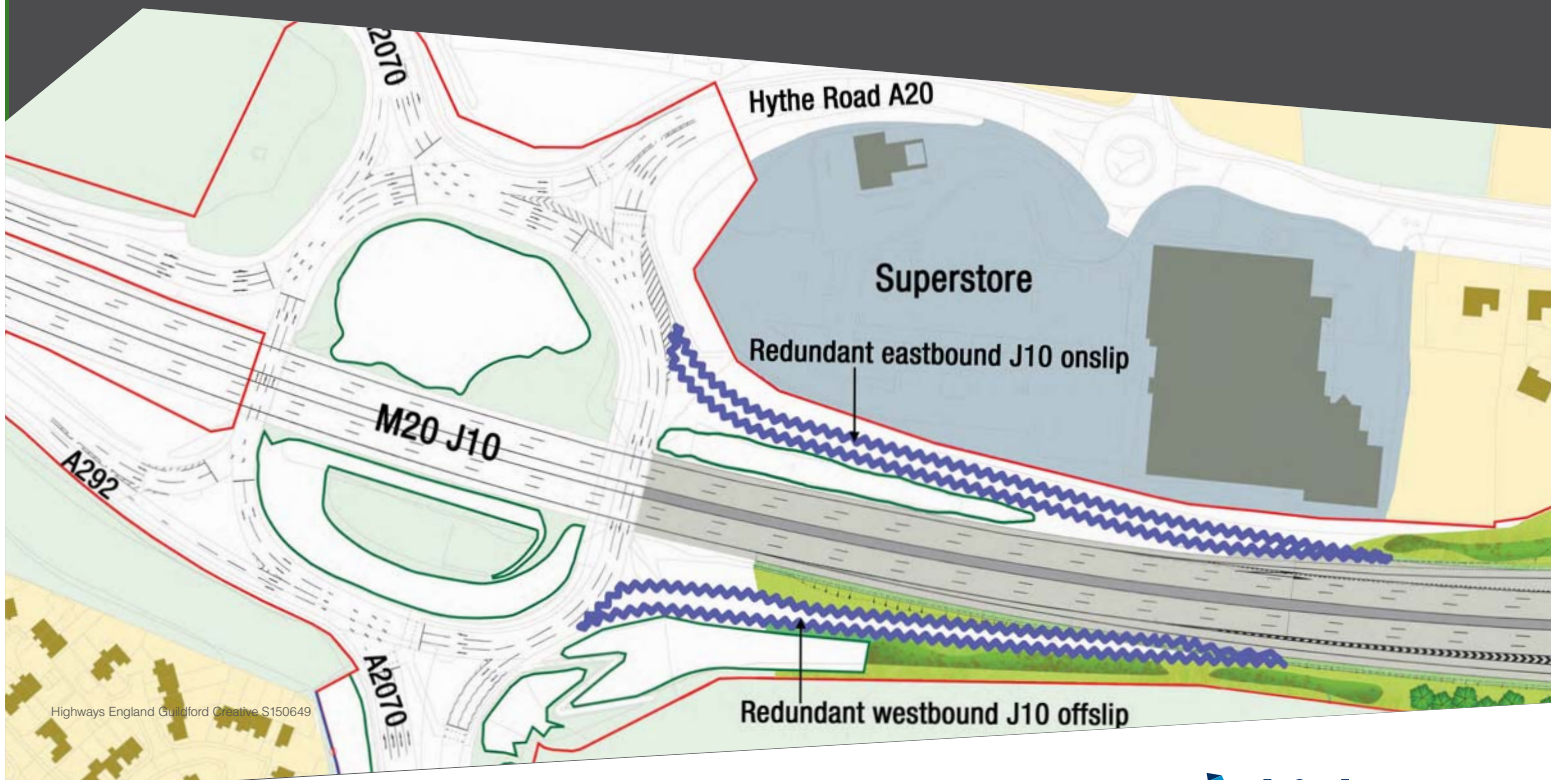
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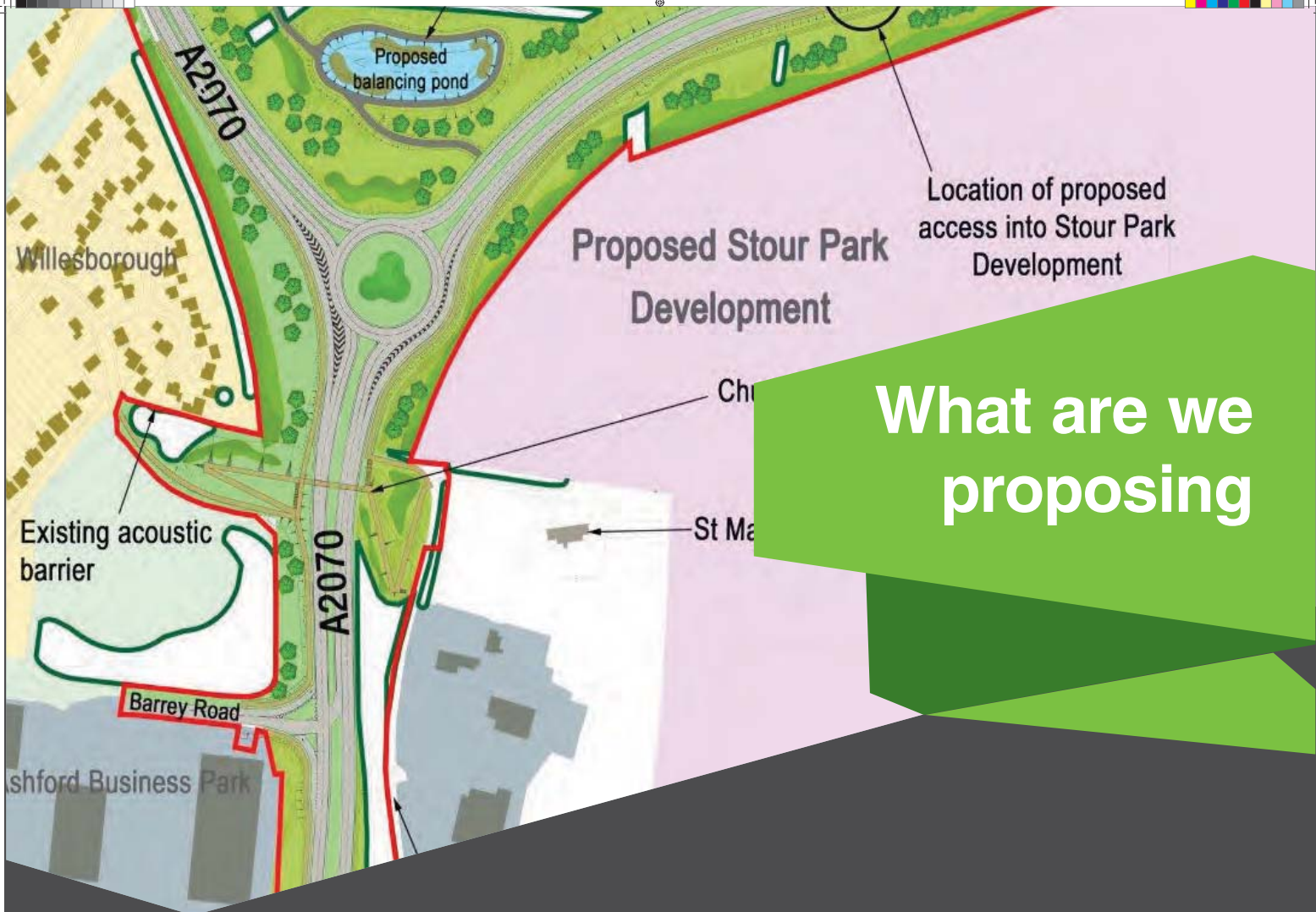
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M20 junction 10 features:

- East facing slip roads will become redundant.
- Traffic signals, white lining and signing will be amended following slip road removal.
- No access to the M20 going south east towards Folkestone and no access to junction 10 from the M20 London-bound carriageway.



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What are we proposing

A2070 Southern Orbital Road features:

- A new dual carriageway link road with a 40mph speed limit located between the proposed new junction 10a and the A2070.
- A new three armed roundabout joining the new link road to the existing A2070.
- The existing A2070 is realigned where it joins the link road.
- New Church Road footbridge/ cycleway replacing the old bridge.
- Minor improvements to Barrey Road junction.



What are we proposing

M20 junction 10a gyratory features:

- A new three lane gyratory roundabout connected to a new southern link road and the existing A20 Hythe Road. Partially signalised with new east and west facing slip roads.
- Street lighting proposed on gyratory and on the four slip roads.
- New Kingsford Street footbridge/cycleway to allow safe access over the motorway for non-motorists.
- Kingsford Street improvements to include a new safety barrier, 350 metre footway, acoustic barrier and planting.
- Relocation of sewage pumping station.
- Loss of Highfield residential bungalow, Sweatman Mowers and Willesborough Garden Centre as a result of the scheme.
- Demolition of Highfield Lane overbridge.



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Construction

Due to the size of the scheme, the construction period will take approximately 18 months. Construction is planned to start in 2017/2018 if the scheme is approved.

As published in the Highways England 2015-2020 delivery plan, it is proposed that the scheme will open to traffic in 2018/2019.

Liaison with the community, local businesses and road users will play a vital part in the construction process.

Our construction programme will be made up of phased stages. Full traffic management proposals will be carried out to minimise delays and to ensure safe working conditions.



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