

M20 junction 10a Improvement Scheme

We want to hear your views



About us

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

Ashford and the south east

Ashford is a rapidly growing town in the heart of Kent and a major growth area for the south east, benefiting from its close links to the UK road network and northern Europe. The M20 is a significant road as an international route used by large volumes of both heavy goods and holiday traffic.

The proposed new junction aims to support and accommodate this new growth. The existing M20 junction 10 will suffer from congestion and long delays in the future if additional capacity is not provided.

Scheme history

In 2008 a community consultation exercise took place on three proposed options. This led to a preferred option being announced in 2010 by the Secretary of State.

The Department for Transport announced in its 2014 Road Investment Strategy (RIS) the committed investment for the M20 junction 10a scheme.

We want to hear your views

We're carrying out community consultation to obtain feedback on the plans. Views and comments received will be considered and summarised in our Consultation Report. We will send this report to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the Development Consent Order application.

The consultation will run for nine weeks, from Thursday 14 January until Thursday 17 March 2016.

For full details of the scheme please refer to our web page. The following documents also support the community consultation; Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC), Consultation questionnaire and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

www.highways.gov.uk/m20j10a

More details about the process for proposed major infrastructure projects can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's national infrastructure planning website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

or by calling them on 0303 444 5000.

The proposed scheme

We are proposing to construct a new junction 10a on the M20 and link road to the A2070 at Ashford in Kent.

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.



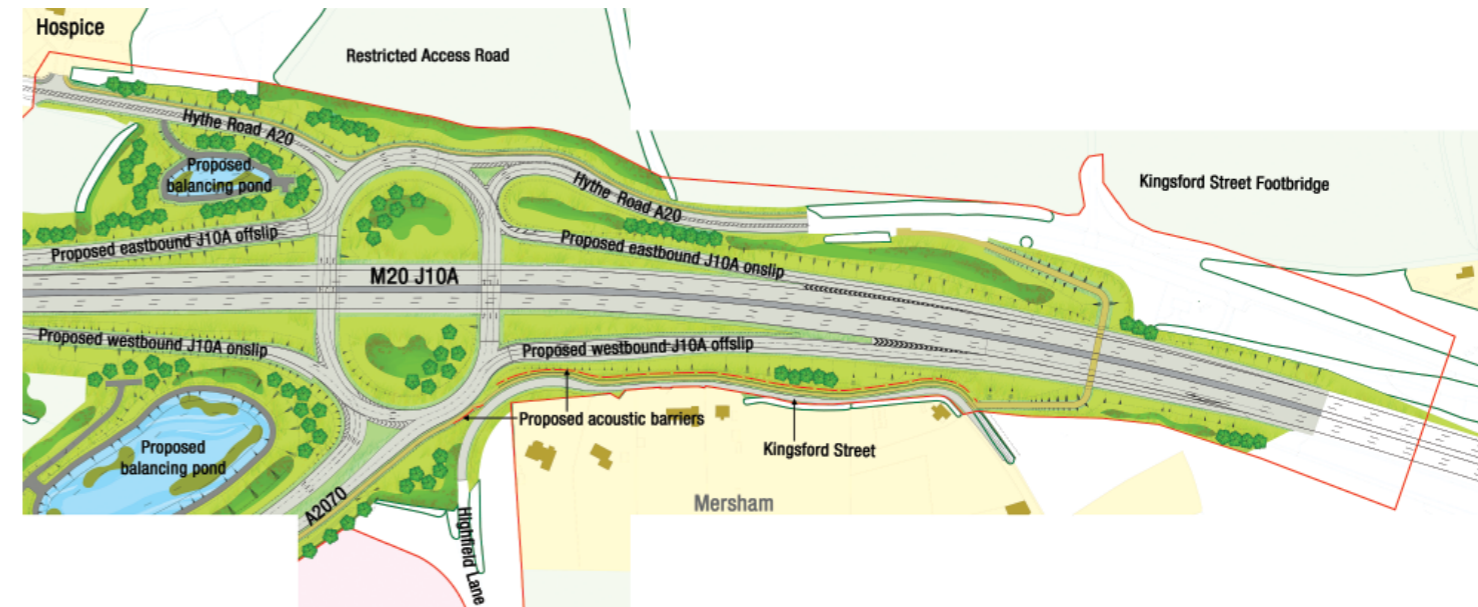
Features of the proposed design:

- 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.

Environmental features:

- Three new balancing ponds for sustainable water management.
- New native shrub and woodland planting.
- New wildflower grassland.
- New acoustic barrier aligned with Kingsford Street.

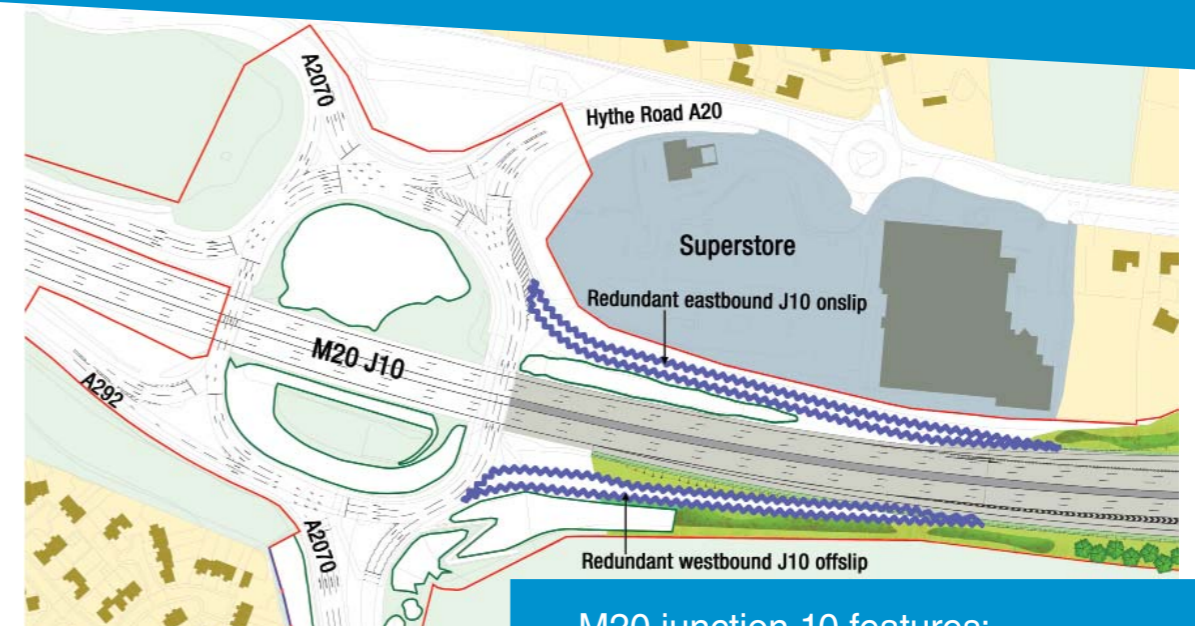


What we are proposing



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.



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.

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.

How to give us your views

You can use one of the following methods to contact us and/or respond to the consultation:

- Tear out the questionnaire at the back of this document and return to:

M20 junction 10a
Highways England
Bridge House,
1 Walnut Tree Close,
Guildford,
GU1 4LZ

- Attend a public consultation exhibition and complete a questionnaire.
- Complete the consultation questionnaire online at: www.highways.gov.uk/m20j10a
- Attend a single day event at a community location.
- Email: M20-J10a@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Post all responses to us at: M20 Jct 10a, Highways England, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ.
- Call 0300 123 5000 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).
- If you would like a representative at a local event please get in touch.

Details of public exhibitions

The New Ashford Market (Amos Hall), Ashford TN24 0HB

Thursday 21 January, 12pm to 8pm

Friday 22 January, 10am to 8pm

Saturday 23 January, 9.30am to 3.30pm

One day events:

ASDA, Kimberley Way, Ashford TN24 0SE

Wednesday 3 February, 11am to 3pm

Ashford Designer Outlet, Kimberley Way, Ashford TN24 0SD

Wednesday 10 February, 11am to 3pm

Public viewing places

Consultation materials will also be available to view from 14 January until 17 March 2016 at the following community locations:

- William Harvey Hospital, Kennington Road, Ashford, TN24 0LZ
- Willesborough Post Office, 65 Church Road, Ashford, TN24 0JZ
- Mersham Stores and Post Office, 8 The Street, Ashford, TN25 6NA
- Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS
- Ashford Cattle Market, Orbital Park, Ashford, TN24 0HB
- Ashford Borough Council Offices Civic Centre Tannery Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PL
- Willesborough Garden Centre, Hythe Road, Willesborough, Ashford, TN24 0NE
- Brabourne Lees Village Shop and Post Office, Lees Road, Brabourne Lees, Ashford, TN25 6QE
- Kent County Council County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ

How will you use my response?

All views and comments received assist us to:

- Make sure potential impacts on the community and environment have been fully considered.
- Ensure the final scheme design is updated with all relevant responses where applicable.
- Ensure the final environmental statement takes into account impacts or mitigations resulting from the consultation process.
- Record how we have considered feedback to develop the scheme further within the consultation report.

All responses will be analysed by us or an instructed third party. Your details will only be used in connection with the M20 junction 10a consultation process and will not be passed to any other third parties.



M20 junction 10a questionnaire

The consultation will run from Thursday 14 January until Thursday 17 March 2016. The closing date for responses is 23.59pm on 17 March 2016. Please provide your contact details. If you would prefer not to be give us these details, please give us your postcode only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

Email (optional): _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Community consultation questionnaire

Under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, we are required to consult with the local community on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects of which M20 Junction 10a is one. The consultation questionnaire is an important part of the consultation process as listed in the Statement of Community Consultation. Following the consultation period we will produce a consultation report to summarise the views and comments received, and outline how they have been taken into consideration in developing the scheme further. We will send this report to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the Development Consent Order application which is planned for submission in summer 2016.

The information you provide will be kept in a secure environment only accessible by Highways England and the specific contractor(s) working with us on this project. Your personal information will not be shared with any other individuals or organisations, beyond the provisions set out in the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The information you submit will only be used in support of the purpose specified in the survey. Personal details are collected only to ensure entries are not duplicated and in order to contact correspondents if necessary. All personal details will be deleted at the end of the survey analysis period.

About the scheme

A1. The scheme objectives we are aiming for are listed on page 3 of the consultation brochure. To what degree do you believe the scheme design has achieved the objectives?

Strongly agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree

Any further comments that you think we should consider?



A2. The design features for a new dual carriageway link road and roundabout to the existing A2070 Southern Orbital Road (Bad Munstereifel Road) are described on page 4 of the consultation brochure. To what extent do you agree that we have captured the important issues with the proposed design?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any further comments that you think we should consider?

A3. Page 5 of the consultation brochure describes the design features for a M20 junction 10a gyratory. To what extent do you agree that we have addressed the important issues with the proposed design?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any further comments that you think we should consider?

A4. Page 5 of the consultation brochure describes the design features to the M20 junction 10. To what extent do you agree that we have captured the important issues with the proposed design?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any further comments that you think we should consider?

A5. Do you think our proposals will particularly impact any of the following groups, either positive or negatively? Tick all that apply. If none apply, please go to **question B1**.

- Different age groups
- People with disabilities
- People who are married or in a civil partnership
- Pregnant women or nursing mothers
- People from different ethnic backgrounds
- People from different religious backgrounds
- Men or women
- Transgender people
- People from lesbian, gay and bisexual groups

A6. What changes could be made to the proposals to remove or minimise any of the negative effects you have identified?

About the consultation

B1. How did you find out about the M20 junction 10a consultation?

- Letter through the door
- Local newspaper advert
- Council website or email
- Local radio
- Project website pages
- Poster
- Local community group
- Public notice
- Others please state _____

B2. Have you found the consultation materials useful in answering your questions?

- Yes No Not seen any materials
-

B3. Which communication channel(s) have you used to find out more information about the scheme. Tick all applicable.

- Project website pages Council website pages Local press Meeting Other please state _____
- _____

B4. Have you found any of our public exhibitions helpful in addressing your questions?

- Yes No Did not attend
-

Any further comments that you think we should consider?

How you travel

C1. Do you use the A2070 – M20 junction 10? If you answered no or unsure please go to **question D1**.

- Yes No Unsure
-

C2. How do you normally travel on the A2070 – M20 junction 10?

- Car Bus Cycle Walk HGV LGV
-

C3. Please tell us your main purpose for using the A2070 – M20 junction 10?

- Work Personal Leisure Agriculture Other
-

C4. How frequently do you use the A2070 – M20 junction 10?

- Every day More than 3 times a week Less than 3 times a week Less than once a week Less than 3 times a month Never
-

C5. When do you mostly use the A2070 – M20 junction 10 in a month. (Peak time is between 6.30am to 9.30am and 4.30pm to 19.30pm. Off peak is all other times).

- Peak time Off peak
-

General feedback

D1. Did you take part in the previous consultation in 2008?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D2. Upon hearing about the preferred route consultation what was your initial reaction?

Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Undecided	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D3. Having been informed of the current scheme through this consultation, how do you now feel about the plans?

Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Undecided
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D4. We welcome any further feedback you may have about M20 junction 10a.

Thank you for completing this consultation questionnaire.

You can submit your completed questionnaire:

- Online at: www.highways.gov.uk/m20j10a
- Email to: M20-J10a@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Post it to: [M20 Jct 10a, Highways England, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ](#)
- Drop it off at: [the public exhibition or one of the single day events listed on page 6.](#)

Your views help shape the scheme. All consultation questionnaires received are formally recorded and in accordance with data protection your personal details are used solely in connection with the consultation process.

To ensure that we are meeting our Diversity Guidelines please help us by filling in the following section of this questionnaire. You are not obliged to complete this; the information will only be used by the Highways England to monitor its effectiveness at consulting with the whole community. This information will not be used for any other purpose, and in publishing the results, individuals will not be identified.

E1. Age _____

E2. Gender

Male	Female
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E3. Ethnic origin

British or Mixed British

English	Irish	Scottish	Welsh	Other (specify if you wish)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

South Asian

Bangladeshi	Indian	Pakistan	Other (specify if you wish)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Black

African	Caribbean	Other (specify if you wish)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

East Asian

Chinese	Japanese	Napolise	Other (specify if you wish)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Mixed

Please specify if you wish

Any other ethnic background

Please specify if you wish

E4. Religion

Do you follow a religion or faith?

Yes	No	If 'yes', specify if you wish
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes	No	If 'yes', specify if you wish
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

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