

## What is the scheme?

Located between Swindon city centre and Cirencester, the A419 Blunsdon bypass scheme opened to traffic in March 2009. The scheme comprised of the following:

- **Dual carriageway bypass** to the west of Blunsdon, including a short climbing lane southbound on the approach to Lady Lane Junction.
- **Two signal controlled junctions** connected by a local road in place of Turnpike roundabout.
- **Dedicated pedestrian/cycle way** with pedestrian/cycle phases incorporated in the signalised Lady Lane Junction and a new bridleway bridge at the end of Widhill Lane to allow non-motorised users to cross the bypass safely.
- **Improvements to the downgraded former route** between Widhill lane and Lady Lane.






## What are the main findings from the study?

- **Journey times have reduced across all time periods**, including 7.5 minutes in the PM peak southbound and by 3.5 minutes northbound in the AM peak.
- **Traffic flows along the new A419 have increased** by approximately 5000 vehicles per day. Traffic on the former A419 have reduced by 98%.
- **Collisions have reduced by an average of 8.2 per annum**, which is higher than forecast.
- The impact of the scheme on the **environment is generally as expected** for the majority of environmental indicators assessed.
- The investment cost of building the scheme was **7% more than forecast**.

## Does the scheme meet its scheme specific objectives?

Objective	Has the objective been achieved?
To minimise noise and visual impact on property in Blunsdon.	✓
To improve the safety of the A419 for all road users through Blunsdon and at the Turnpike Junction.	✓
To remove severance through Blunsdon Village and encourage walking, cycling and equestrians.	✓
To remove the bottleneck on the A419 at Lady Lane and Turnpike Junctions and improve journey times and reliability.	✓

## How does the scheme support Highways England's current strategic objectives?

 <b>01</b> Supporting Economic Growth	Bypass and much needed junction improvement has been provided at a key part of the network.
 <b>02</b> A Safe and Serviceable Network	Collisions have reduced since the scheme opened.
 <b>03</b> A More Free-Flowing Network	Journey times and journey time reliability have improved since the scheme opened.
 <b>04</b> Improved Environment	The impact of the scheme is generally as expected. The road furniture and traffic levels on the former A419 are more suited to Blunsdon village.
 <b>05</b> An Accessible and Integrated Network	The scheme has had a positive effect on severance.

If you want more detail about the outcomes of this scheme then please refer to the Five Years After Opening Evaluation Report on the Highways England website.