

## What is the scheme?

Located in North Yorkshire, the scheme opened to traffic in March 2012 and consisted of the:

- Upgrade of a 13.7 mile (22km) section of the A1 to motorway standard to increase capacity.
- Construction of a Local Access Road (LAR) providing access for local traffic.






## What are the main findings from the study?

- **Traffic flows on the A1 have decreased** since the scheme opened and are lower than forecast. This reduction is in line with a nationwide reduction in traffic coinciding with the economic downturn.
- A1 (M) traffic is experiencing **more reliable journeys** together with time savings in the region of **2 to 3 minutes per vehicle** throughout the day.
- The **number of collisions on the A1 (M) has reduced by 64%** since the scheme opened and the impacts are better than forecast, with **serious collisions reducing by 74%**.
- **Monetary benefits are lower than expected**, due to the lower than forecast traffic volumes on the A1 and Local Access road.
- The impact of the scheme on the environment is **better than expected** due to lower than predicted traffic flows.

## Does the scheme meet its scheme specific objectives?

Objective	Has the objective been achieved?
Reduce high levels of accidents	✓
Reduce congestion	✓
Enhance journey time reliability	✓

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

 <b>01</b> Supporting Economic Growth	Much needed additional motorway capacity has been provided at 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 time reliability has improved since the scheme opened.
 <b>04</b> Improved Environment	The impact of the scheme is as expected.
 <b>05</b> An Accessible and Integrated Network	The scheme has not had a detrimental effect on severance impact for vulnerable users.

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