

A5

Dodwells to Longshoot Widening



The scheme

Introduction

Highways England is developing plans to provide a long term improvement to the A5 between Dodwells and Longshoot junctions. We are holding a public information exhibition to present the current scheme and seek comments and feedback to help shape the design. Construction is likely to start early 2020.

The A5 in this area currently suffers from severe congestion, particularly during morning and evening peak times. The proposed scheme will widen a length of the A5 near Dodwells roundabout to dual carriageway to improve traffic flow and safety in the area. These works will complement the recently built improvement scheme at Dodwells and Longshoot junctions, delivered as part of Highways England's Pinch Point Programme.

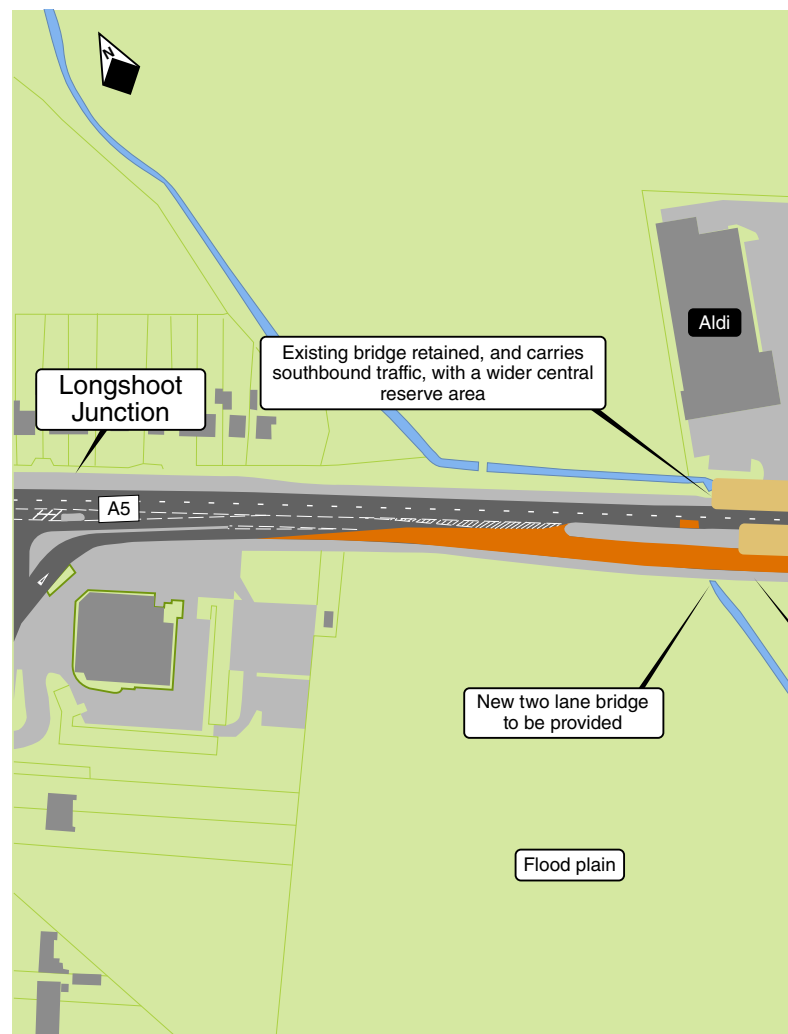
We considered alternative options that looked at bypassing this stretch of the A5 between Dodwells and Longshoot, but these were discounted on the grounds of significant environmental impacts, land take and cost.

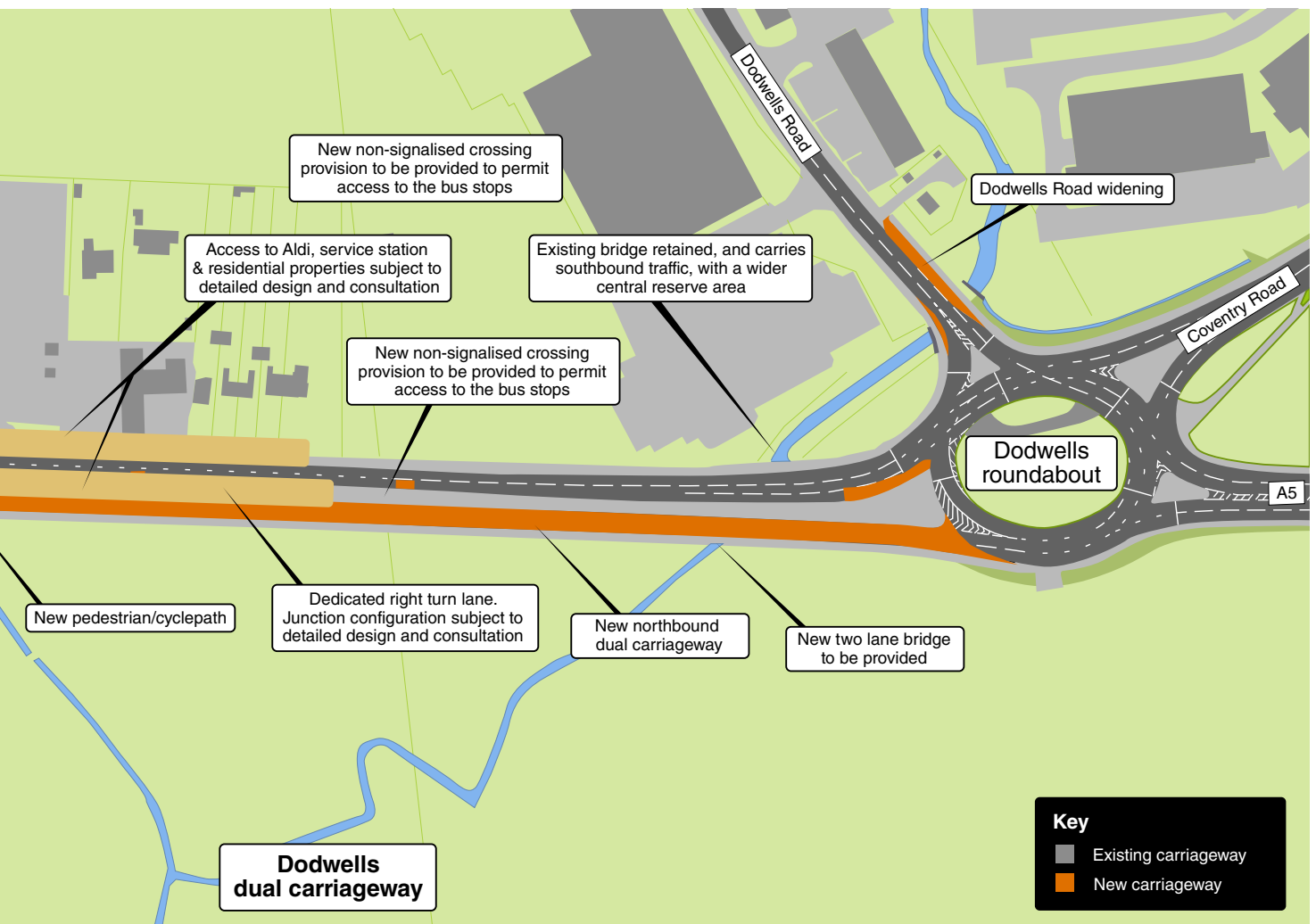
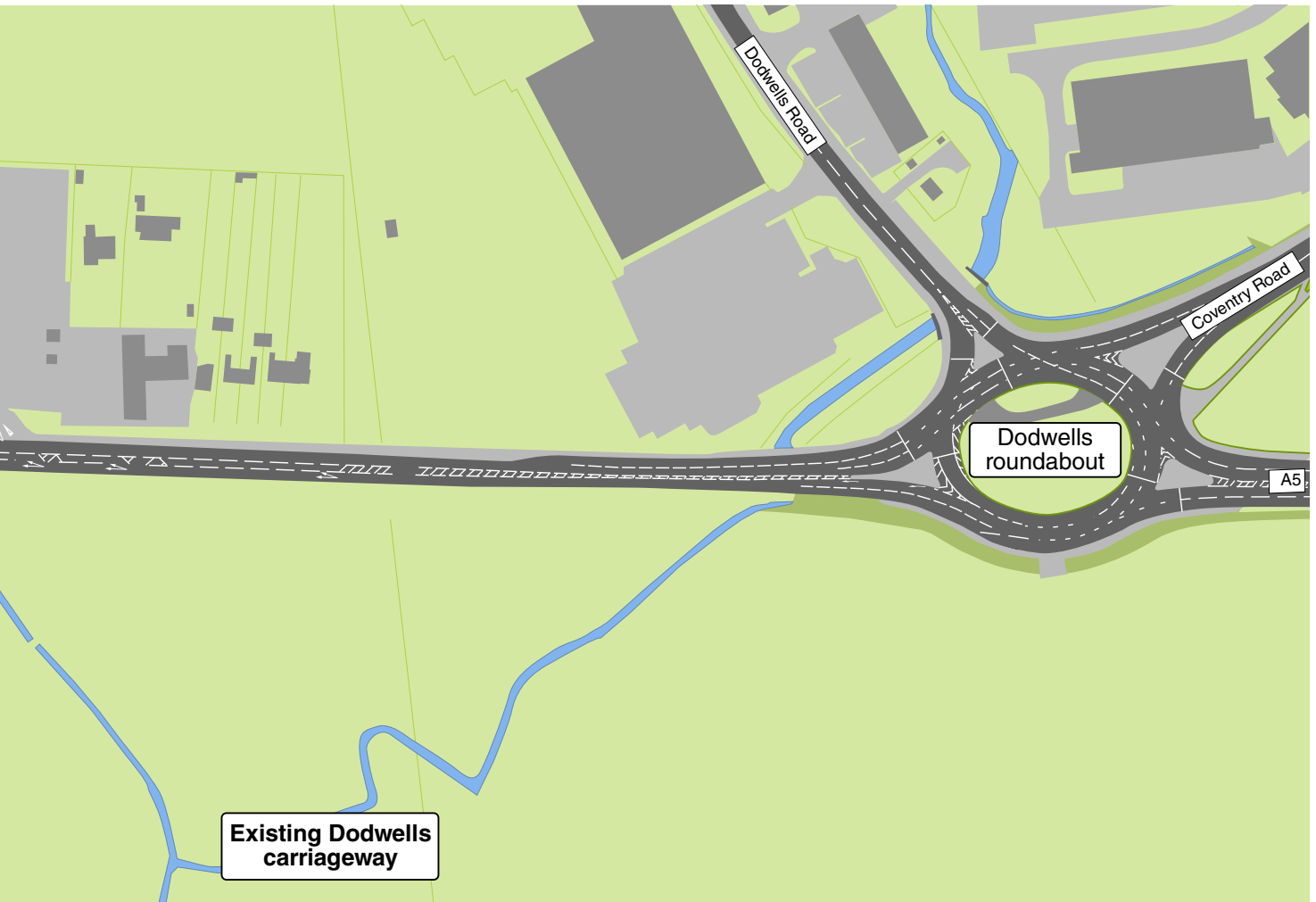


Objectives

The scheme we are delivering will:

- provide a more free flowing network by widening a short section of this strategically important route between Dodwells and Longshoot junctions, reducing congestion and improving journey times
- our investment will support economic growth within the area
- provide a safe and serviceable network for road users with dedicated access points to key businesses along the route. A new pedestrian and cycleway along the westbound carriageway will also form part of the works.
- reduce the need for further maintenance work in future by resurfacing the road as part of the scheme
- minimise impact on the natural and built environment.





Environment

As traffic volumes and congestion continues to increase it will have a greater impact upon the local environment. In developing our plans we will consider the following:

- impact on local residents, including noise pollution and reduced air quality associated with high volumes of slow moving or stationary traffic
- impact on the local natural environment, which may provide habitats for protected species around the carriageway and adjacent roads
- impact on the local community
- impact on the floodplain and drainage provision, in consultation with the Environment Agency
- culvert structures on the affected route and determine what provision is required under the new scheme
- provisions for pedestrians and cyclists during the works.



Next steps

We are at a very early stage with this scheme and are keen to engage our local stakeholders before we start designing the final agreed layout. This public information event is the start of this process. It is a good opportunity for you to speak to the design and project team to find out more about the proposed options.

After this event our design work and surveys will continue alongside engagement with local businesses regarding access. As the scheme progresses throughout design we will ensure to keep affected and local residents informed of progress via the Highways England website. If in the meantime you have any further questions you can contact us using the channels below:

Email: area7enquiries@aone.uk.com

Webpage: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a5-dodwells-to-longshoot-widening/>

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