

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Scheme - Project Appraisal Update

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Description of current service/policy

The M27 is a critical, strategic corridor in southern Hampshire which helps to keep the economy moving but at peak times queues caused by congestion at Junction 9 can extend back several kilometres along the motorway.

Both M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout currently experience severe congestion in the morning and evening peak periods and traffic queuing on the motorway off-slips at Junction 9 causes operational and safety issues on the M27 mainline.

The congestion is judged to be detrimentally impacting business retention in two large regionally significant adjacent Business Parks, Solent and Segensworth, located to the north and south of Junction 9 respectively.

Geographical impact: Fareham, Winchester

Description of proposed change

At Junction 9 the Scheme involves carriageway widening which will be undertaken to provide an additional lane on both motorway off-slip roads, the westbound on-slip road and the Whiteley Way approach, together with additional lanes on the northern and southern sections of the circulatory carriageway. At Parkway South Roundabout, a new larger fully-signalised roundabout will be provided, with carriageway widening to provide additional traffic lanes on all approaches and the circulatory carriageway.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

In November 2017 a public exhibition regarding the proposals was held at the Solent Hotel, Whiteley. The exhibition displayed detailed information about the proposals for M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout. Following the exhibition a public consultation was undertaken over a seven week period between 16 November 2017 and 4 January 2018. The consultation included information about the planned transport improvements. The exhibition was attended by 376 visitors and 297 questionnaires were returned. The results from the consultation indicated a strong level of support for the scheme, with 76% of respondents supporting the proposals to improve M27 J9 and Parkway South Roundabout.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		

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Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The proposals will have no impact upon groups with protected characteristics. In the event that a CPO is required, the guidance published by the DCLG (Guidance on CPO process and The Crichton Down Rules for disposal of surplus land acquired by, or under the threat of compulsion) will be followed.

The scheme will have a positive effect for all motorists and road users, through reduced traffic congestion, improved access for residents and businesses and supported future development, with no additional impact on any group with protected characteristics.

Any other information