

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout scheme, Whiteley
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Description of Service / Policy

Proposed improvements to two busy highway junctions located adjacent to major business parks at Whiteley and Segensworth. All road users and all demographics will be affected.

Geographical impact* Fareham Winchester

Description of proposed change

Carriageway widening to provide additional traffic lanes and traffic signal improvements at M27 Junction 9 and the Parkway South roundabout, in order to provide additional traffic capacity. All highway users will be positively impacted due to reductions in delay and journey times.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Planned

The County Council intends to hold a public information event for the scheme in Autumn 2017, which will include full details of the preferred scheme and consultation over potential new or enhanced non-motorised user routes to connect Whiteley to Segensworth and the A27.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations	Impact
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Age	Neutral
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Disability	Neutral
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Sexual Orientation	Neutral
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Race	Neutral
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Religion and Belief	Neutral
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Gender Reassignment	Neutral
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Gender	Neutral
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Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral
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Pregnancy and Maternity Neutral

Other policy considerations

Poverty Neutral

Rurality Neutral

Neutrality Statement As this is a highway improvement scheme which will increase traffic capacity at two junctions there are not expected to be any impacts on groups with protected characteristics. The benefits will be accessible to all road users regardless of age, disability, race, gender etc.

In the event that a CPO is required, the guidance published by the DCLG (Guidance on CPO process and The Crichel Down Rules for disposal of surplus land acquired by, or under the threat of compulsion) will be followed.

Additional Information

The proposed scheme will provide positive benefits for all local residents and users of the adjacent business and retail parks, regardless of gender, race, religion or mobility. It will reduce congestion, delay and vehicular journey times and reduce associated levels of driver stress. Benefits will apply to all users of the junctions.