

A47 Wansford to Sutton

Newsletter – July 2018



Better and safer journeys

We are proposing a new dual-carriageway on the A47 between the A1 junction and the roundabout at Nene Way.

Our proposals will reduce congestion at the junction with the A1, which is particularly busy at peak times on the southbound slip road. There is also a history of fatal and serious collisions along this stretch of road. This is associated with right turns and access at the junction.

Scheme design update

Junction design

The preferred route alignment continues to be adjusted to reduce the impact of the scheme on the River Nene and associated flood plain. The preferred route now runs as close as possible to the scheduled monument site.

The A1 / A47 junction designs have also been adjusted to improve the capacity at the Wansford west roundabout.

We are reviewing the maintenance and buildability of the scheme design.

Walking, cycling and horse riding design

Surveys on walking, cycling and horse riding activity have now been completed at different locations around the route. The information from these surveys will be used to inform the design requirements for these facilities.

The proposals to enhance connectivity between Wansford and Sutton are being developed and these will be discussed with the community working group at their next meeting.

The funding application for the next stage of the initiative to improve the path through the Wansford Picnic Area has been submitted and a decision is likely to be made this month.

Environment and archaeology

Making sure we take care to protect the environment is an important part of what we do. Surveys help us to understand the local area.

During June 2018 the following surveys took place:

- Early morning reptile surveys across the route
- Dusk and dawn bat surveys
- Camera traps for badger activity
- Otter surveys
- Tree mapping in woodland areas

Stakeholder meetings

Meetings taken place this month

The latest community working group meeting took place at the start of June 2018. The project team and representatives from the local community discussed the meeting with Historic England that took place in May 2018 regarding the scheduled monument, the adjusted preferred route alignment and the requirement for the walking, cycling and horse riding routes.

The first statutory environmental bodies working group took place last month. The project team met with Anglian Water Services, Historic England, Peterborough City Council and the Inland Waterways Association. Discussions took place regarding the environmental aspects of the scheme and to share knowledge of the area.

Upcoming meetings

The next community working group meeting will take place later this month. This meeting will be used to gain feedback on the optimised junction designs and the preferred walking, cycling and horse riding routes.

Current challenges

Scheduled monument

Following our meeting, Historic England have reiterated that the route must not impact the identified scheduled monument site any more than the current route. Since this meeting the preferred route alignment has been adjusted so it runs as close to the scheduled monument boundary as possible while observing the requirements from Historic England.

Further information

For further information on the scheme:



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