

A38 Derby junctions

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Winter 2019



Welcome to the eighth edition of our **A38 Derby** junctions newsletter.

We know there continues to be a lot of interest in this project, so we're keen to share our latest news and let you know what's happening next.

The A38 is an important route from Birmingham to Derby and through to the M1 at junction 28. Where it passes through Derby, long distance traffic interacts with a large volume of vehicles making local journeys. These interactions create congestion

and delays at three existing roundabout junctions to the west and north of Derby city centre.

The key features of our junctions improvement scheme are to:

- Lower the A38 to pass underneath the modified Kingsway and Markeaton junctions
- Widen the A38 to 3 lanes in each direction between the Kingsway and Kedleston Road junctions
- Build 2 new bridges to carry the A38 traffic over the modified roundabout at Little Eaton junction

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What we've been doing

Since we issued our last newsletter we've held a public consultation for the scheme. Our exhibition visited 7 different locations in Derby and our team met with almost 700 people.

More than 300 of you filled in our consultation questionnaire and we've been busy analysing your feedback. In response to your comments, we revised some elements of our scheme design. **You can view the consultation report here.**

Once we'd finalised the scheme design details, we set about preparing the various documents that are required to make the Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate.

On 21 May 2019, our proposals for the A38 Derby junctions scheme were accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. This was a significant milestone for our team, as it means we've taken a big step towards delivering the much-needed improvements on this stretch of road.

You can view the acceptance letter here.

Please **click here** to see the list of all those who registered to put forward their case on our A38 Derby junctions scheme and their relevant representations.

Once we'd published and notified people of the accepted DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate had around 3 months to prepare for the Examination.

DCO examination

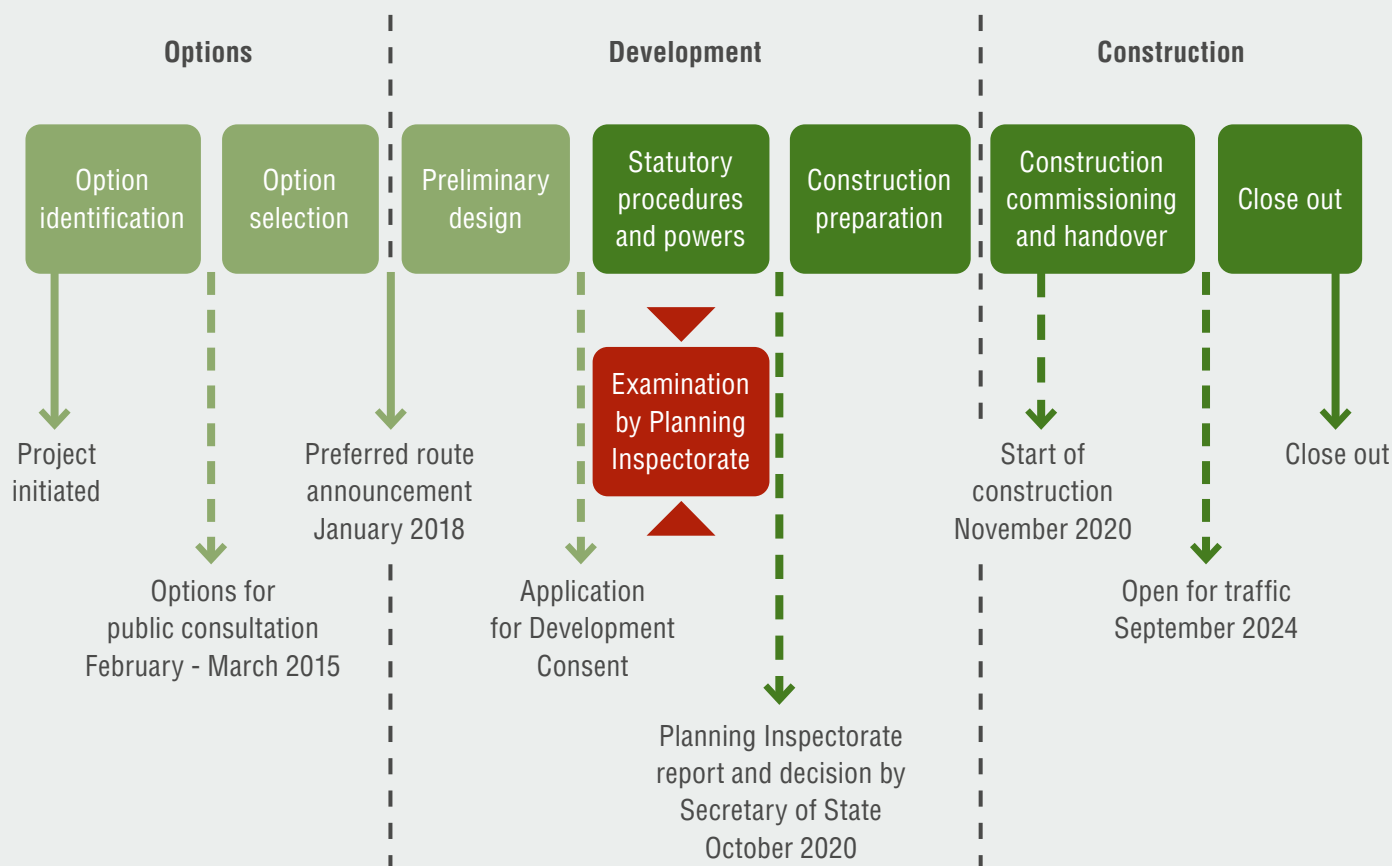
The **preliminary meeting** was held on 8 October 2019. Invitations to this meeting were sent to interested parties. During the preliminary meeting the procedural decision, which sets out the timetable for the examination, was made.

The procedural decision includes:

- Deadlines for receipt of detailed written representations
- Comments on the relevant representations made by other interested parties



Timeline



Deadline submissions

Deadline is the term used for the written summaries of oral contributions which will be considered as part of the DCO examination. All written summaries are now available for you to view. You can find out more about the procedural decision and deadline 1 and 2 by visiting the project page on our Highways England website. Alternatively, you can request information by contacting the project team, who will be happy to help.

Rule 8 letter

Shortly after the preliminary meeting, the examining authority published a Rule 8 letter. This letter includes:

- their first set of written questions
- a confirmed list of principal issues
- a record of their first and second unaccompanied site inspections
- a final timetable for the process
- other important information about the examination

You can find out more about the **Rule 8 letter** by visiting the project page on our Highways England website or contacting our project team.

What happens next?

Dates for the DCO examination have been published in the 'timetable' section of the Rule 8 letter. All interested parties have also been issued with a notice of the procedural decision, which includes information about how the examination will be conducted.

On 8 April 2020, the examination period will close. We expect the outcome of our DCO application to be announced by the Secretary of State in October 2020.

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

Did you know?

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