

# M6 junction 19 improvement scheme

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# Welcome

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## About the scheme

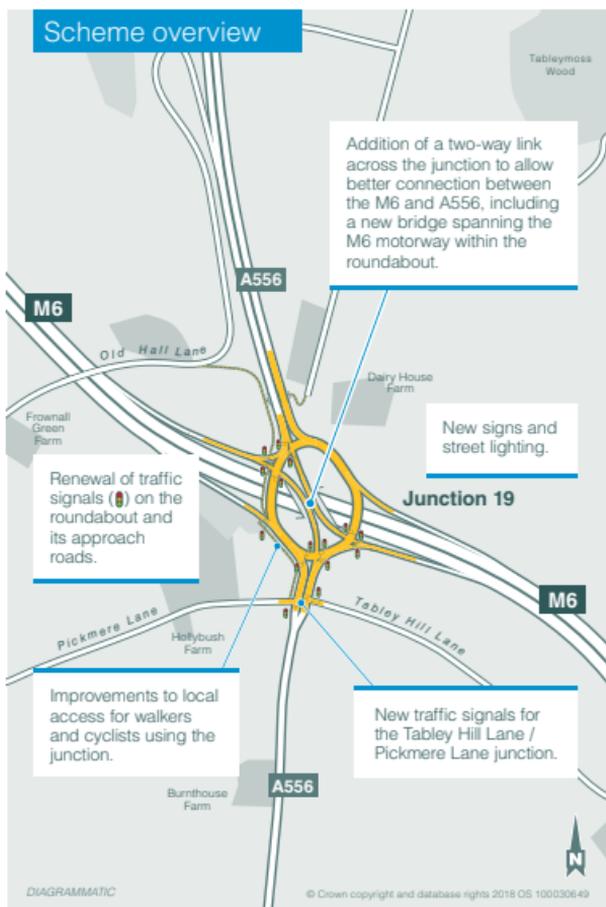
Highways England's proposed scheme to improve junction 19 of the M6 is part of our continued programme of investment in the Strategic Road Network and will:

- reduce congestion at the junction
- improve safety for all road users
- improve journey times
- support regional economic growth
- offer increased connectivity to key roads and areas
- continue improvements to Manchester's southern access alongside improvements to the A556, the current M6 junction 16-19 smart motorway project and the proposed improvements to the M56 between junctions 6 and 8

We have taken on board the feedback you provided during the consultation on options in summer 2016. Three quarters of all respondents, including Cheshire East and Tabley councils, backed the option which includes a new bridge across the middle of the roundabout - where the M6 meets the A556.

Since the announcement of a preferred route in 2017, we have been developing further the detail of the scheme.

Our team is here today to answer your questions and provide more information. If you have any thoughts or concerns about our plans, please feel free to tell us in person or by filling in a response form and giving it to us. You can also fill in the response form online at: [www.highways.gov.uk/M6-Junction19](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M6-Junction19).



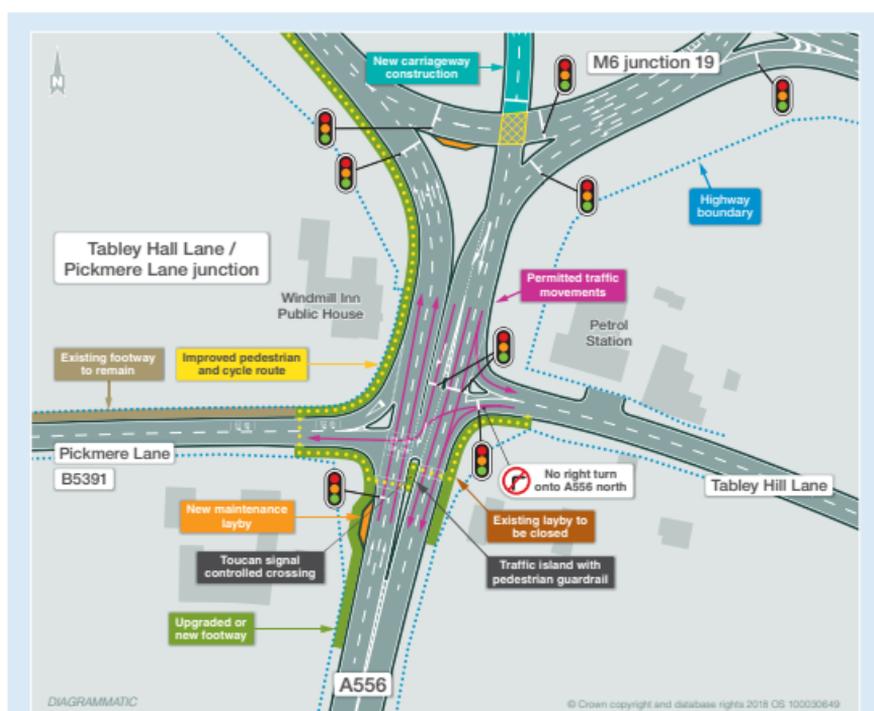
## Improvements to junction 19



### Key features

- The construction of a new bridge across the centre of the junction, providing two new dedicated links, one from the M6 northbound to the A556 northbound and the other from the M6 southbound to the A556 southbound.
- New toucan crossings to help pedestrians and cyclists cross the junction.
- Improvements to local access for pedestrians and cyclists with widening of the existing footway around junction 19 to create a shared use facility with links to existing routes to the north and south.
- Renewal of traffic signals and road signs on the roundabout and its approach roads.

### Improvements to local roads



#### Key features:

- New traffic signals to make turning into Pickmere Lane easier and safer.
- Temporary central reserve island made permanent.
- Improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, including Toucan crossings to help users cross the A556 at Pickmere Lane and Tabley Hill Lane safely.

## Environmental considerations

We have undertaken a range of surveys and assessments to establish current environmental conditions, and to identify any environmental issues that need to be considered, including:

- Air quality
- Noise and vibration
- Landscape and visual impact
- Drainage and the water environment
- Geology and soils
- Nature conservation
- People and communities
- Cultural heritage
- Materials

### Air quality

There are currently air quality concerns in the vicinity of junction 19. While there may be some temporary negative effects during construction of the new bridges the anticipated reduction in congestion at the junction should help air quality to improve in the longer term.

### Landscape and visual impact

The most obvious visual change at junction 19 will be the addition of a new bridge across the middle of the roundabout. It is not expected to be more intrusive than what is already there as it will be at the same level as the existing structures. There will also be some temporary impact on the landscape during construction caused by machinery and by the clearance of vegetation within the existing roundabout to allow the work to be carried out. New planting should mean there is no long-term impact.

### Noise and vibration

There is the potential for some additional noise and vibration caused by machinery during construction. Efforts will be made to keep this to a minimum, and no increase is expected when normal operation at the junction is resumed.



### People and communities

Traffic management measures will be needed during construction, but efforts are already being made to keep these to a minimum. The scheme will reduce congestion and is expected to improve connectivity across junction 19.

We will continue to work to understand and find ways to reduce environmental impacts while we continue the design process and also during the construction phase.

## Impacts on local community, cyclists and pedestrians

There is an existing footway on the western side of the junction (northbound). This involves crossing the motorway entry and exit slip roads without a controlled crossing. Surveys indicate that current pedestrian and cycle movements are very low.

There are opportunities to link into the new high-quality facilities provided as part of the A556 upgrade.



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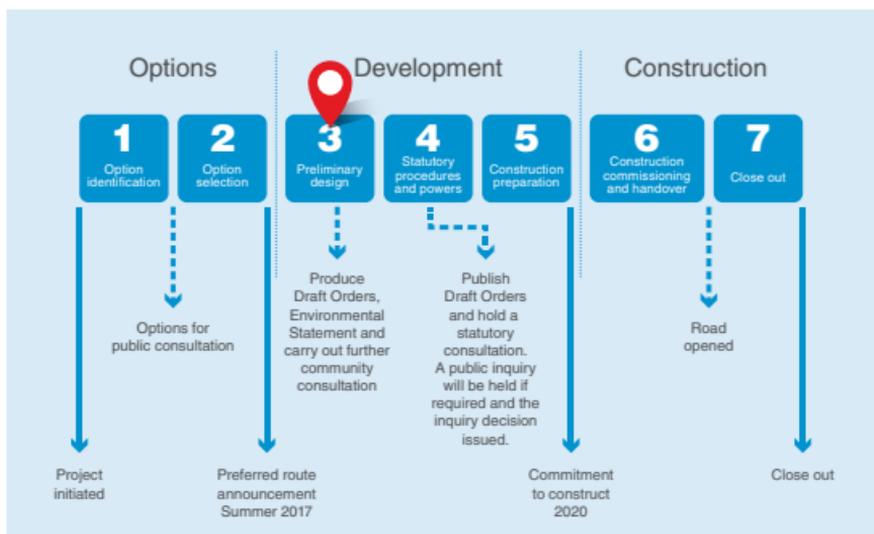


The proposed scheme will create an attractive new route and improve connectivity across junction 19 by:

- widening the existing footway to a shared use facility for pedestrians and cyclists
- installing new lighting
- providing signal-controlled crossing facilities on the slip roads



## What happens next?



### Your views are important

We welcome your comments on the proposed scheme and will consider these as we progress our designs. Later this year, we intend publishing draft orders that will enable us to start building the improvements by March 2020 at the latest.

### Further Information

For more information about the proposed scheme, copies of these display boards and a brief online response form, please visit [www.highways.gov.uk/M6-Junction19](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M6-Junction19)

You can sign up to receive updates about the proposed scheme at: [www.highways.gov.uk/M6-Junction19](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M6-Junction19)

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