Why are we developing a scheme to improve M6 junction 10?

M6 junction 10 is of strategic importance within the Black Country and the wider region.

The current level of congestion at the junction affects the local community and businesses on a daily basis, particularly during morning and evening peak times.

The congestion includes not only queuing on the roundabout and the motorway slip roads, but also on the Black Country Route and other roads leading to the junction.

Existing M6 junction 10

The main objectives of the M6 junction 10 scheme are to:

1. Provide a freer flowing network by:
   - reducing congestion on the A454/Black Country Route and other roads linking to the junction
   - reducing rat-running traffic on nearby routes
   - reducing queuing on the motorway slip roads
2. Support economic growth by:

- improving access to the strategic road network
- attracting new business and development to the area
- improving links to Walsall development sites given Enterprise Zone status in 2011

3. Provide a safe and maintainable network by:

- replacing the bridge structures at M6 junction 10, avoiding major maintenance work in the near future
- improving conditions for cyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorised users at the junction

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Reasons for choosing the option:
- most effective at reducing congestion
- offers the best value for money
- lower cost to build
- offers the best improvement in terms of road safety
- easier and safer movement for pedestrians and cyclists
The M6 and junction 10 carry large volumes of traffic through the heart of the Walsall section of the Black Country Enterprise Zone.
Next steps

In 2017, we will be continuing to work towards gaining planning approval and completing the statutory process needed for the scheme to be built.

The planning process will start during summer 2017. Walsall Planning Authority is required to undertake a formal period of public consultation, prior to deciding the outcome of the planning application.

Anyone can respond to a planning consultation. This may include individuals, community groups and special interest groups who may or may not be directly affected by a planning application.

The time period for making comments will be set out in the publicity accompanying the planning application, which will include publication in the local press.

If successful in gaining planning approval, we will move to the final detailed design of the scheme. We anticipate that construction of the scheme will start in 2018, take approximately 2 years to build, and will be open to traffic during 2020.

Share your views

We would like to know your views on the preferred design for the junction and your feedback about our information events.

Please complete the online feedback form via the Walsall Council website: www.walsall.gov.uk/m6j10

For scheme information visit the Highways England scheme website: http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m6-junction-10-improvement/
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