

North Whiteley Development Forum - Scheme Position Statement

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Purpose of Note:

This note provides an update with regards to the current position on the following schemes being delivered by Hampshire County Council: M27 Junction 9, A27 Segensworth Link, and Botley Bypass.

M27 Junction 9

All works at M27 Junction 9 are now complete. The scheme has been subject to a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit, which has identified several minor works items to be rectified. Possible further works at the end of the 12-month defects period may be necessary, but these are to be identified.

The shared cycle/ footway facility between Parkway South Roundabout and M27 Junction 9 has been temporarily closed for reasons of user safety - for further details see the **A27 Segensworth Link** section below. In the interim, alternative routes between the Parkway South Roundabout and Segensworth Roundabout are provided via the following link: <u>Alternative walking routes between Parkway South Roundabout and Segensworth Roundabout (office.com)</u>.

The site compound area has now been cleared away and the land reinstated, except for possible additional works to reinstate a fence and several bollards on a private access on Whiteley Way between Parkway South Roundabout and the junction with Parkway. Discussions with the landowner regarding these possible works are ongoing.

A27 Segensworth Link

This scheme involves the provision of a new walking and cycling facility adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the A27 Segensworth Link, between M27 Junction 9 and the Segensworth Roundabout (see Figure 1 overleaf). The new facility will provide the missing link between the M27 Junction 9 works and existing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity of the Segensworth West and East industrial estates.

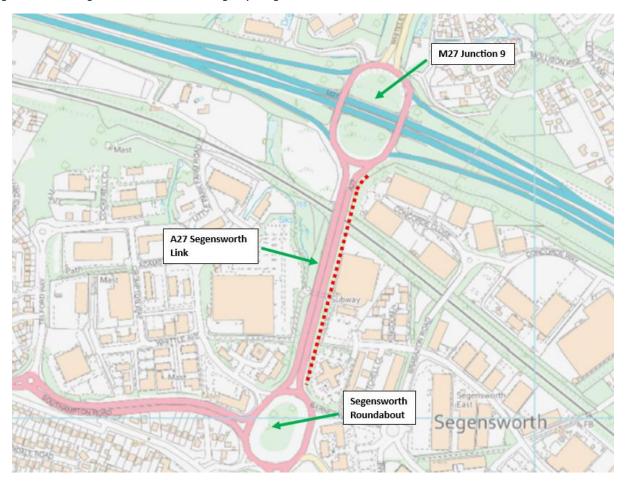
The detailed design for the footway/ cycleway extension has been completed, except for the existing bridge section over the Southampton - Portsmouth - London Victoria railway line, which is awaiting approval from Network Rail with regards to the form of the final bridge parapet improvement required to enable it to meet with current standards. As the existing parapet height is below current standards, the recently completed cycle/ footway between Parkway South Roundabout and M27 Junction 9 has been temporarily closed as a fully compliant route for both pedestrians and cyclists between Parkway South Roundabout and Segensworth Roundabout will not be available until the works adjacent to the A27 Segensworth Link are completed.

As the timescales for the provision of the final bridge parapet are approximately 18-24 months, HCC is working with Network Rail to agree the provision of a temporary barrier to be provided adjacent to the existing bridge parapet, that would enable the new footway to open upon completion, which is forecast to be the end of 2024.

Further updates regarding the footway scheme can be found on the appropriate webpage: <u>A27</u> Segensworth Link - Eastern Footway | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)



Figure 1: A27 Segensworth Link Walking/ Cycling Route



The provision of the footway extension will require the existing speed limit on the A27 Segensworth Link to be reduced from its current 50mph to 40mph. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the reduced speed limit covering the M27 Junction 9 roundabout, A27 Segensworth Link and links off the Segensworth Roundabout, is currently being advertised and will complete on Friday 29th December.

HCC are also investigating the possible provision of a cycle ramp down from the new footway, to link in to the existing cycleway that runs beneath the A27 Segensworth Link, linking the Segensworth West and East industrial estates.

Botley Bypass

The timing of the next phase of the works is currently under review and further updates will be made available via the scheme webpage - <u>Botley Bypass | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council</u> (hants.gov.uk)