

## **Joint Transportation Board**

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### **M20 Junction 10A Scheme Update**

#### **Highways England update on progress of M20 Junction 10a scheme.**

As the Junction 10A Community Stakeholder Group has not met for some time I am writing to update you on progress and the timetable moving forward.

The traffic modelling has been completed and we are currently re-visiting the scheme design to give us the best Value for Money option. It is important that each new junction on the revised road system created creates as little congestion as possible both for future road users and also because this influences the economic appraisal we have to carry out to justify making this investment of public funds.

The planning application for development of the land at Sevington is being considered by Ashford BC in parallel as a separate process to the approval process for junction 10A works which are a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project being led by Highways England. Although the two processes are separate we continue to work closely together. Issues around the rural lanes and their relationship to the Sevington development will be tackled as part of the Sevington planning application process.

The design work being carried out has led to the project programme being put back. We are currently intending to take the scheme to public consultation in late autumn. We envisage the next meeting of the Community Stakeholder Group taking place in advance of the formal launch of that consultation in November. We will let you have details of a date for that meeting shortly.

The formal Development Consent Order application is likely in April 2016, with a start on site of early 2018, with about 18 months construction period.

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