Welcome to the exhibition

There has been a long term desire to complete a ring road around the north of Northampton to solve local transport problems. Progress has been made, New Sandy Lane opened in 2010 and improvements to the A43 Kettering Road is currently under construction. The developers of Norwood Farm are expected to complete the ‘missing’ section of Sandy Lane Relief Road.

Northampton North-West Relief Road and Northampton Northern Orbital Route would complete the ring road from the A4500 Weedon Road to the A43 Kettering Road. They would improve the traffic network and address traffic problems in northern Northampton and the surrounding villages. They would provide extra traffic capacity in the area where some 10,000 new homes are planned.

Developing and funding major highways schemes is challenging. Funding had been secured for the North-West Relief Road. Future bids are envisaged for the Northern Orbital Route. This means that the North-West Relief Road will be built first, with the Northern Orbital Route following.

North-West Relief Road (NWRR)

NWRR Scheme Status

This scheme will link New Sandy Lane (at it’s junction with the A428 Harlestone Road) to the A5199 Welford Road (just west of Boughton Crossing).

The scheme has been under consideration for many years. We last consulted on the scheme in the early 1990s and a preferred route was agreed which later appeared in the Northampton Local Plan. However, this route was later dropped and there is currently no approved route.

The first section will run from New Sandy Lane to the north of the Dallington Grange development and will be delivered by the developers. A small part of this road has already been constructed by the Harlestone Manor housing development (York Road).

The second section, which will be built by the County Council, will run north to the A5199 Welford Road. This is the section we are consulting on.

As developed in the 1990s, the road was expected to join the A5199 to the east of Boughton Crossing near the Windhover. However, the development of the Brampton View Nursing Home has blocked the route north from that point. In order to allow the ring road to be completed we are now proposing that the road should join the A5199 to the west of Boughton Crossing. This means that the road would stay to the west of the Brampton Brook, and be further from current and proposed housing on the edge of Northampton.

The scheme funding is complex and the overall cost is estimated at £32M. We have secured £7.93M of Government funding through SEMLEP’s (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership) Growth Deal. The remainder of the funding will be secured from developers.

Northampton Northern Orbital Route (NNOR)

NNOR Scheme Status

The scheme will link the end of NWRR at A5199 to the A43 Kettering Road.

The scheme is at a very early stage of development. Though there is a clear need for the scheme, no funding has been committed to deliver it and a preferred route has not been decided upon.

It is very likely that the scheme will need funding in part from the Government, which will require the scheme to have a strong case in competition with other infrastructure investment needs.

Previous Studies and Progress

2009 - We prepared a report to identify key constraints
2015 - Four Route Options were identified (numbered 1-4)
2016 - Early public consultation exhibitions on the Options and potential constraints
2016 - Routes studied in more detail. Route Options 2, 3, 5B and 5C rejected, see next board
2016 - Routes Options 1 and 4 refined to reduce impacts on key constraints. Now numbered Options 7 and 8 respectively.
2017 - The current consultation on refined Route Options 7 and 8.