

## M27 Junction 11 - 12 Climbing Lanes Public Exhibition November 2005

### Introduction

The South Coast Corridor Multi-Modal Study (SoCoMMS), which reported in August 2002, made recommendations for a long-term strategy to address transport problems on the South Coast.

After considering the available options it was concluded that these problems could be addressed through localised highway improvements.

One of the key recommendations included in the strategy was to enhance the current road network's overall efficiency, with improvements to the operation of the M27 between junctions 11 and 12.

The Highways Agency have commissioned consultants to review the scheme and develop proposals.

### Background

The M27 is one of the most important traffic routes in Hampshire, linking Southampton and Portsmouth. It is some 27 miles in length and was opened in stages between 1975 and 1984. The M27 carries the highest traffic volumes on the South Coast corridor, and serves

several functions including:

- A strategic link along the South Coast.
- A bypass to Southampton, Fareham and northern Portsmouth.
- An alternative route for local journeys when compared to other local roads.

In March 2005 the Secretary of State announced the addition of this scheme to the Targeted Programme of Improvements.

### Why The Improvement Is Needed

- The area has seen considerable growth in recent years, which has led to increased traffic flows.
- The crest of the hill midway between the junctions mean there is a high proportion of slow moving traffic.

### Scheme Objectives

- To reduce congestion.
- To improve safety.
- To improve journey times and reliability.
- To minimise the environmental impact.

### Proposed Scheme

- The proposed scheme is to provide a climbing lane in each direction between Junctions 11 and 12.
- The widening is to be achieved wholly within the existing highway boundary, minimising environmental impacts and requiring no additional land.
- The works will include replacement and upgrade of the safety barriers, and improvement of the motorway lighting.
- The proposed works will upgrade the existing drainage system.

### The Purpose Of The Public Exhibition

The exhibition presents an indication of the work undertaken on the scheme so far. It is being held so that local people and other interested parties can view and comment on the proposals being considered.

## What Happens Next?

After the public exhibition we will consider your views. Further studies and design work will be undertaken leading to the publication of an Environmental Statement and another Public Exhibition to allow you to view the final proposals.

- Scheme entry into the Government's Targeted Programme of Improvements
- Public Exhibition
- Environmental Statement Published & Public Exhibition
- Public Inquiry (if necessary)
- Secretary of State Announces Decision
- Construction Starts

The construction of the scheme is subject to the completion of the necessary statutory procedures and the availability of funding. Any views you express now will not prejudice your right to make further comment in the future. Leaflets explaining your rights will be available at the exhibition.

## How You Can Help

Please try to visit the exhibition where the scheme details will be on display. Representatives from the Highways Agency and their consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd will be present at the exhibition to explain the proposals, to answer your questions and listen to your comments.

## Exhibition Dates And Times

The exhibition will be held at Portchester Parish Hall, Castle Road, Portchester, Fareham.

on:

Friday 25th November 2005, 2.30pm to 8pm

Saturday 26th November 2005, 9am to 2pm

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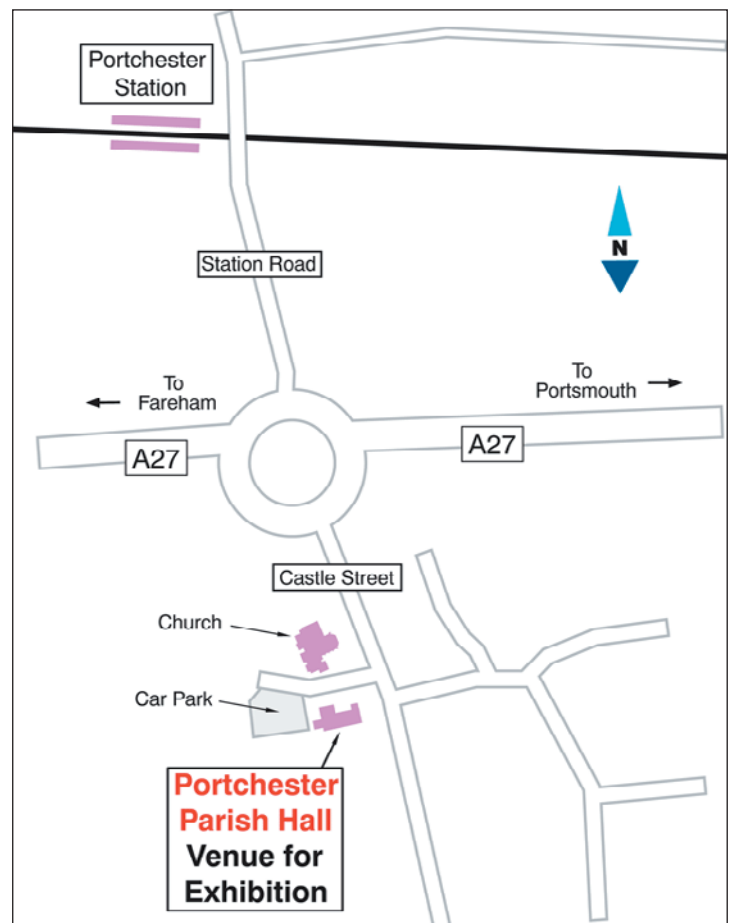
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## Location of the Venue



# Scheme Map



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## Driving through roadworks

If you do have to drive through roadworks, please take extra care.



- Keep to the speed limit - it is there for your safety
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not on the roadworks
- Keep a safe distance - there could be queues in front

- Get into the correct lane in good time - don't keep switching
- Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Observe all signs - they are there to help you

**Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.**