



A295 South Road/Diplocks Way /Ersham Road Junction Improvement Consultation

Engagement brochure and survey

East Sussex County Council



Introduction

East Sussex County Council is committed to ensuring that the county is both an attractive and prosperous place to live, work and visit whilst we strongly support the growth of the local economy.

Local Context

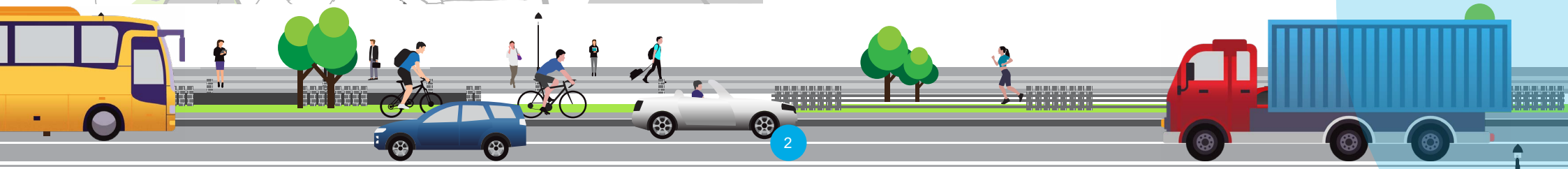
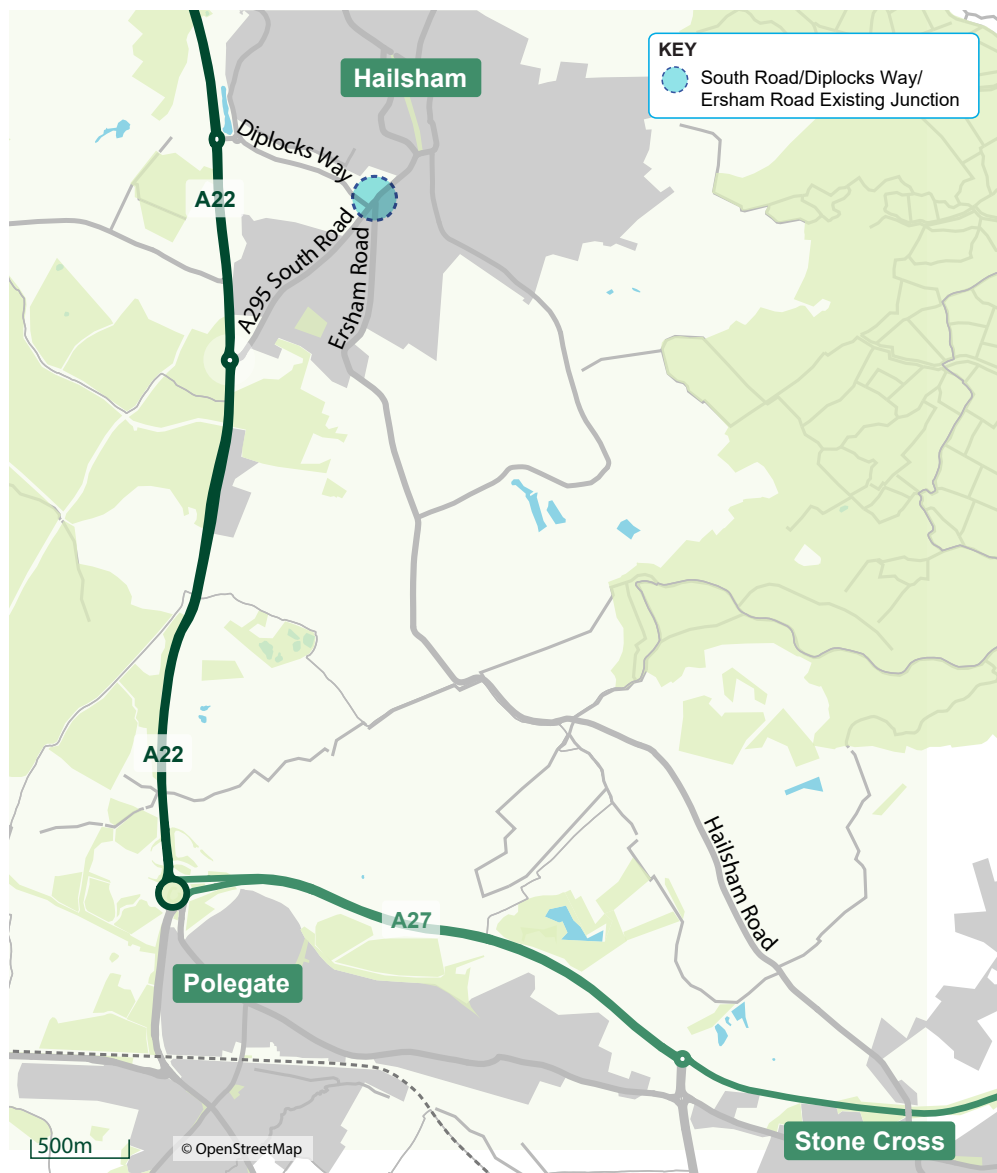
South Road forms part of the A295, which connects Hailsham with the A22 Hailsham Bypass at Eagles roundabout.

Ersham Road provides access to residential areas in the south of Hailsham and then links (via Hailsham Road) to Stone Cross and the Shinewater/Langney areas of Eastbourne.

Diplocks Way connects the A295 South Road to the A22 Hailsham Bypass at Diplocks roundabout. Diplocks Way is the main access to the Diplocks Industrial Estate, Apex Business Park and Hailsham Retail Park.

The South Road/Ersham Road mini roundabout and South Road/Diplocks Way priority junction lie next to each other and are located less than half a mile southwest of Hailsham town centre. Currently the entrance and exit of the petrol station are aligned with the roundabout's entry and exit points. The proposal for the redesign of the junctions ensures that both the entrance and exit of the petrol station are on one side of the junction.

The close inter-relationship between the two junctions, the movements in and out of the petrol station, as well as adjacent access points result in frequent queues and delay in and around the South Road/Ersham Road and South Road/Diplocks Way junctions.



The Challenge

Locally, the South Road/Ersham Road and South Road/Diplocks Way junctions are important parts of the road network that experience high levels of traffic and congestion, particularly at peak times. The need for an improvement to the junctions was initially identified in the Movement and Access Strategy for Hailsham and Hellingly (MASHH) that was published in 2012.

Without any layout improvements at these junctions, forecasts suggest that the junctions would not be able to cope with anticipated future traffic growth across the South Wealden area.

If we don't do anything journeys will take longer, congestion will increase, affecting access to and from Hailsham town centre as well as the Diplocks Industrial Estate, and potentially traffic will be diverted onto local roads which are unsuitable for higher levels of traffic. In addition, this will further impact on journey times and reliability of bus services passing through the junction linking Hailsham to Polegate and Eastbourne.

Developing Solutions

To develop potential solutions, significant data has been collected, particularly on traffic volumes and movements. This data has been used to analyse and redesign the junction to improve operation and to provide future capacity for the projected growth until 2028.

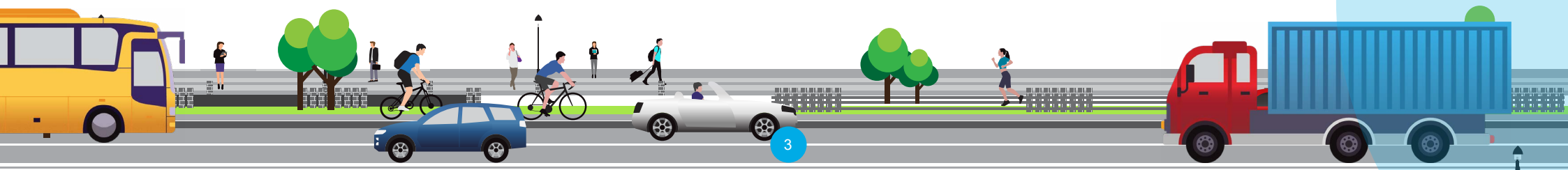
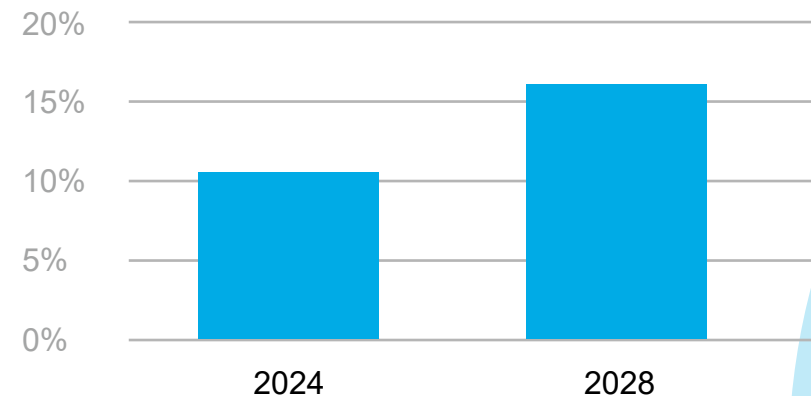
The proposed solution consolidates the two junctions into a single four arm roundabout junction. This forms part of the wider package of transport

improvements identified to support the housing and employment growth in the Hailsham area. The wider package includes the three junction improvements on the A22 Hailsham Bypass at Boship roundabout, Hempstead Lane and Eagles roundabout that were consulted upon in summer 2021.

Unreliable journey times



Traffic growth



What are we proposing?

A295 South Road/Diplocks Way/Ersham Road junction proposal – consolidated roundabout with relocation of electricity substation

As put forward in the MASHH, the proposed revised layout would provide a single roundabout junction as a replacement for the existing South Road/Ersham Road mini roundabout and South Road/Diplocks Way T-junction.

Two lane entry and exits would be provided on the South Road arms (northbound and southbound). The entry from Ersham Road onto the roundabout would also be two lanes with one lane exit. The entry and exit from the Diplocks Way arm would be one lane. The roundabout has been designed to ensure that all sizes of vehicles up to heavy goods vehicles and low loader trailers can move safely around the junction.

Pedestrian and parallel cycle crossings would be introduced on Diplocks Way, Ersham Road and South Road (north only). These crossings provide increased access through the junction for non-motorised users and allow connection to other pedestrian and cycle routes in the town, including the Cuckoo Trail.

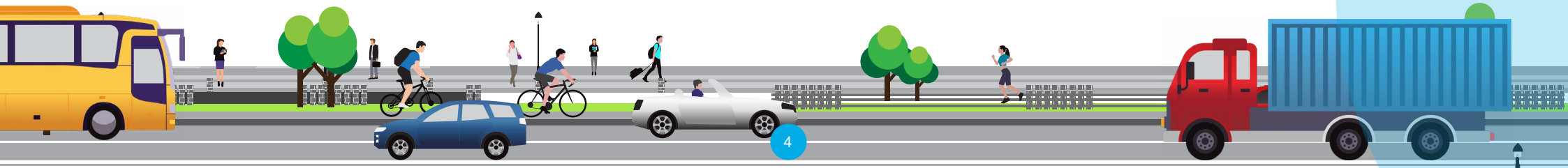
The introduction of the proposed roundabout requires the land currently designated village green. An application is currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate to deregister this land as village green with alternative provision having already been provided in south Hailsham immediately adjacent to the Cuckoo Trail. The new roundabout would require the repositioning of the electricity substation currently located on the corner of the existing junction, the electricity substation would be relocated to an area within the existing village green.

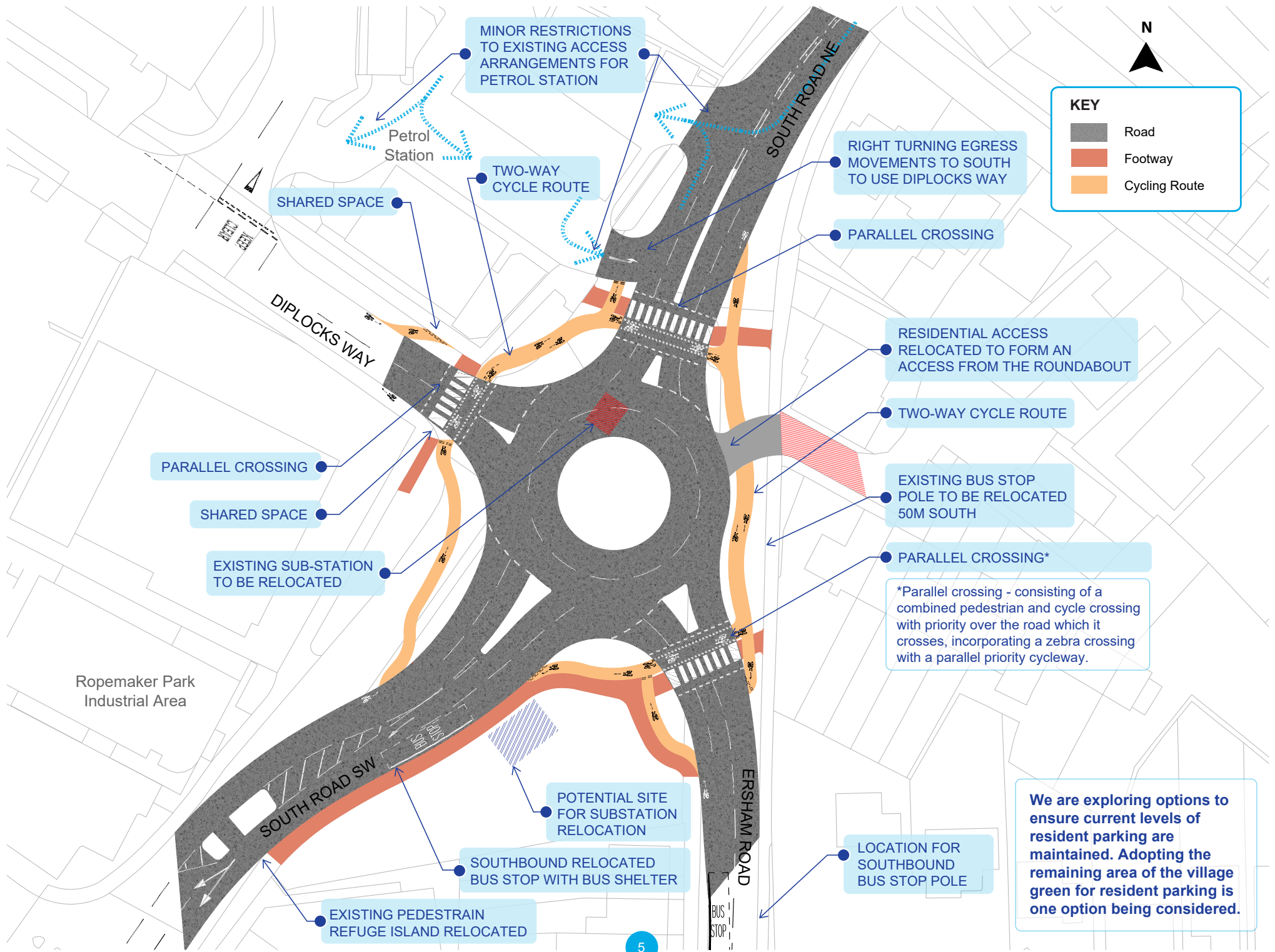
In addition, access to The Old Bricklayers residential properties would be realigned for access onto the roundabout. The new access arrangement would allow access to all properties from all directions at the roundabout.

The existing access to the petrol station would be retained. Access to the garage would still be through the access to the east, allowing for both right and left turn access. The existing exit on to South Road will be retained as a left-out only, with southbound traffic directed through the existing exit onto Diplocks Way.



Sources: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, USDA FSA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

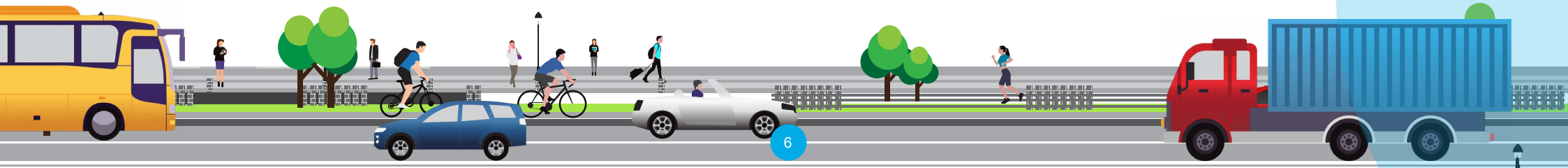
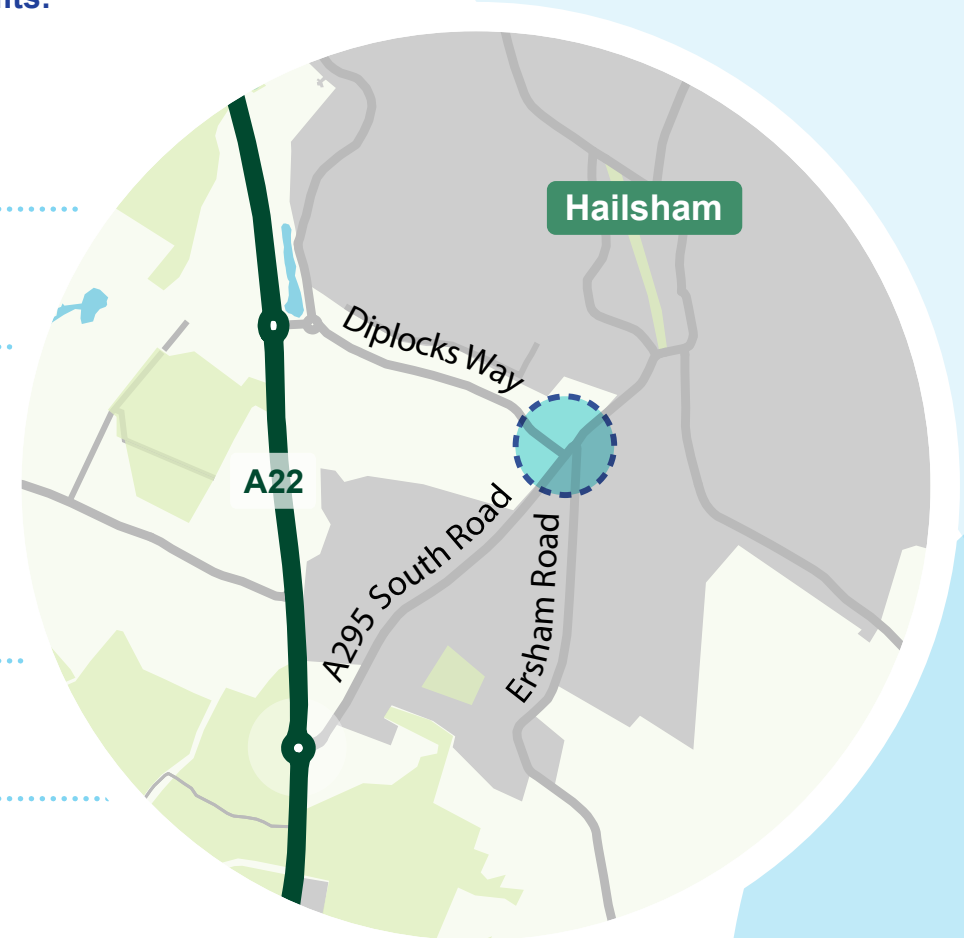




The benefits

The changes proposed in this consultation for the South Road/Diplocks Way/Ersham Road junction improvements are targeted to provide the following benefits:

- Reduced queuing and idling at the junction improves local air quality
- Improved accessibility will support the delivery of new employment sites in Hailsham and the creation of new jobs in the county
- Improve local connectivity from Hailsham to homes, jobs and other destinations along the A22 Major Road Network corridor and wider network
- Reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability for all journeys passing through the two existing junctions
- Improve travel choices for public transport users, pedestrians, and cyclists
- Improve safety for all road users

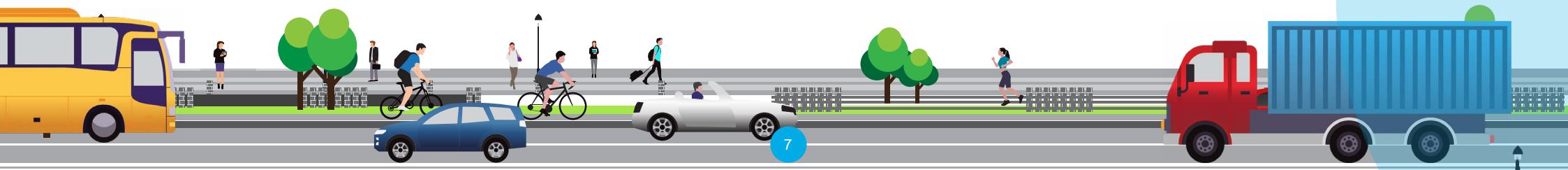


When will this happen?

	Pre-2022	2022				2023				2024
		SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Preliminary design										
Option Assessment										
Consultation										
Detailed design										
Contractor procurement										
Construction and delivery										

Our current indicative programme is to complete the consultation exercise over Spring 2022. Subject to the outcomes of the consultation, it is proposed to start detailed design in late Summer 2022, with construction potentially starting, at the earliest, in late 2023.

Delivery of the proposed scheme is dependent on delivery timescales for other schemes and funding availability.



Have your say:

You can tell us what you think from **Monday, 25 April 2022** until **Friday, 20 May 2022** at **5:00pm** by:

Completing the survey online at:

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/ersham-road/>

or completing the survey attached to this brochure and returning it to:



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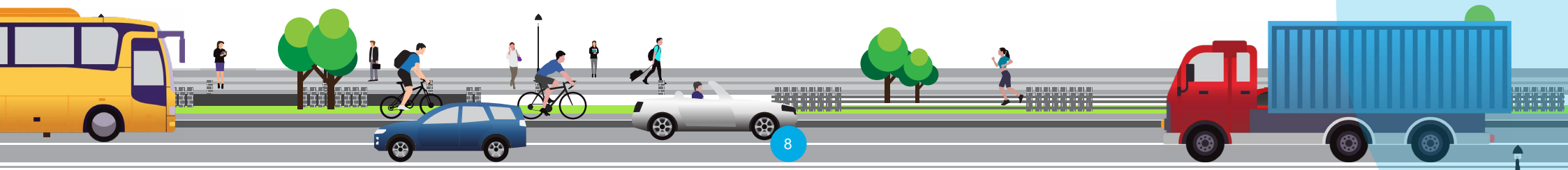
You can contact us if you have any queries via:

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Privacy information

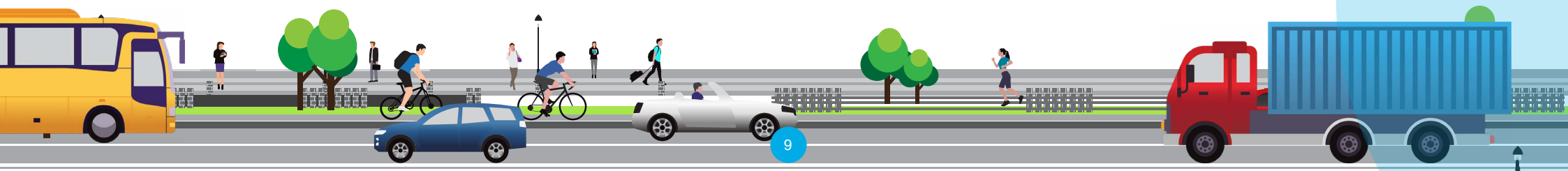
This survey is anonymous, although we do ask you to complete an optional 'about you' section at the end. Please ensure that any comments you make don't include any names or personal details of you or anyone else. For more information about why we collect 'about you' information and how the data will be stored and processed by East Sussex County Council please go to: eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/about-you-survey.

It is your decision if you do or do not want to participate. If you do decide to take part, you can accept the consent questions below by ticking the "YES" boxes and continue to complete the survey. If you do not want to participate, simply tick the "NO" boxes.

If you decide to take part, you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to answer. You can either choose the "prefer not to say" option or leave it blank.

Consent:

	Yes	No
I understand that any information I provide is confidential, and that no information that I disclose will lead to the identification of any individual in the reports on the project, either by the East Sussex County Council or any other party.		
I consent to the processing of my personal information and data for the purposes of this scheme proposal. I understand that such information will be treated as strictly confidential and handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.		
I understand that my participation is voluntary, that I can choose not to participate in part or all of the survey, and that I can withdraw at any stage of the questionnaire without being penalised or disadvantaged in any way.		
I agree to take part in the survey below.		



Section 1 – General questions

Note: Travel behaviour prior to Covid 19 pandemic.

Question 1

What is your main mode of transport when travelling through the South Road/Diplocks Way/Ersham Road junction? *Please tick one box.*

Private Car	Bus	Walk	Bicycle	Goods Vehicle	Other

Question 2

Please indicate how often you travel through the South Road/Diplocks Way/Ersham Road junction? *Please tick one box.*

Monthly	Weekly	Two/Three Times a Week	Daily	Never

Question 3

When travelling through the South Road/Diplocks Way/Ersham Road junction what is the purpose of your trip? *Please tick all that apply.*

Commute to or from work	Leisure/Social	Business use	Travelling through

Question 4

How strongly do you agree/disagree with the importance of improving facilities for public transport users? This could include bus stops, shelters and information provision. *Please tick one box.*

How strongly do you agree/disagree with the importance of improving facilities for pedestrians? This could include crossing facilities, lighting, paving and pavement width. *Please tick one box.*

How strongly do you agree/disagree with the importance of improving facilities for cyclists? This could include dedicated, segregated cycle paths, with dedicated crossing facilities through the junction. *Please tick one box.*

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know

Section 2 | South Road/Diplocks Way/Ersham Road junction

How strongly do you agree/disagree with each of the junction proposals below? <i>Please tick one box.</i>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
I support the proposed changes to the junction layout.						
Do you support the proposed crossing improvements for:						
- Pedestrians						
- Cyclists						
- People with physical and mobility impairments						
Is there anything else you would like to share with us? Please provide any further comments:						

About You

You don't have to answer the questions in this section, but it will help us to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally if you do. Your information will only be used and reported anonymously to support the consultation, engagement or feedback activity you are taking part in. We will keep your individual information for a period of up to five years and we won't keep it any longer than is necessary. Please get in touch with the named contact for this activity if you would like more information. Read the full privacy notice here: eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/about-you-survey

1. What gender do you identify as?

- ☐ Male
 ☐ Female
 ☐ Transgender Female
 ☐ Transgender Male
 ☐ Gender Variant/Non Conforming
 ☐ Not listed
 ☐ Prefer not to say

2. How old are you?

- ☐ under 18
 ☐ 25-34
 ☐ 45-54
 ☐ 60-64
 ☐ 75+
 ☐ 18-24
 ☐ 35-44
 ☐ 55-59
 ☐ 65-74
 ☐ Tick here if you prefer not to say

3. What is your postcode?

☐ Tick here if you prefer not to say

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

4. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No
 ☐ Prefer not to say

5. If you answered yes to question 4, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.

You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and write in the type of impairment you have.

- ☐ Physical impairment
 ☐ Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, heart disease, diabetes or epilepsy
 ☐ Learning disability
 ☐ Sensory impairment (hearing and sight)
 ☐ Mental health condition
 ☐ Prefer not to say
 ☐ Other, please specify

