

## M11 Junction 7A

Construction Phase Newsletter

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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure*

### A message from Cllr Kevin Bentley

Welcome to the first issue of the M11 Junction 7A newsletter.

Harlow is a fantastic place to live, work and play. With a business population developing at nearly twice the national average and significant housing plans, it is also a town with great ambition.

However, growth and economic success rely on good transport links so investment in new infrastructure is vital.

The new M11 Junction 7A, link road and road widening are critical to this. A new east-west route through the town will support future housing and economic growth, ease congestion on the road network and create new public transport opportunities.

It also generates opportunities for a greener, healthier and safer way of transport through increased walking and cycling.

Simply put, this project is critical to unlocking Harlow's potential and is one of the most important developments in the county in a number of years.

As work progresses, we and GRAHAM are committed to ensuring you are updated on a regular basis.

For more information visit:  
[www.essex.gov.uk/junction7a](http://www.essex.gov.uk/junction7a)

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The Vision – the completed M11 Junction 7A

## Overview

Essex County Council has worked with Highways England to investigate options to improve access to Harlow's road network to help facilitate growth and create better connectivity for residents, businesses and visitors. A strategic options appraisal study concluded that a new junction on the M11, known as Junction 7A, was the best solution.

## The Scheme

The scheme begins by widening Gildea Way from the London Road roundabout to Marsh Lane, to create a three-lane road. This would provide an additional lane for traffic approaching Harlow.

The widening will be accommodated within the existing highway boundaries or on land that will be transferred to the highway authority's ownership. From near the junction with Marsh Lane, a new road to the east will be built to link the improved Gildea Way to the M11 via a new roundabout called The Campions roundabout.

A section of the old Sheering Road as it passes The Campions will become access-only for residents, while access to Mayfield Farm will also be improved.

From the new The Campions roundabout, the link will continue towards the new motorway roundabout junction on the western side of the M11. This is one of two new roundabouts that will be built on either side of the M11 and connected by a new bridge over the motorway.

There will be slip roads on and off the M11 for both northbound and southbound traffic. Traffic travelling from the new M11 junction towards Harlow will use the new roundabouts on either side of the M11. Travel will be along a new wide two-lane link road to The Campions roundabout.

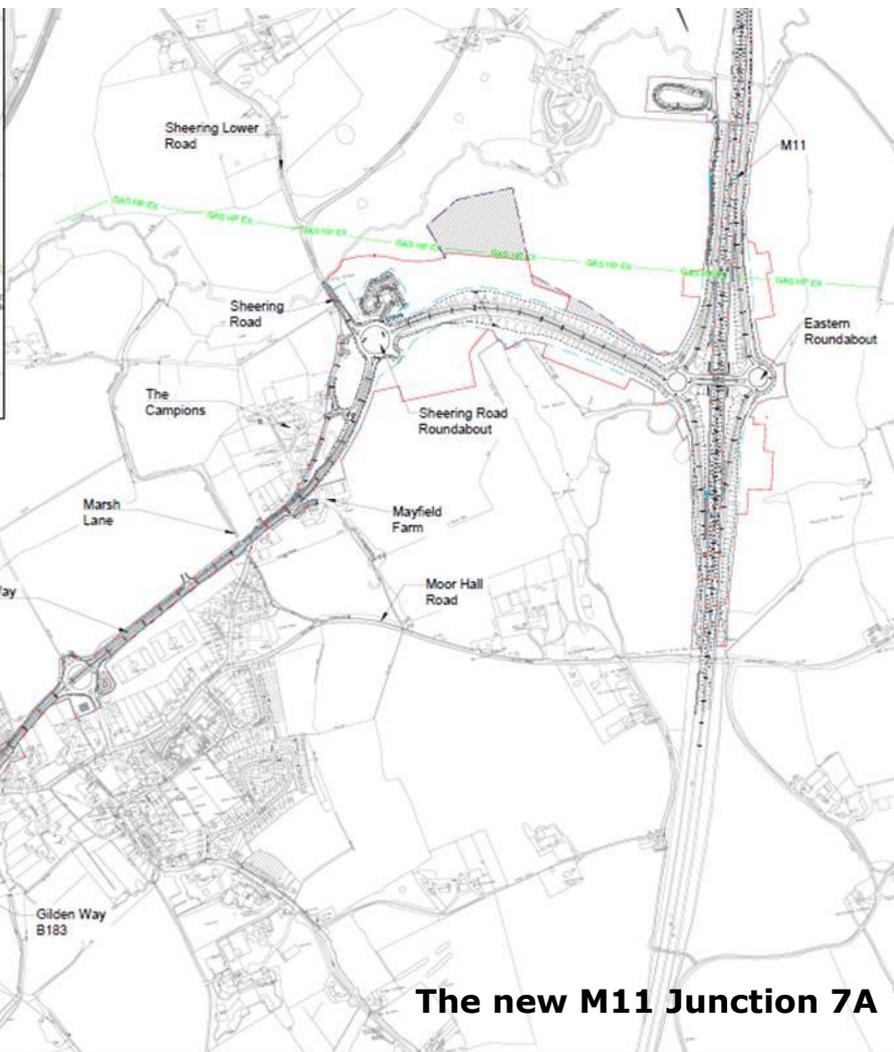
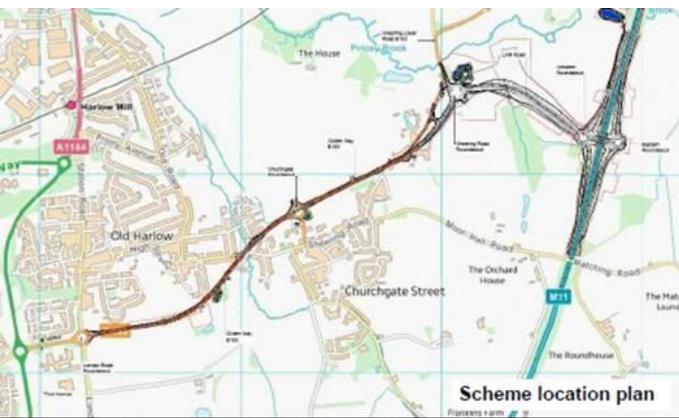


Computer generated images of Gildea Way widening

In recent weeks site clearance work and survey work has been undertaken (in line with the Government's social distancing rules) to enable the main works to begin. Works on the scheme are due to be completed by 2022.

For more information on the background to the scheme visit:

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## The new M11 Junction 7A

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

### CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

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- Enhancing the **Appearance**
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- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
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