

Action Plan for the A5 from A449 Gailey (Staffordshire) to A508/A422 Old Stratford (Northamptonshire)

September 2016 update

Scheme	Estimated Cost	Delivery Mechanism	Delivery Responsibility	Implementation Period ¹	Notes
Corridor-wide					
Develop a Sustainable Transport Strategy for the A5 Corridor, including a package of improvements covering public transport, walking, cycling and smarter choices/changing travel behaviour measures	tbc	Central Government LTP Developer Funding	Highways England Staffordshire CC Leicestershire CC Warwickshire CC Northamptonshire CC Walsall MBC Developers	Short	Draft Strategy under preparation.
Casualty Reduction and Congestion (Capacity) Improvements	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	tbc	Priorities to be identified by Highways England through the Route Strategies.
Traffic Management/ Signing Improvements	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	tbc	Priorities to be identified by Highways England through the Route Strategies.
A449 Gailey to A452 Brownhills					
A5/A449 Gailey – junction modifications	£1.1m	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	tbc	Gailey roundabout has queues at peak periods and therefore may be a potential site for improvement in the future.
M6 Junction 12/A5 (Four Ashes) West Midlands Interchange - strategic rail freight interchange.	tbc	Developer Funding	Developers	Short/Medium	The project is being taken through a major National Infrastructure planning application for 6 million square feet of warehousing and a large scale intermodal rail terminal. The site is 465 acres in total, and will include warehouse units of between 200,000 square feet and over 1m square feet. Stage 1 Consultation June/July 2016.
A5/A34/A460/M6 Toll Churchbridge – Phase 1 junction modifications	£2.028m	Central Government	Highways England	-	HA Pinch Point Programme scheme completed in January 2015. Following complaints and Safety Audit review,

					remedial works were carried out in August 2015. The works have been designed to take account of the AQMA issues in the vicinity of the junction. The design attempts to contribute to alleviating the issues rather than exacerbating pollution. Design life to 2020.
A5/A34/A460/M6 Toll Churchbridge Junction – Phase 2 upgrade	tbc	Central Government Developer funding	Highways England Staffordshire CC	Medium	Need to assess the requirement for further capacity improvements post Pinch Point Programme, 2020. Longer term objective for Highways England.
A5/Walkmill Lane junction, Bridgtown, Cannock	£0.1665m	Central Government	Highways England	Medium	Updated air quality and traffic survey data required. Options appraisal required to identify the most effective scheme. TRO Consultation required banning right-turns if this option is selected. Scheme to go through HE's value management process and assessed for funding in competition with other schemes. Consideration to be given to data which is used, what works are included, and any contributions.
Rugeley – Cannock – Walsall – Birmingham 'Chase Line' Linespeed Upgrade	£5.4m	Central Government	Network Rail	Medium	Final approval November 2015. To be delivered with electrification (see below).
Rugeley – Cannock – Walsall – Birmingham 'Chase Line' Electrification	£78m	Central Government	Network Rail	Medium	Approved July 2012 HLOS. Construction commenced November 2013, with completion by December 2017. Hendy Report Jan 2016 confirmed on target. Passenger services May 2018.
Chase Line station upgrades	tbc	Central Government GBS/SS LEPS Developer Funding	Network Rail TfWM TOCs	Medium	Station upgrades for electrification December 2017, including Cannock station included in GBSLEP SEP 2014. Ongoing discussions with rail industry are taking place. Consultants to be appointed to carry out a footfall analysis of Cannock station.

Mid Cannock Road/Rail Freight Interchange Facility	£15m	Private Sector Local Growth Deal	Private Sector	Short/Medium	Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP Growth Deal has secured £1.3m/10% towards the total cost of the scheme, with a £0.6m contribution in 2015/16.
Cannock Employment sites Bus Quality Partnership	tbc	Staffordshire CC TfWM Cannock Chase DC Developer Funding	Staffordshire CC TfWM	Medium	Bus access to key employment sites at Kingswood Lakeside/Orbital Centre to be withdrawn by Arriva Sept 2016. Seasonal NX services to Amazon, Rugeley. NX introduced Stafford/Hednesford/Cannock – i54 bus services, April 2015, with S106 funding extended.
Cannock Chase District Council A5 – AQMA No. 2	tbc	Central Government	Defra Highways England Staffordshire CC Cannock Chase DC	Medium	Following designation of Air Quality Management Area in August 2014, need to prepare an Air Quality Action Plan. Liaison between Highways England and Cannock Chase District Council is being undertaken.
A5 Cycling proposal Churchbridge to Brownhills	~£3m	Highways England	Highways England	Short	Highways England initiative to fund a cycle scheme between Churchbridge and Brownhills. Scheme construction started on 26th November 2015, completion 2016.
A452 Brownhills to M42 Junction 10 (Tamworth)					
A5/A461 Muckley Corner – junction modifications	£5m	Central Government Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium	This junction is covered by an AQMA declared by Lichfield DC. Highways England, working with Staffordshire County Council, has considered various options. Improvements may require third party land/CPO. HE was unsuccessful in securing funding for an improvement at this location through the Road Investment Strategy.
A5/A5148/A5127 Wall Island – junction modifications	£1.5m	Central Government	Highways England	-	HA Pinch Point Programme scheme. Construction completed in Autumn 2014. Minor residual works identified as part of the Road Safety Audit were completed in

					January 2015. Highways England has received complaints about the new junction arrangement, which will be investigated and monitored over a period of time.
A5/B5404 Stonydelph, Tamworth – junction modifications/traffic signals	£1m	Central Government Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium/Long	Supported by Greater Birmingham & Solihull and Staffordshire LEPS. Funding for improvements were considered as part of developing the Road Investment Strategy, but this location was not identified as a priority. This location is being included in a study of the M42 J8-11, due to the interaction between the A5/B5404 junction and M42 Junction 10.
A5/A453/B5404 Mile Oak, Tamworth – junction modifications	£1.4m	Central Government Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium	Supported by Greater Birmingham & Solihull and Staffordshire LEPS. Funding for improvements were considered as part of developing the Road Investment Strategy, but this location was not identified as a priority.
M42 Junction 10 (Tamworth) to M69 Junction 1 (Hinckley)					
Nuneaton – Atherstone – Tamworth Quality Bus Corridor	£0.250m	LTP	Warwickshire CC Staffordshire CC	Short/Medium	Joint aspiration of WCC and SCC. No funding currently available to progress the scheme.
M42 Junction 10 (A5)	£2.8m	Central Government	Highways England	-	HA Pinch Point Programme scheme. Works complete April 2014
Birch Coppice – A5 Access Improvements	tbc	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	tbc in terms of further improvements	Any further improvements will be linked to the proposed expansion of Birch Coppice in its role as a Regional Logistics Site.
A5 North Warwickshire Study	-	-	Highways England Developers	Medium	Study undertaken by Highways England to consider potential medium term improvements to the Dordon, Grendon and Holly Lane junctions on the A5.
A5/Long Street/Gypsy Lane (Dordon) Junction Improvement	tbc	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium	Junction identified as requiring improvement to support growth proposals in

					North Warwickshire.
A5/Spon Lane/Boot Hill (Grendon) Junction Improvement	tbc	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium	Junction identified as requiring improvement to support growth proposals in North Warwickshire.
A5/B4116 Holly Lane/Merevale Lane (Atherstone) Junction Improvement	tbc	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium	Junction identified as requiring improvement to support growth proposals in North Warwickshire.
Atherstone Rail Station – Signing Improvements	£5-10K	LTP HA Train Operators	Highways England	Short/Medium	Request from Atherstone Rail Users Group for better signage to Atherstone rail station from the A5.
A5/B4111/B4116 Mancetter roundabout – Safety Improvement	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	Short	Highways England safety improvement. Scheme has been designed, now subject to internal HE value management process. Funding and timescale for delivery to be confirmed following the outcome of this assessment.
A5/Woodford Lane junction – Safety Improvement	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	-	Works completed.
A5/A444 Royal Redgate – Junction Improvement	£0.678m	Developer Funding RGF	Highways England Developers	-	Works completed. Forms part of the mitigation package for the redevelopment of MIRA.
MIRA – A5 Access Improvements and localised dualing of the A5	£3.5m	Developer Funding RGF	Highways England Developers	-	Works completed. Forms part of the mitigation package for the redevelopment of MIRA
A5/Wood Lane – Junction Improvement	£0.102m	Developer Funding RGF	Highways England Developers	-	Works completed. Forms part of the mitigation package for the redevelopment of MIRA.
A5/Higham Lane/Nuneaton Lane – Junction Improvement	£0.374m	Developer Funding RGF	Highways England Developers	-	Works completed. Forms part of the mitigation package for the redevelopment of MIRA.
MIRA to Nuneaton and Hinckley – Cycle Route and other Sustainable Transport measures	£3m	Developer Funding RGF	Highways England Developers	-	Works completed and new bus services operational. Forms part of the mitigation package for the redevelopment of MIRA.

A5/A47 The Longshoot and A5/A47/B4666 Dodwells – Junction Improvements	£4.7m	Central Government	Highways England Leicestershire CC Warwickshire CC	-	HA Pinch Point Programme scheme. Works completed Summer 2015.
A5/A47 The Longshoot to A5/A47/B4666 Dodwells Capacity Improvements (dualling)	£20m	Central Government	Highways England Leicestershire CC Warwickshire CC	Short/Medium	Confirmed RIS1 scheme which will see the A5 widened to dual carriageway standard between The Longshoot and Dodwells. CWLEP Growth Deal funding contribution of £2m towards this scheme. Construction due to begin in 2020.
Improvement to the low railway bridge between Dodwells roundabout and Sketchley Lane, Hinckley	£0.180m	Central Government	Highways England	-	Scheme completed, monitoring being undertaken by Highways England.
Nutts Lane, Hinckley – Traffic Management	tbc	LTP	Leicestershire CC	Medium	An environmental weight restriction to cover the north section of Nutts Lane has been considered previously (legitimate access is required for industrial units at the south end). However there is insufficient evidence to suggest that HGVs are using it as an alternative route to and from the A5, other than when directed to as a local diversion route. Therefore the request has not been taken forward, and this position is unlikely to change in the future.
A5 Stretton Bends, Sketchley – Safety Improvements	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	Medium	This section of the A5 is already covered by a 40mph speed limit. An improvement scheme was not successful in securing funding through RIS1, but will be considered for funding in post-2020/21.
NUCKLE Heavy Rail Improvements – Leicester/Nuneaton to Coventry/Leamington Spa/Thames Valley	£16.077m (Phase 1.1) £15m (Phase 1.2)	Major Scheme funding Local Growth Deal LTP Developer Funding ERDF	TfWM Coventry CC Warwickshire CC DfT Rail Network Rail	Short/Medium	Phase 1.1 now operational with new stations at Coventry Arena and Bermuda Park, and platform extensions at Bedworth. Phase 1.2 will provide a new bay platform at Coventry station and track and signalling works to enable a doubling of train

	£11.321m (Phase 2) £52m (Phase 3.1)				frequency between Nuneaton and Coventry. The scheme has secured an £8m funding contribution from the CWLEP Growth Deal. Phase 2 (Kenilworth Station) currently under construction with completion by mid-2017. Phase 3.1 is currently in development, and will allow through rail services to be reinstated between Coventry and Leicester. High priority for CWLEP and LLEP.
M69 Junction 1 (Hinckley) to A428 Crick					
B4114 Smockington Lane/ Coventry Road – Safety Improvements	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	Medium	The scheme has not been successful in securing funding through the Road Investment Strategy, but will be considered for funding post-2020/21.
Magna Park near Lutterworth – Access Improvements and HGV Routing and Parking Issues	tbc	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers Leicestershire CC Warwickshire CC	Short/Medium	Three planning applications submitted to Harborough District Council either recently or currently pending consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHL / Gazeley (15/00919/FUL) – 101,000sqm B8, access from Magna Park, upgrade of A5 to dual carriageway standard (approved subject to agreement of the S106) • Db Symmetry (15/00865/OUT) – 279,000sqm B8, access on to A4303 and emergency access on to A5, formation of lorry park • Gazeley (15/01531/OUT) – 427,000sqm B8, 3,700sqm D1, 9,000sqm B1, upgrade A5 to dual carriageway standard, creation of roundabout access on to A5, 140 space HGV parking (to both be

					determined later in 2016)
Rugby Radio Station SUE – A5 Access Improvements	£2.5m	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium	Outline planning permission approved by RBC Planning Committee in January 2014 with S106 now signed. Initial phases now either under construction or going through the detailed planning process. No developer contact with HE S278 team in relation to the A5 improvements, expected delivery some years away.
DIRFT3 – access and local junction improvements (inc. A5/A426 Gibbet Hill, A5 Lilbourne Crossroads and A5 Catthorpe Crossroads), new rail terminal and lorry parking facility	tbc	Developer Funding	Highways England Developers	Medium/Long	Planning Inspectorate granted development consent in July 2014 for the third phase of the site. This will be developed from the southern end first, including the rail terminal which will have sidings 750 metres long. This will be followed by units to the west side of terminal and then finally the east side. Prologis are aiming to have 3 million sq ft of the 8 million sq ft total developed by 2020 and the whole site completed by 2030. Culvert works are currently being undertaken. S278 Agreement drafted and will be signed shortly.
A428 Crick to A508/A422 Old Stratford					
A5/A45 Weedon Crossroads Improvement	£1m	Growing Places Fund	Northamptonshire CC Highways England	-	Scheme completed in 2013.
Daventry Development Link Road (A5/A45 Weedon – Flore bypass)	£35.0m	NCC using a combination of funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC's Rolling Infrastructure Fund (RIF) supported by a funding agreement with 	Northamptonshire CC	Short	Improvement is required to enable full Core Strategy allocation to be delivered within Daventry. NCC has commenced enabling works on site and signing the main construction contract is imminent. DDC and NCC have completed a funding agreement whereby to contribute appropriate CIL and NHB when it becomes available. Both NEP and SEMLEP support

		<p>DDC whereby CIL and NHB will be contributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer Contributions (S106) • Local Growth Fund (LGF) 			the project (NEP is the lead LEP on this). £14m has been secured towards the scheme from the Local Growth Fund.
Crick to Old Stratford – Safety Improvements	tbc	Central Government	Highways England	Medium	The scheme has not been successful in securing funding through RIS1, but will be considered for funding post-2020/21.
Towcester Market Square Improvements	£0.150m	£0.100M Defra grant to SNC, remainder from HA	Highways England South Northamptonshire Council	Short	Partnership project to improve air quality in a designated AQMA by reducing congestion around town centre parking. Currently reviewing scheme design in light of objections and safety concerns, with a view to deliver in early 2016/17.
Towcester Relief Road	£26m	Developer funded with Central Government support via Highways England (as announced in the Road Investment Strategy in December 2014)	Developer Highways England	Medium	Relief Road to be majority funded by developer of Towcester South SUE, with support from Highways England as announced in Road Investment Strategy. Close discussions with NCC and SNC to promote delivery ahead of developers schedule and in line with Delivery Plan commitment. Detailed design work to begin in 2016/17. Planning approval for the scheme secured.
Towcester Relief Road A5 Link	£2.6m	Local Growth Fund	Developer Highways England Northamptonshire CC South Northamptonshire Council	Medium	LGF bid submitted for 2.6m (10% of total cost of Towcester Relief Road). See above.

A43 Abthorpe Roundabout	£5.7m	Central Government	Highways England	Short/Medium	Lane increase and signalisation to improve capacity, reduce delays and accommodate growth. Enabling works to begin in February 2016, completion April 2017. Two lanes to be maintained in each direction during works.
A5/A43 Tove Roundabout	£3.1m	HA Pinch Point Funding	Highways England	-	Scheme completed in March 2015. Post implementation monitoring and review being undertaken.
A5/A508/A422 Roundabout Improvement, Old Stratford	£1.3m	HE Local Network Management Scheme (LNMS)	Highways England	Short	Safety scheme in HE forward programme, possible delivery in 2016/17. Delivery timescales to be confirmed shortly.

Note ¹

Short: By 2020

Medium: 2020 to 2024

Long: 2025 onwards