

Exhibition Venues and Opening Times

Proposals will be on display at **Towncentric** located in St George's Square, Gravesend.

Members of the project team will be available to explain the proposals, answer your questions and record your opinions on:

Friday 8 February 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 9 February 10.00am – 4.00pm

The exhibition will then remain on display until Saturday 16th February

Unmanned displays will also be available to view at the same time at **Cascades** and the **Cygnets Centre**. You can also view the proposals on the Gravesham Borough Council and Kent Thameside Delivery Board websites www.gravesham.gov.uk and www.greengrid.org.uk

Downs Road

The exhibition material will also be displayed at a specific event to focus on the future of Downs Road, Northfleet. This will be held at **Painter's Ash Primary School** on **Tuesday 12 February from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.**

Alternatively you can forward your comments to:

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Tel: 01474 337603

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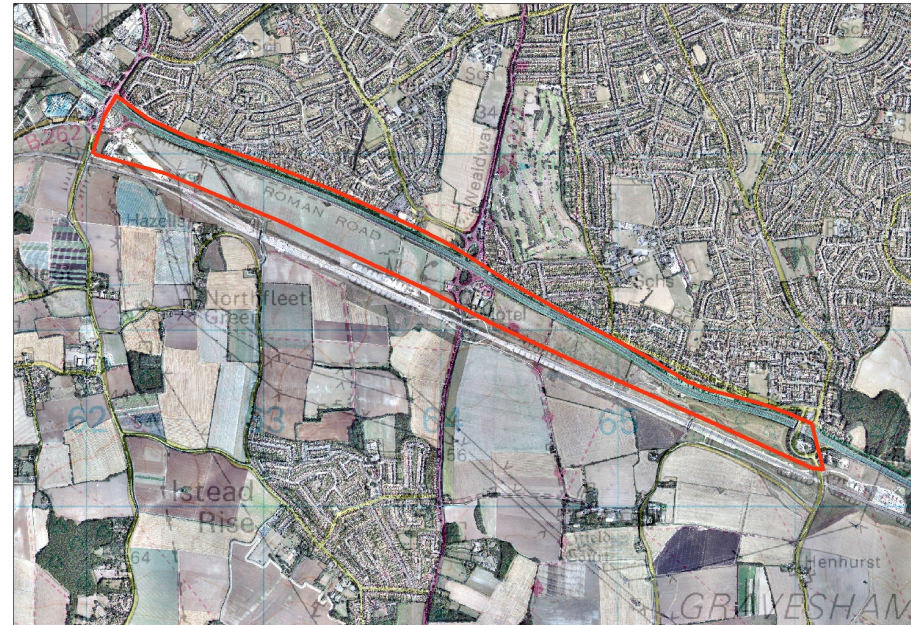
This is your opportunity to have your say on the proposals!



Public Exhibition: A2 Opportunities

The A2 widening scheme which is currently underway between Pepperhill and Marling Cross presents a unique opportunity to consider an alternative use for the soon to be redundant carriageways and the land sandwiched between the southern edge of Gravesend and the new A2.

Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council, supported by the Kent Thameside Delivery Board would like to hear your views and are holding a series of public events where plans will be available to explain the options.



The Options ...

Highways Agency Scheme

The Highways Agency's proposals for the former A2 are to retain part of the eastbound carriageway as a combined cycle/footpath with a separate equestrian route, and to recreate a linear park in the Marling Cross area to replace the area already lost to the new A2 and Infrastructure Maintenance Depot.

Mounding will be created from the surplus spoil excavated from the construction of the new A2 and this new landscape will be extensively planted with predominantly native trees and shrubs.

The land between the old and new A2 will be returned to agricultural use once the Scheme is complete.

Park & Ride

A Park and Ride scheme located at Tollgate would provide a coach based Park & Ride for commuters to London, with potential to provide a Park & Ride facility into Gravesend Town Centre.

The Park & Ride facility would be along the same lines as that successfully provided at Blue Bell Hill and would replace the substandard facility at Bean.

It could be designed to be compatible with the Highways Agency's proposal or the proposed Outdoor Activity Park. It could also provide parking for the Outdoor Activity Centre.

Outdoor Activity Park

A proposal has been developed for a multifunctional Outdoor Activity Park to create a traffic free, multi use sport and activity park.

This 24 hectare high quality facility would provide for cycle circuits and speed trials, BMX, mountain bikes and distance running and cycling events.

It would include a low difficulty 1.2km circuit for young riders, walking, cycling, skating, Nordic skiing and facilities for disabled users to train and exercise. A 2km medium/ hard circuit would also ensure the facility continues to challenge its users. Links to the existing road network would allow the site to be a focus for distance cycling events. Also a network of tracks and paths within the site would allow for 10km cycling and athletic events without using the public highway.

The Outdoor Activity Centre would provide a unique facility of a national standard within a parkland setting that would be accessible for local residents to enjoy. It would include informal paths for walking and jogging, and provide a traffic free environment and safe cycling for all the family.

It forms an important part of the Green Grid network linking the urban area to the wider countryside, and the extensive and diverse publicly accessible areas around Cobham and Shorne. It would need to be compatible with the Green Belt, which starts on the south side of the existing A2.

Downs Road, Northfleet

Downs Road is currently closed due to the construction of the new A2 and a decision needs to be made whether to re-open it to all traffic or to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order to close Downs Road to vehicles at the existing A2 but leave it open for pedestrians and cyclists.