

Have you any comments?

Anyone wishing to comment on or object to the Alternative Proposals should do so as soon as possible.

You should write to or e-mail the Highways Agency at the address below:

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The closing date for comments on the Alternative Proposals will be **Thursday 3 June 2010.**

Larger scale plans of all the Objectors Alternatives may also be seen during normal opening hours at:

Tunbridge Wells Library, Mount Pleasant Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1NS

What Happens Next?

As objections and alternatives have been received, a public inquiry will be held. An Independent Inspector will consider all objections received to the draft Orders and all Alternative Proposals and comments and objections to the Alternative Proposals. All comments received will be passed to the Inspector holding the Public Inquiry for his consideration.

There will be a pre-inquiry meeting on:

Wednesday 2 June at 10:00

at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel

8 Tonbridge Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
TN2 4QL, where further details of the public inquiry will be given.

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Objectors' Alternative Proposals to the draft
Orders Published in May 2010



Contacting the Highways Agency

For questions or comments

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The A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Widening Scheme

Objectors Alternative Proposals

Dualling Scheme

The Secretary of State for Transport published draft Orders for the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling Scheme in December 2009. As part of the objections to the draft Orders, Alternative Proposals to the published scheme have been submitted.

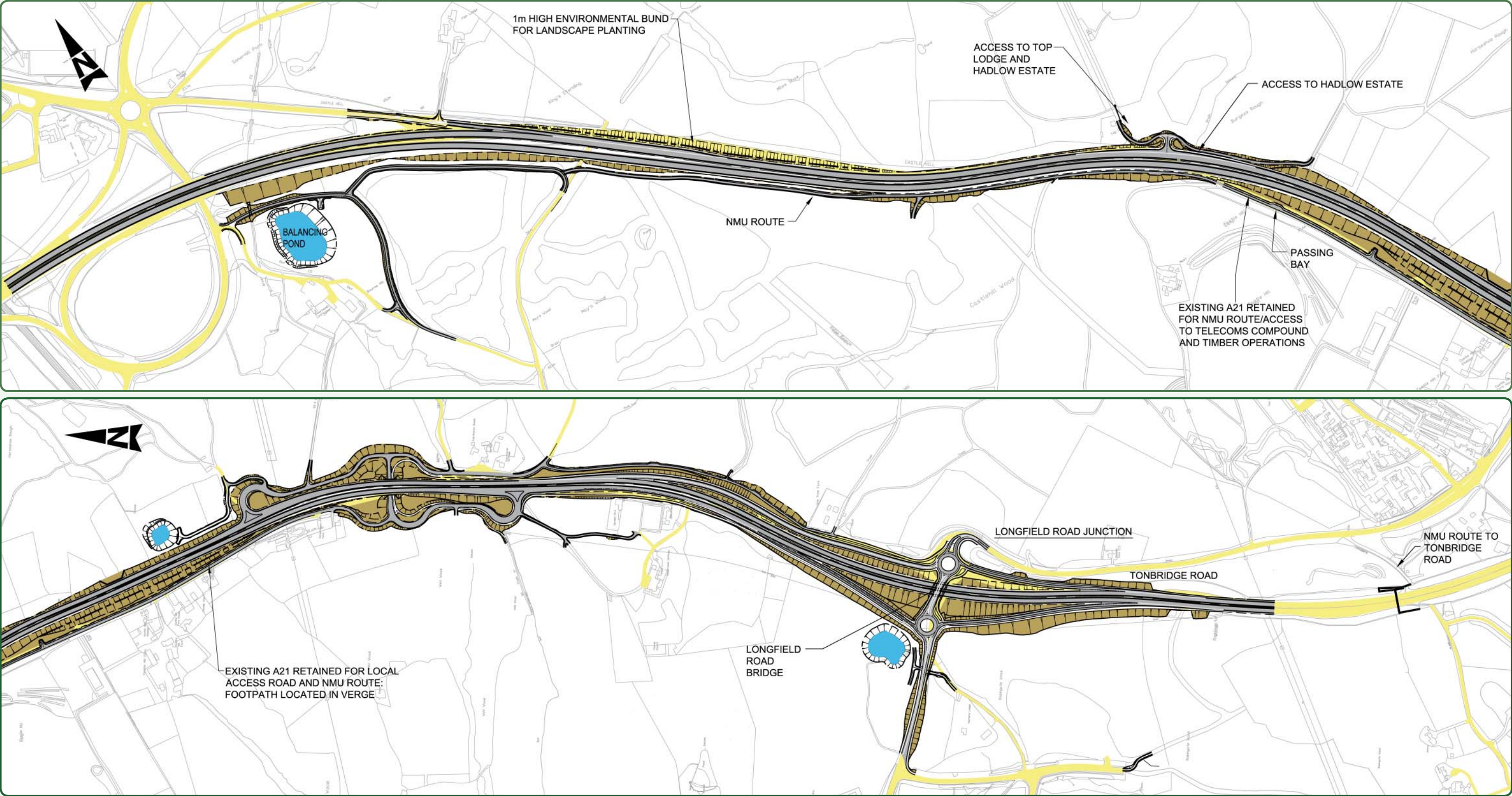
This leaflet shows the three alternatives which have been proposed. Copies of the leaflet are also available from the Highways Agency website at the address below:

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/4003.aspx>

The Highways Agency's Published Scheme (included for reference purposes)

- Alternative 1:** "The Blue Route" – An off line dual carriageway on the route of the scheme considered at a public inquiry in 1993.
- Alternative 2:** Access to Top Lodge, parallel to the proposed A21 dual carriageway from Fish Lodge to Top Lodge.
- Alternative 3:** Provision of a link road from Vauxhall Lane to Dowding Way. This proposal is in addition to the Highways Agency's published scheme.

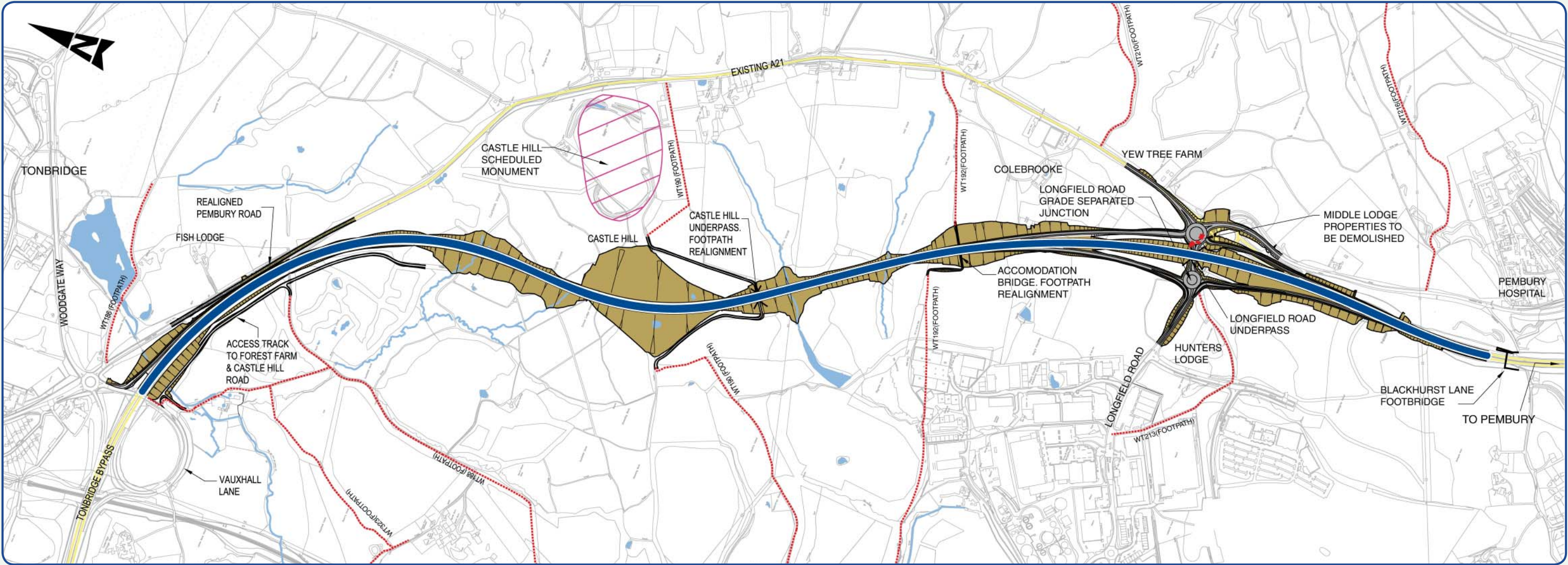
The Highways Agency Published Scheme



Alternative 1 – Blue Route

Alternative 1 is a 4.1km offline two-lane dual carriageway 0.5km west of the existing A21. This is a two-lane version of the Blue “Route” that was approved following a public inquiry in 1993. The existing A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury would remain as a single carriageway trunk road.

Issue	Comment - comparison with published scheme
Programme	Minor decrease in construction programme due to offline construction. Requirement for additional Orders and compliance with Statutory planning process could delay the start of construction by 2-3 years
Cost	To be confirmed but expected to be similar to the Published Scheme
Engineering	New 4.1km carriageway with one junction, footbridge, and an underpass
Environment	Increased impact on Landscape and Nature Conservation (ancient woodland loss) at Castle Hill. Potential improvements in noise and air quality
Traffic	Negligible difference
Statutory Process	Would require new draft Orders in place of those for the Published Scheme which could delay the start of construction by 2-3 years



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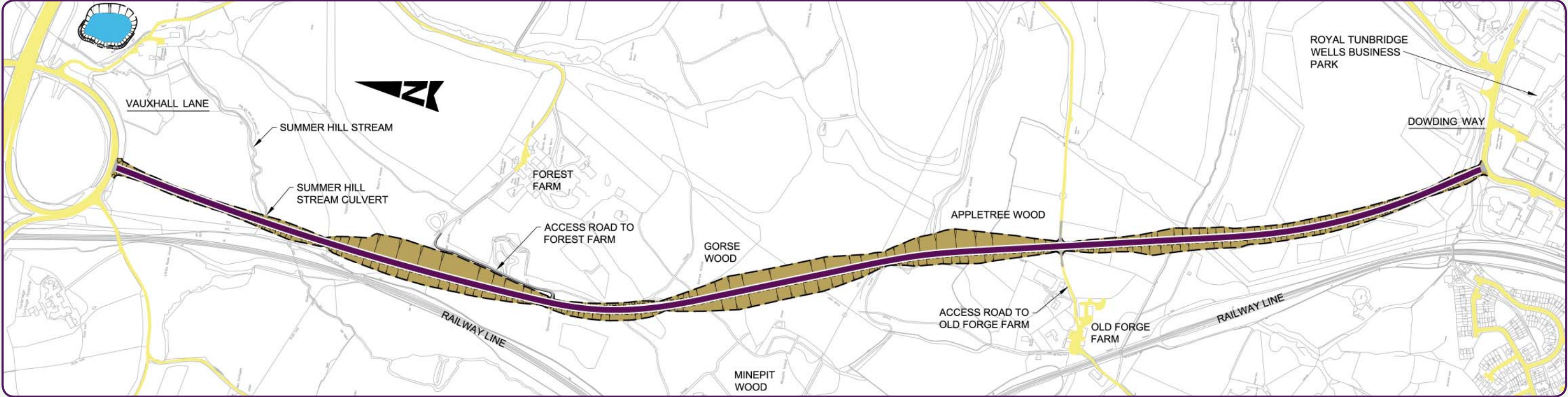
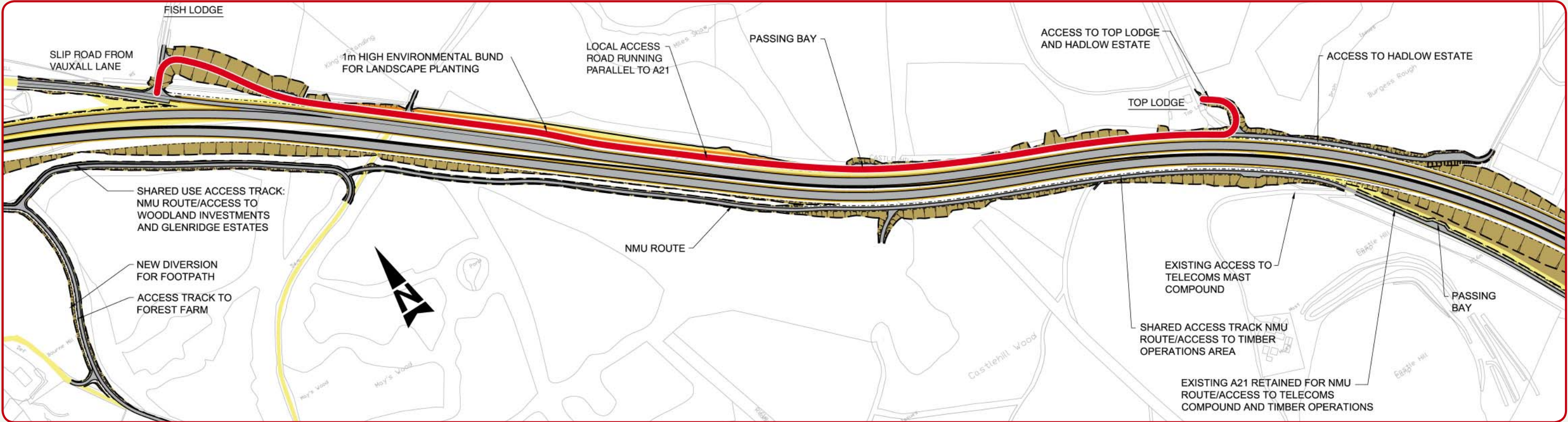
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Alternative 2 – Top Lodge Access Road

Alternative 2 is a 1km access road running parallel to the A21 from Fish Lodge to Top Lodge. This alternative would replace the access to Top Lodge and the Hadlow Estate in the Published Scheme directly off the proposed A21 dual carriageway.

Issue	Comment - comparison with published scheme
Programme	Little or no delay to the programme
Cost	Increased cost
Engineering	New 1km long access road required. Increased long term maintenance requirements
Environment	Direct impact on Somerhill Park (Registered Historic Park; Site of Nature Conservation Interest). Increased impact on Ancient Woodland
Traffic	No impact
Statutory Process	Modifications would be required to the draft Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order



Alternative 3 – Vauxhall Lane to Dowding Way

Alternative 3 is a 2.5km single carriageway link road from Vauxhall Lane to Dowding Way in the Longfield Industrial Estate, and is proposed in addition to the published scheme.

Issue	Comment - comparison with published scheme
Programme	Requirement for additional Orders and compliance with Statutory planning process could delay the start of construction by 2-3 years
Cost	Increased cost
Engineering	Increased; alternative is proposed in addition to the Highways Agency's published scheme
Environment	Greater overall impact as alternative is entirely on a greenfield site. There would be significant impacts on landscape and semi-natural Ancient Woodland
Traffic	Possible small reduction in traffic flows on the A21 mainline and Longfield Road (east). Increased congestion likely on the local roads in the High Brooms, Southborough and North Farm Industrial Estate areas
Statutory Process	Additional draft Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order would be required