



Princes Risborough Southern Road Link (PRSRL)

Consultation Live Event
Presentation and Q&A Session

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Introductions - Presentation team

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Please use the Q&A bar to ask questions, and please ask questions as we go.

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The Q&A session will be at the end of this presentation.

We will use the Q&A session to update our FAQ section of the project website:

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/prsr1

If you think of a question after the session, please send in your queries on the feedback form online, or by email to hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Agenda

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- Key Benefits of the Southern Road Link
- Funding
- Purpose of this Consultation
- Project Overview
- Design Update
- Visualisations
- Timescale and Next Steps
- Questions

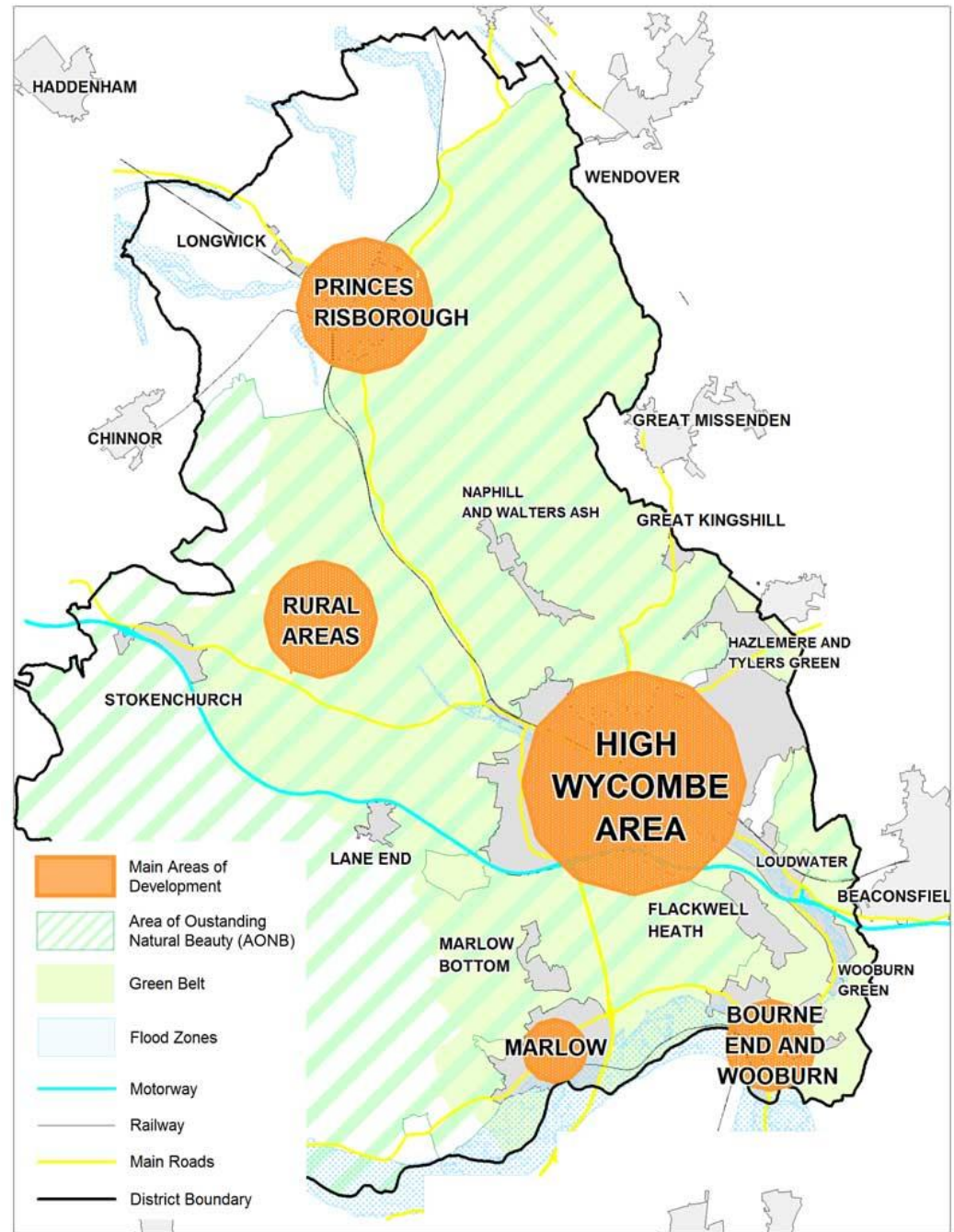
Background

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/prsr-feedback/>

links to background Wycombe Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Documents

<https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/uploads/public/documents/Planning/New-local-plan/Local-plan-publication-version/Princes-Risborough-Local-Plan-Topic-Paper.pdf>

- The Wycombe Local Plan has a target of 10,925 homes up to 2033
- The Princes Risborough Expansion Area (PREA) is allocated for circa 2500 homes



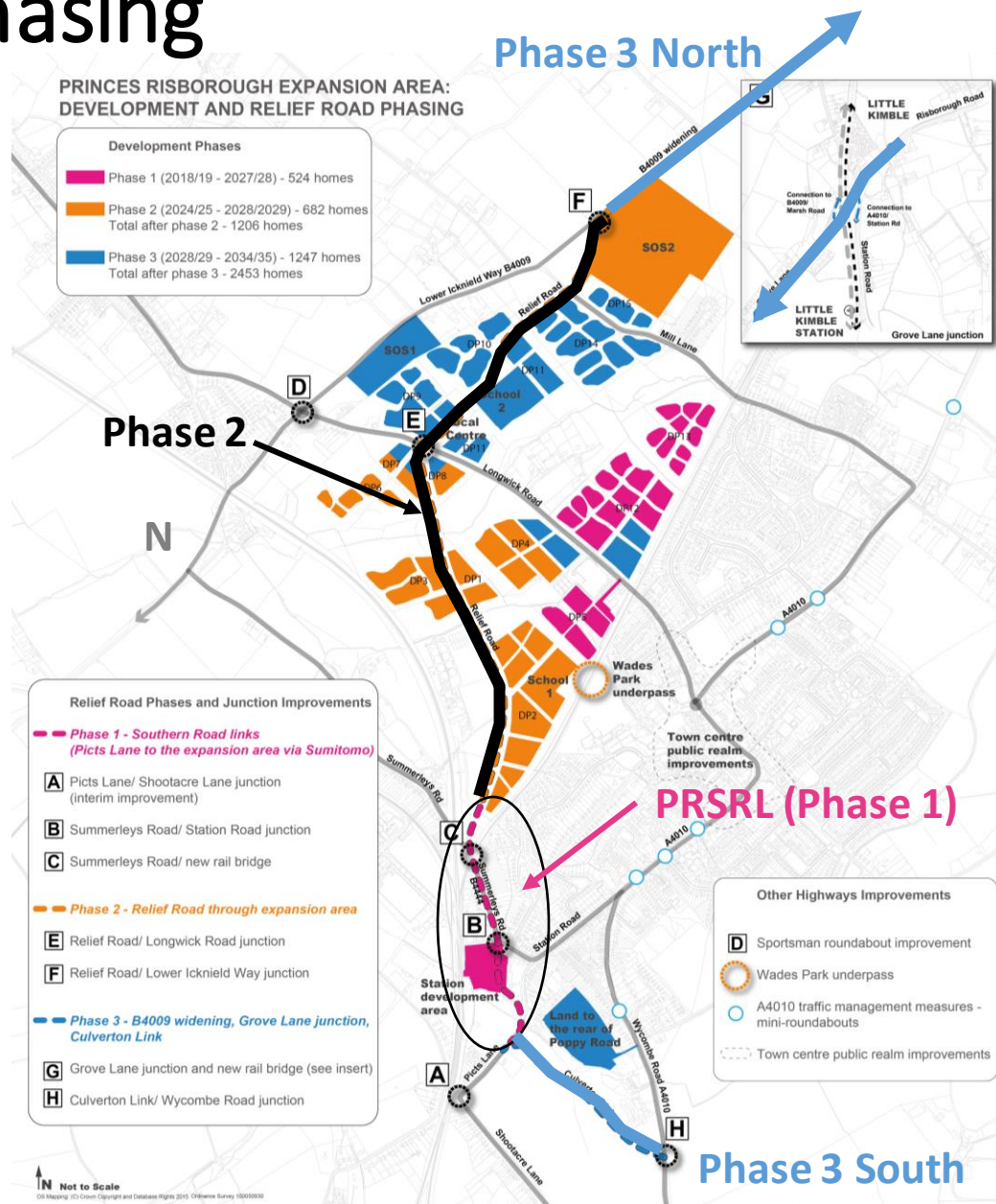
Background

- New Homes and Supporting infrastructure includes two new primary schools, open spaces, a local centre and a relief road
- This relief road will provide access, and 'a complete alternative' to the A4010 with the aim to improve traffic conditions in the town
- Improved connections to the station and the town with a new bus service, an underpass and walking & cycling improvements



Town Expansion - Phasing

- Princes Risborough Expansion SPD March 2021 sets out the Council's preferred approach to delivery
- Each phase of housing depends on infrastructure capacity being available to support it and to unlock the next phase of housing
- The project we are presenting today, the SRL, is Phase one of the relief road, led by Buckinghamshire Council
- Note Phasing and timetable is indicative



Key Benefits of the Southern Road Link



- First stage of the relief road for Princes Risborough – to be the main route for north-south traffic
- New access to the expansion area
- Removes pinch point at railway bridge.
- Alignment of the road minimises impact on frontagers as far as possible
- Improved provision for walking and cycling through new footways/cycleways
- Enhanced flood capacity and resilience for local residents and businesses
- Wildflower and tree planting to enhance biodiversity in the area

Funding

- Developers are required to fund the expansion including infrastructure
- Buckinghamshire Council has secured £12M of funding from Homes England to cashflow the PRSRL and to accelerate delivery of the expansion.

Purpose of Consultation

- Over the past year the project team have developed our concept, and tried to resolve many of the key problems
- We have developed our design to a point – we now want feedback to help shape it and make it even better.
- To present our current proposal, and gain feedback. This will support a future planning application.
- To talk with residents and businesses that may be directly affected.

Overview - PRSRL



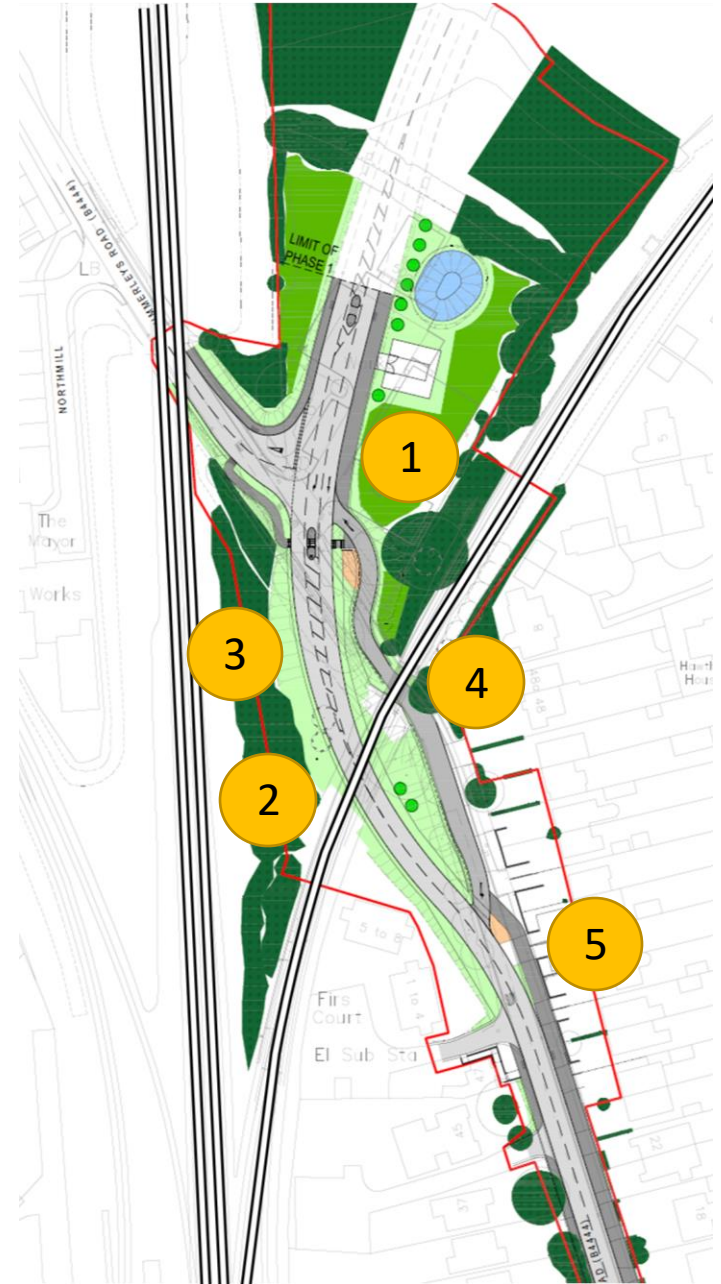
Progress to Date

1. Preliminary Design completed
2. Optioneering work undertaken to minimise impacts on residents.
3. Design updated to account for climate change events.
4. Surveys, including utilities, topographical, ecological have been completed.
5. Further surveys to be completed in 2022.
6. Picts Lane/Shootacre Lane investigated and de-scoped.
7. Some initial negotiations with regards to land acquisition

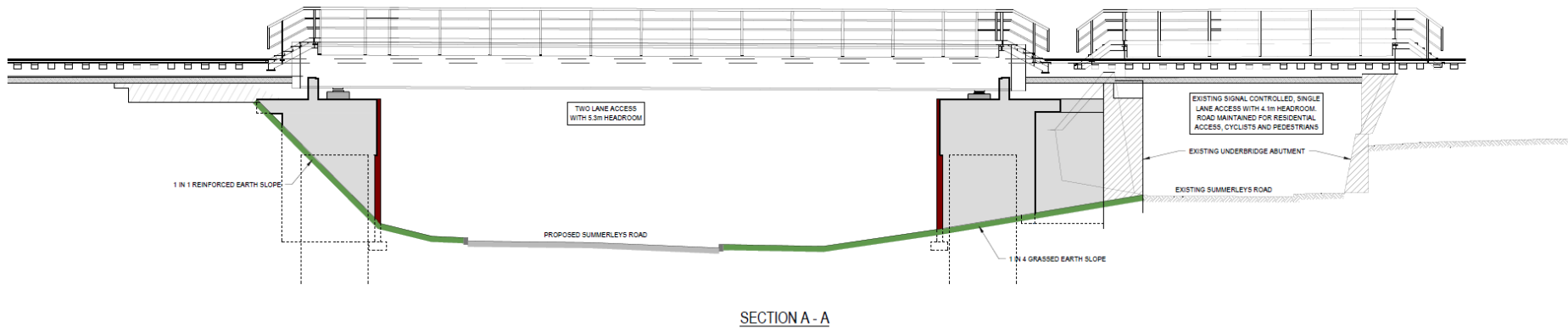


Scheme Summary 1

1. New Junction Arrangement to future Phases
2. New railway bridge built west of the old bridge with increased headroom.
3. Summerleys Road will be realigned further to the west to pass under the new bridge.
4. The old bridge and highway will be retained, and become a new cycleway/pedestrian route, and maintain property access.
5. Summerleys road will be lowered on approach to the new bridge.



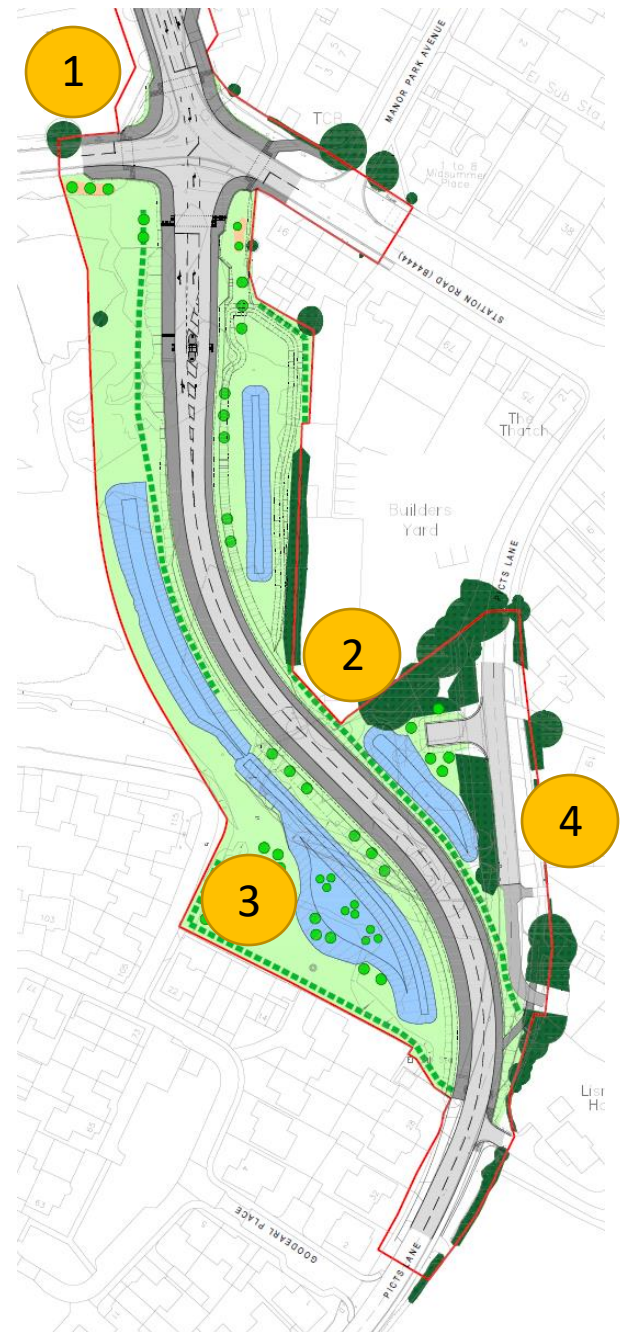
Bridge Layout



- Following optioneering we propose to move the highway alignment west with a new rail underbridge. Creation of residents only access road.
- Aiming to reduce impacts on properties along of Summerleys Road
- Expected maximum changes to some property accesses is approx. 1 metre height difference with new road levels.

Scheme Summary 2

1. Station Road Junction will be upgraded to 4 way traffic lights.
2. We are connecting Picts Lane to Station Road by way of a new link road via the new junction.
3. New flood attenuation pond/storage, culverts, and tree/meadow planting for the alignment with screening.
4. Old Picts Lane stopped up to through traffic and become a Cul-De-Sac. Cycle and pedestrian access only.



Other Points:

- Width of carriageway to be 6.5m through phase 1
- 30mph speed limit
- 3m width shared footway/cycleways, linking the north and south of the scheme.
- Summerleys road is expected to be closed to through traffic during construction. During which access for residents and businesses will be maintained.



PRSRL Aerial View



*Please note visualisations of properties are indicative only

Picts Lane Visualisation



Above - View looking north approaching the new traffic light-controlled junction with Summerleys Road, Station Road and Station Approach

Right – Picts Lane link road



Station Road Junction (South)



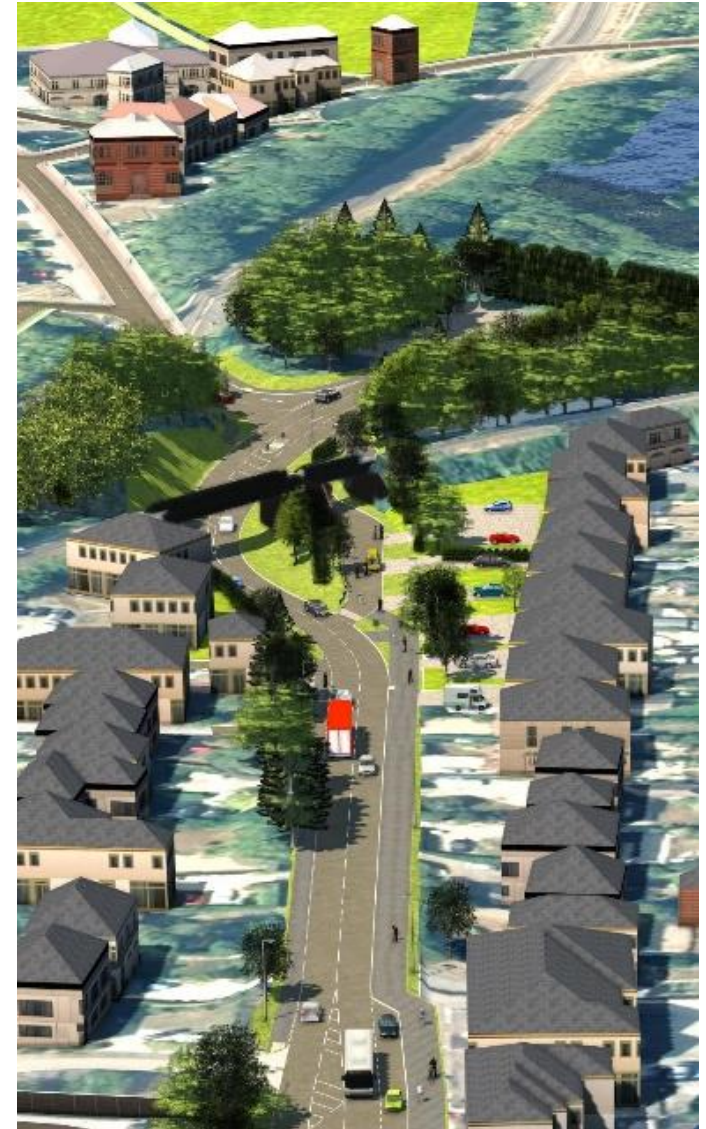
View looking south of the new junction with Summerleys Road, Station Road, Station Approach and new link road.
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Rail Bridge (South)



Above - View north approaching the new Summerleys Road railway bridge

Right – Aerial view of Summerleys Road

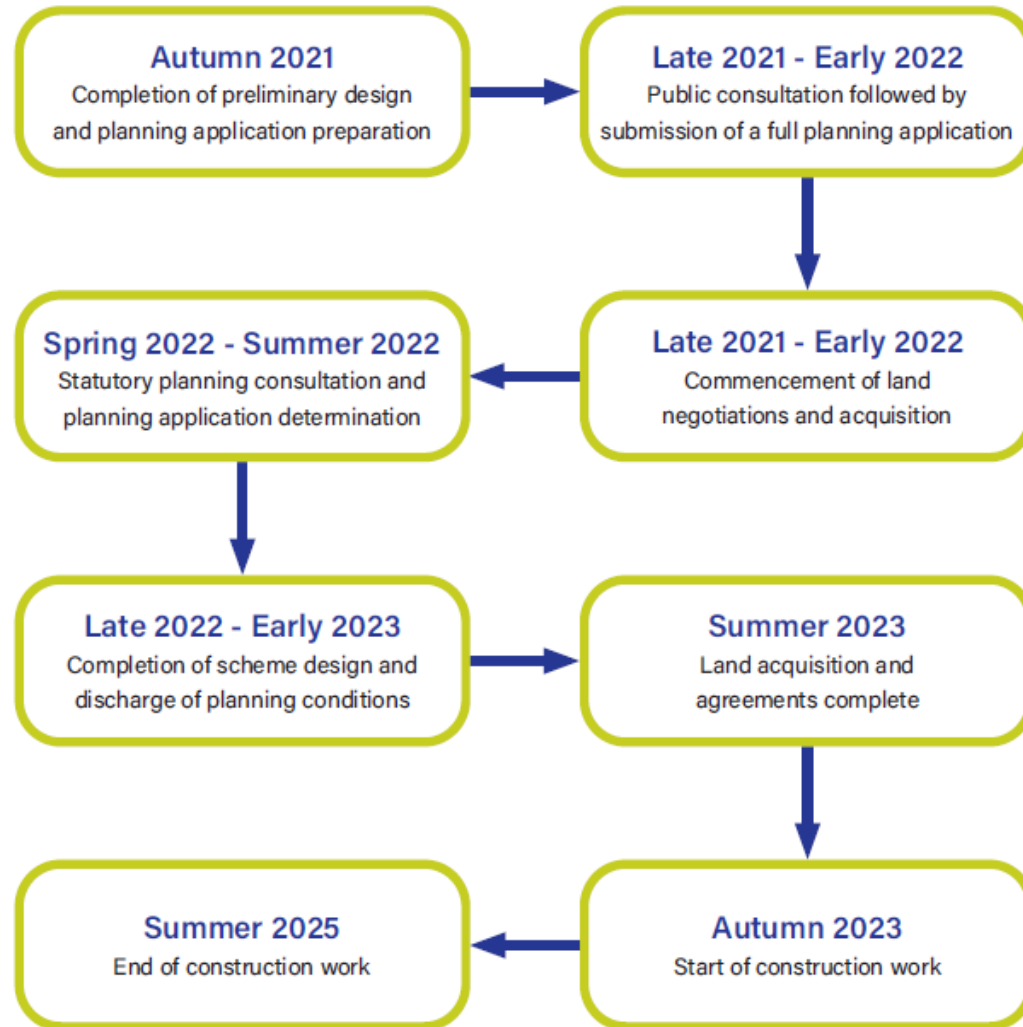


PRSRL Visualisations



View looking south towards the new Summerleys Road railway bridge and its approaches

PRSRL – Indicative Timescale & Next Steps



*Depending on the outcome of this consultation and other factors, such as Covid-19 restrictions, this timescale is subject to change.

Feedback and project updates

- Consultation opened on Friday 19th November and will close on Sunday 12th December
- Feedback form and subscribe to the mailing list for project updates on Your Voice Bucks: yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com
- PRSRL project webpage: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/prsrl>
- Please contact the project team if you feel you have been missed in correspondence at hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Questions and Answers

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