

A127 Engagement group

February 2025

Welcome and introductions

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A127/A130 Fairglen Interchange Improvements

Scheme status

- Final Business Case now approved by the Department for Transport, including £15m funding contribution
- Working with our preferred contractor to finalise the contract terms
- Full Council confirmation of the 25/26 budget agreed in February 2025
- Total scheme budget £59.1m
- Scheme start date to be confirmed once the contractor has been formally appointed, provisionally Easter 2025 (TBC)
- Duration of construction will be approximately two years



Traffic management

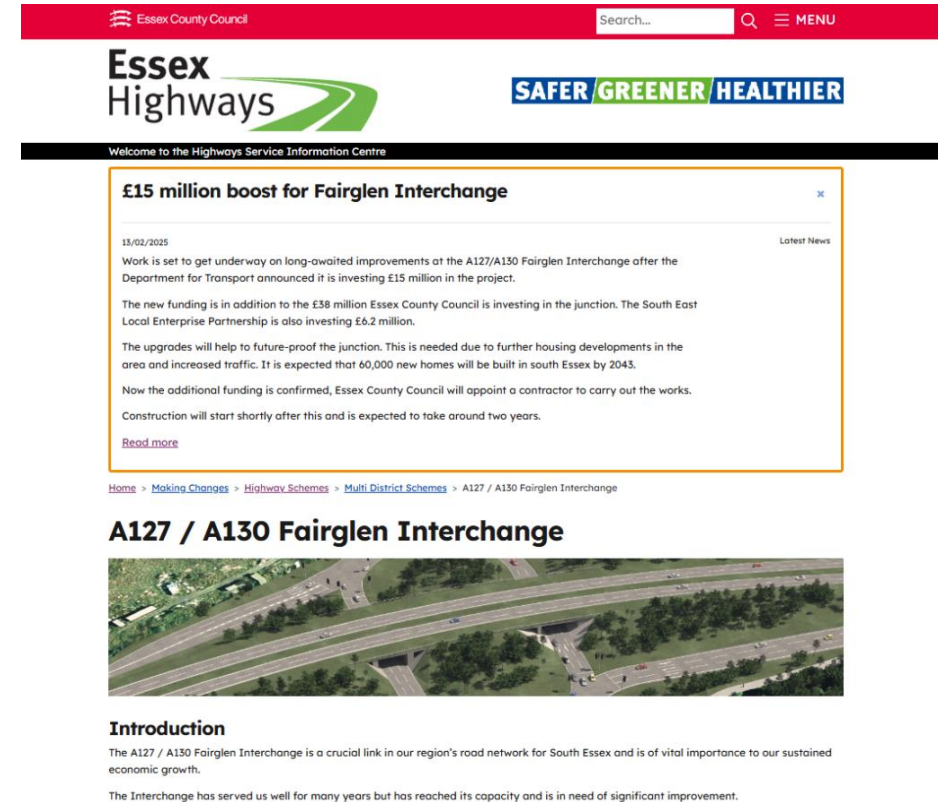
Initial requirements have been stipulated to the preferred scheme contractor:

- Works to be off-line where possible
- Predominantly no lane closures - narrow running widths and reduced speeds to be used as a matter of course
- Lane or road closures that are required will be overnight or off-peak
- The off-slip link road is off-line, which will minimise traffic disruption on the live road network
- A rigorous assessment of the contractor's traffic management plan will be undertaken before works are approved



Communications and engagement

- Updates will be provided in advance of the start of works to key stakeholders, including the surrounding borough and district councils, as well as the A127 Engagement Group
- Communications and engagement will be proactive to reflect the importance and sensitivity of the junction
- A Stakeholder Liaison Manager will be appointed by the contractor to develop a robust Stakeholder Management Plan from day one
- ECC/Essex Highways to also provide strategic oversight of all communications and engagement, ensuring regular updates are provided on the scheme webpage and other channels



The screenshot shows the Essex County Council website header with the Essex Highways logo and the slogan "SAFER GREENER HEALTHIER". Below the header is a navigation bar with a search box and a menu icon. The main content area features a news article titled "£15 million boost for Fairglen Interchange" dated 13/02/2025. The article text states that the Department for Transport has announced a £15 million investment in the project, which is in addition to the £38 million from Essex County Council and £6.2 million from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership. The article also mentions that the upgrades are needed due to future housing developments and increased traffic, with 60,000 new homes expected by 2043. A "Read more" link is provided at the end of the article. Below the article is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Making Changes > Highway Schemes > Multi-District Schemes > A127 / A130 Fairglen Interchange". The article is followed by a section titled "A127 / A130 Fairglen Interchange" with an aerial photograph of the interchange. Below the photograph is an "Introduction" section stating that the interchange is a crucial link in the region's road network and is in need of significant improvement.

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Welcome to the Highways Service Information Centre

£15 million boost for Fairglen Interchange

13/02/2025 Latest News

Work is set to get underway on long-awaited improvements at the A127/A130 Fairglen Interchange after the Department for Transport announced it is investing £15 million in the project.

The new funding is in addition to the £38 million Essex County Council is investing in the junction. The South East Local Enterprise Partnership is also investing £6.2 million.


The upgrades will help to future-proof the junction. This is needed due to further housing developments in the area and increased traffic. It is expected that 60,000 new homes will be built in south Essex by 2043.

Now the additional funding is confirmed, Essex County Council will appoint a contractor to carry out the works. Construction will start shortly after this and is expected to take around two years.

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A127 / A130 Fairglen Interchange



Introduction

The A127 / A130 Fairglen Interchange is a crucial link in our region's road network for South Essex and is of vital importance to our sustained economic growth.

The Interchange has served us well for many years but has reached its capacity and is in need of significant improvement.

A127 Transport Improvements (Halfway House to Fortune of War)

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Dunton Hills developer proposal – signalisation of Halfway House

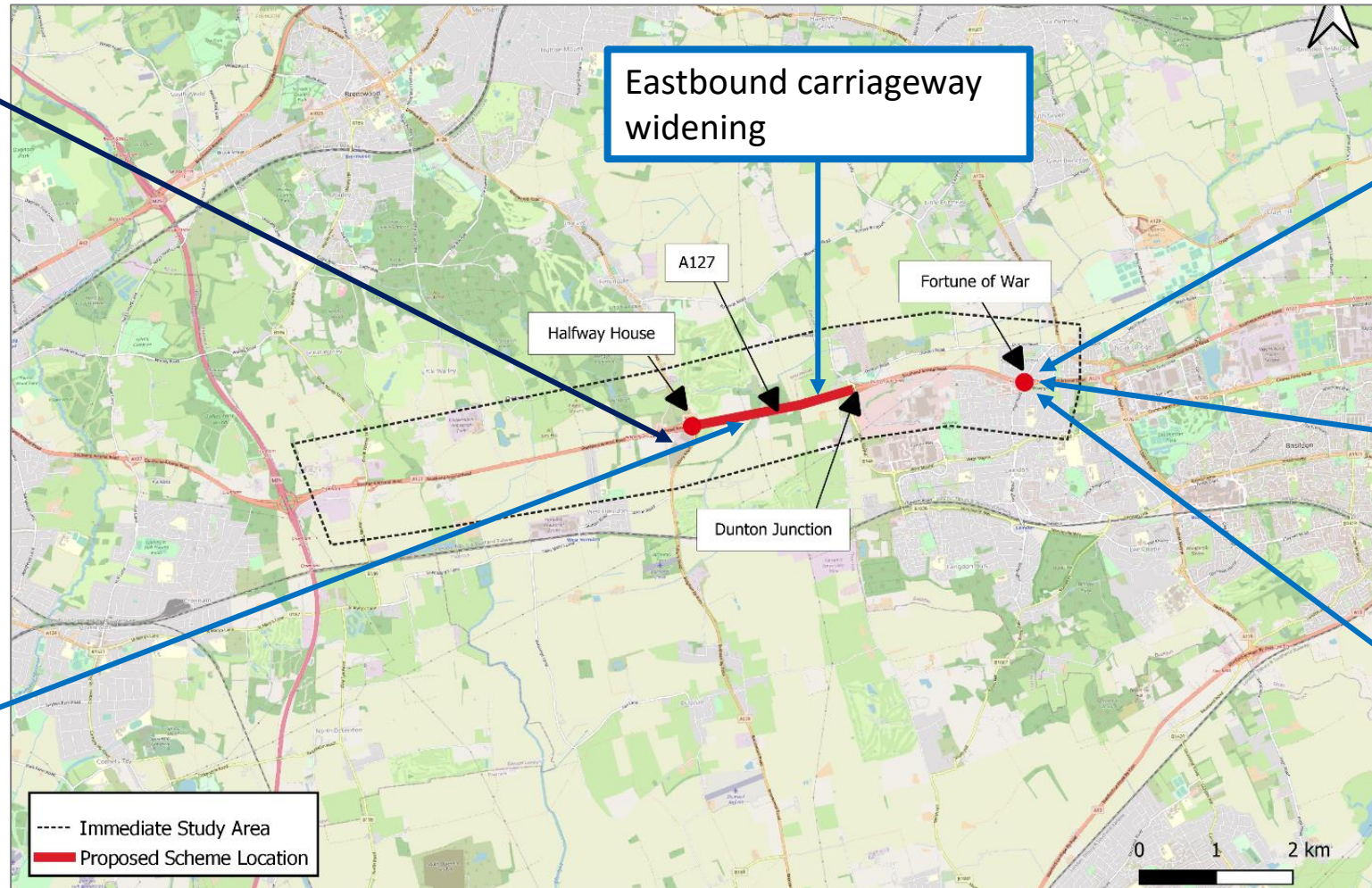
Active travel improvements to existing shared use path adjacent to southern carriageway between Halfway House and Fortune of War, including improved connectivity to existing bus stops

Eastbound carriageway widening

Replacement of existing active travel bridge to meet current design guidance

Improved active travel connectivity between West Mayne/St Nicholas Lane and the A127

Straightening of Fortune of War and improvements to merges and diverges



----- Immediate Study Area
— Proposed Scheme Location

Latest progress

- The majority of the funding to deliver this package is being sought from the DfT's Major Road Network (MRN) fund, which is for enhancement schemes on the country's busiest and most economically important local authority 'A' roads.
- A Strategic Outline Case (SOC) was submitted to the DfT in June 2024. Essex County Council has since been responding to a number of queries from the DfT. The latest of these relates to the Appraisal Summary Report required ahead of the Outline Business Case (OBC) stage.
- It is hoped that DfT will grant approval to proceed to the Outline Business Case development stage in the next few months. This approval will also release some development funding from the DfT.
- Provided the SOC approval is approved, we will seek further input from key partners and stakeholders, as well as the public through a public consultation exercise. Following this more developed designs and other information will be submitted as part of the Outline Business Case.
- Our current programme (which is subject to change) anticipates construction from 2028-2030, after the Fairglen Interchange works have been completed.

Strategic Outline Case progress

Strategic Outline Case Submission: June 2024

Additional submissions: June/July 2024

- Modelling and Appraisal Self-assessment Toolkit
- Early Appraisal and Sifting Tool
- Carbon Management Plan
- Bus Priority Checklist
- Transport Analysis Guidance workbooks (Excel format)

Clarifications:

- Response to DfT Carbon Management Plan comments – October 2024
- Response to Active Travel England comments – October 2024
- Response to DfT Modelling comments – October/November 2024
- Response to National Highways comments - November 2024
- Appraisal Summary Report update – December 2024
- Further Appraisal Summary Report comments – February 2025

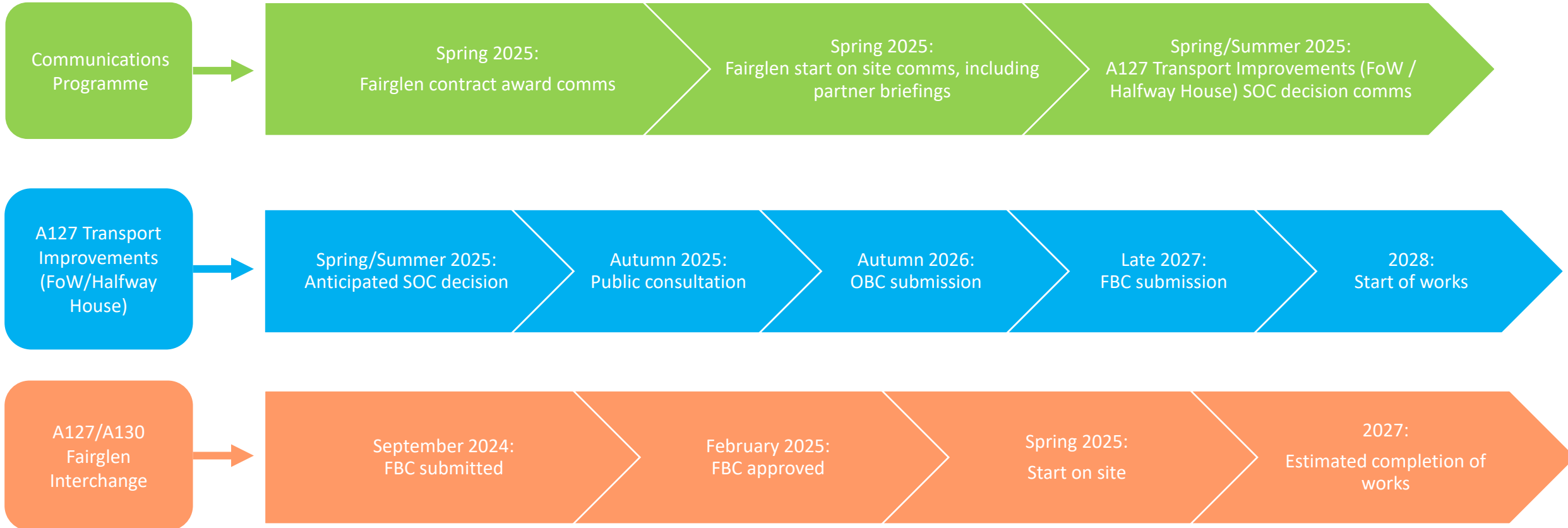
Local Plan Update

Local Plan Update – A127 Corridor

- Brentwood - Local Plan Adopted 2022. Adopted Local Plan is subject to mandatory review. Local Plan formal Regulation 18 consultation expected April – June 2026
- Basildon - Issues and Options (Reg 18) stage consultation held November 2024 - January 2025. Further Reg 18 consultation to be undertaken Spring 2025. Pre-Submission (Reg 19) consultation expected Summer 2025
- Rochford - Local Plan formal Regulation 18 consultation stage consultation expected Summer 2025
- Castle Point – Local Plan formal Regulation 19 stage consultation expected Spring 2025
- Southend-on-Sea - Local Plan formal Regulation 18 consultation expected Summer 2025
- Thurrock - Local Plan formal Regulation 19 consultation expected January – March 2026

Next steps

Indicative programme



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