

# A1 in Northumberland Improvement Programme

Northumberland County Councillors Update

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

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## Item

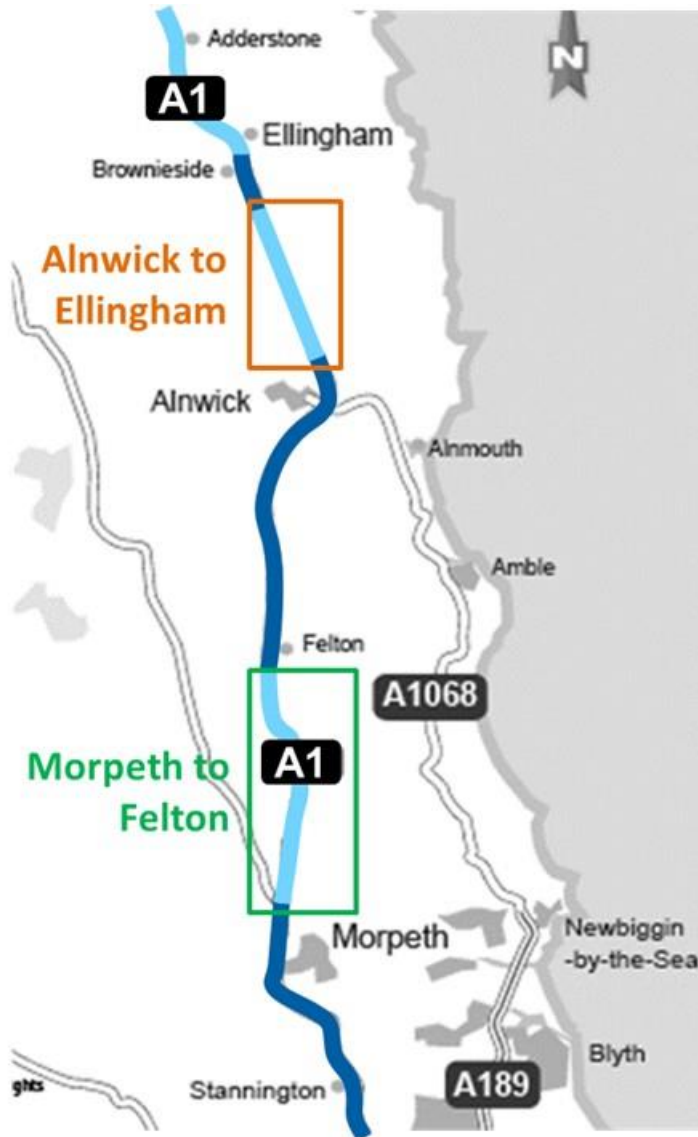
Scheme background, objectives and overview

The consultation process – next steps

Questions & Answers



# Improving the A1 in Northumberland



- **Roads Investment Strategy (2014)**
  - £290 million fund to improve the A1 in Northumberland.
  - Delivery by Highways England
- Morpeth to Felton (dualling)
- **Alnwick to Ellingham (dualling)**
- North of Ellingham

— Single carriageway  
— Dual carriageway

# A1 in Northumberland: Scheme objectives



Provide safer, more reliable journeys for local people, visitors, hauliers and agricultural users



Improved journey times and journey time reliability



Provide safe access and egress points for vehicles



Promote economic development within the region



Improve access to and from the wider region for local people and businesses

# Latest status...

- Preferred Route Announcement (PRA) Sep 2017:
  - A1 Morpeth to Felton (green route)
  - **A1 Alnwick to Ellingham (orange route)**
- Work undertaken since PRA:
  - Supplementary survey work acquired
  - Consultation with statutory bodies
  - 3D design model developed
  - Private means of access consulted with stakeholders
  - Public consultation for A1 Morpeth to Felton (Summer 2018)

# Alnwick to Ellingham currently



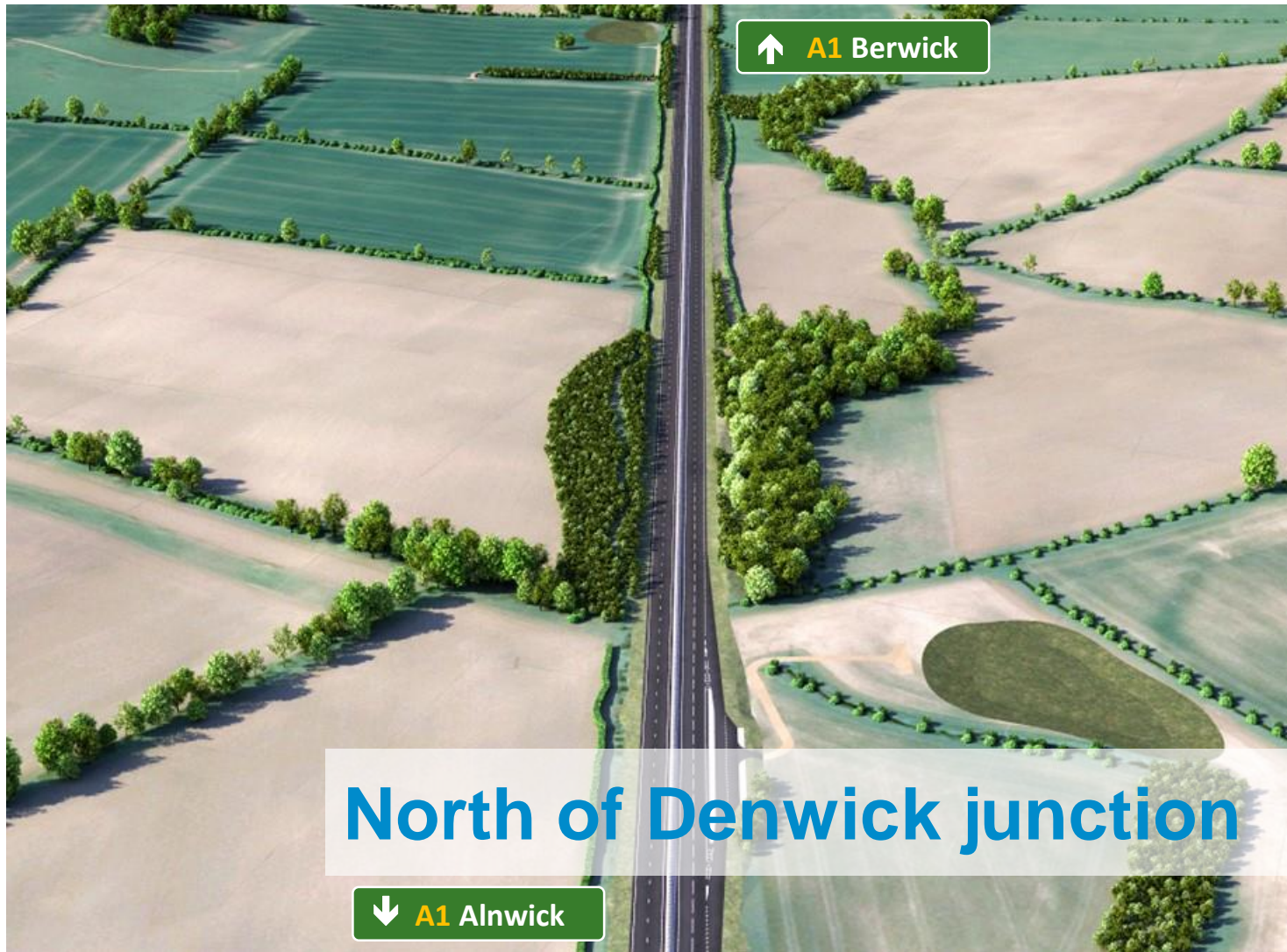
- Entirely single carriageway
- Flat junctions
- Used by HGV traffic towards Edinburgh and Newcastle
- Long, straight alignment
- Encourages overtaking



# Alnwick to Ellingham proposal



- Dual carriageway built online between Denwick and North Charlton
- Split-level junction at Charlton Mires, with bridge over A1 and roundabout with B6347
- Overbridge at Broxfield or Heckley Fence
- New access roads to Eastlink Hall and Westlink Hall (both lose direct A1 access)
- Access road to Rock South Farm
- Environmental mitigation measures



↑ A1 Berwick

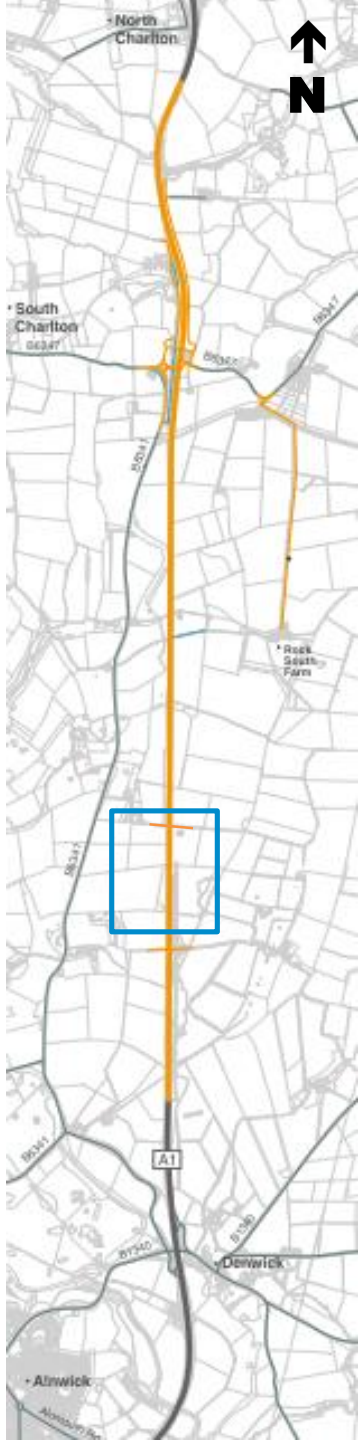
North of Denwick junction

↓ A1 Alnwick





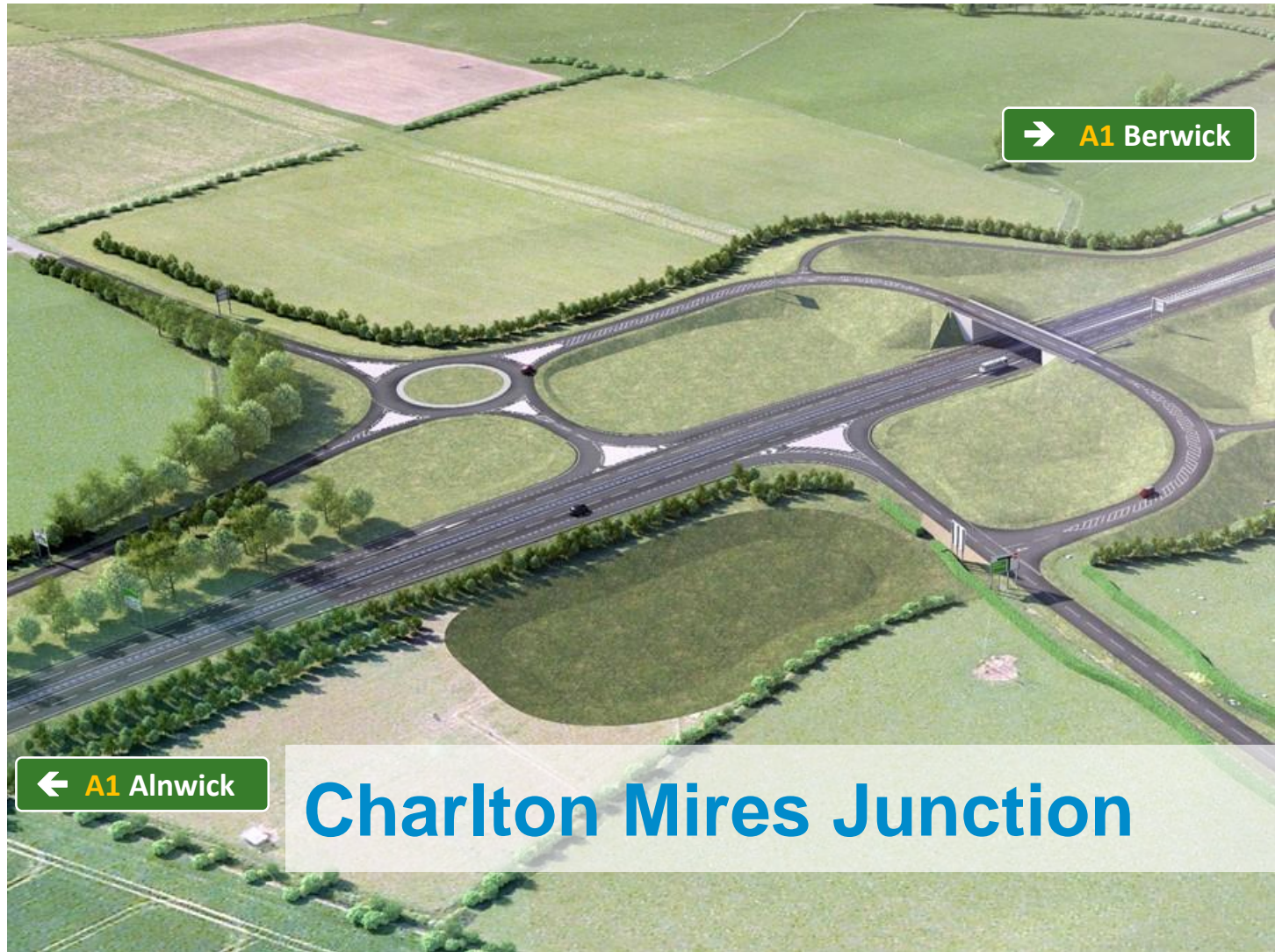
# Broxfield overbridge



# Heckley Fence



## South of Charlton Mires Junction



# Charlton Mires Junction



↑ A1 Berwick

# Eastlink Hall Access Road

↓ A1 Alnwick

# A2E: What happens next?

- Feb 2019 A2E Statutory Public Consultation
  - Started on the 25<sup>th</sup> February
  - Ends on Thursday the 18 April 2019
  - Public Exhibitions
- End 2019 Development Consent Order application
- Mid 2021 Construction start\*
- 2023 Scheme opens to traffic\*

\* *Subject to successful completion of the statutory process*

# Question and Answers

## Thank You

Scheme website:

[www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/morpeth-to-ellingham-dualling/](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/morpeth-to-ellingham-dualling/)

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