

The following information will help us when considering your opinions and to make sure that we're getting the views of all members of the community. The answers will not be used to identify any individual.

Q3. What is your age? Under 16  16-19  20-24  25-29  30-44   
 30-44  45-59  60-64  65-74  75+

Q4a. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? (Long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time) Yes  No

Q4b. If yes, does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way? Yes  No

Q5. To which of these groups do you consider you belong? White  Black or Black British   
 Asian or Asian British  Mixed  Chinese  Other

Q6. What is your home postcode?

Q7. Whereabouts do you work? Luton  Dunstable  Houghton Regis   
 Other (please specify)

Q8. How often do you visit the Town Centres of Luton, Dunstable or Houghton Regis? Daily   
 2-3 times a week  Once a week  Once a month  Less often

Please send your response by post or e-form by 20th February 2009. Thank you for your contribution.

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## North Dunstable and North Luton Consultation

# We Would Like Your Views on Transport Proposals in the North Dunstable and North Luton Area

Luton and South Bedfordshire will experience extensive development pressure over the next 23 years, and the area already suffers from traffic congestion. We are now seeking the views of local people and businesses on transport proposals to ensure that the planned urban extensions north of the Luton and Dunstable / Houghton Regis conurbation are integrated sustainably into the fabric of the existing urban area.

The proposals are outlined in this leaflet. Further details will be shown at a series of public exhibitions held between Saturday 24th and Saturday 31st January 2009 at the following locations throughout the Luton and Dunstable areas:

- Dunstable Library – Saturday 24th January, 10am – 4pm
- John Dony Field Centre, Bushmead – Monday 26th January, 10am - 8pm
- Houghton Regis Town Hall – Tuesday 27th January, 10am – 4pm
- Streatley Village Hall – Thursday 29th January, 10am – 7pm
- Sundon Park Community Centre – Friday 30th January, 10am – 7pm
- Arndale Centre, Luton – Saturday 31st January, 10am – 5pm

Staff will be available to explain the proposals to you.



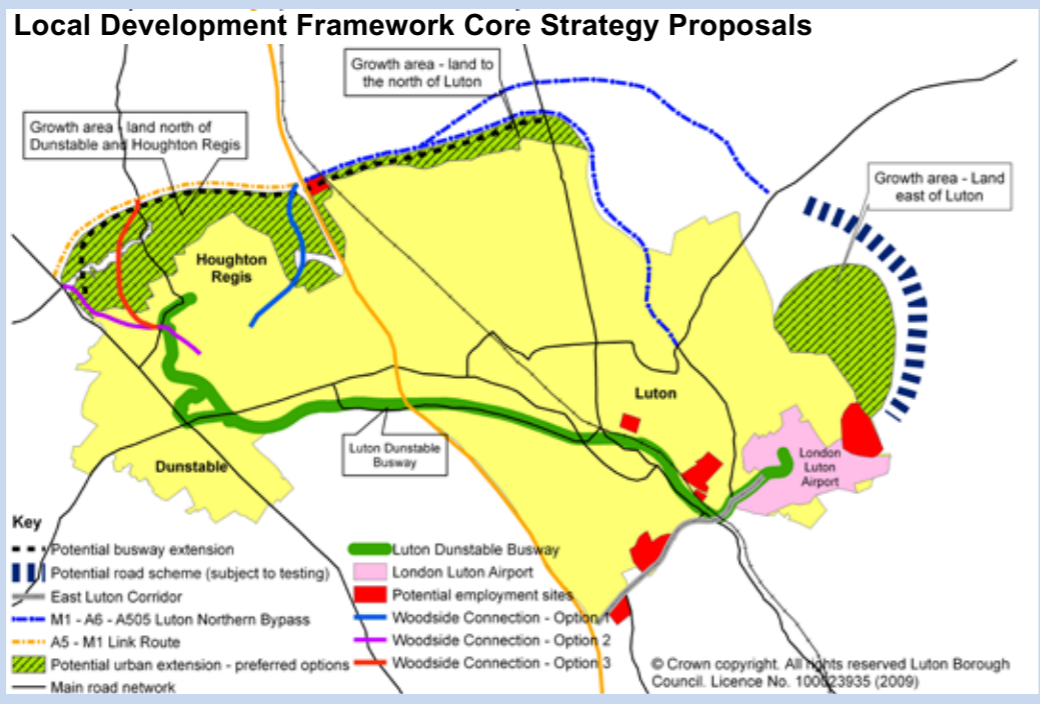
To send your response by e-form, please log on to;  
[www.luton.gov.uk](http://www.luton.gov.uk) or [www.bedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.gov.uk) or [www.southbeds.gov.uk](http://www.southbeds.gov.uk)

or post to North Dunstable & Luton Transport Proposals Consultation, Communications Team, Bedfordshire County Council, FREEPOST ANG 5499, Bedford, MK42 9NG by 20th February 2009, using the questionnaire at the end of this booklet.

## Introduction

This plan shows the emerging proposals for development around the conurbation. We are seeking your opinions on transport proposals for relief to North and Central Dunstable and North and Central Luton.

Please indicate your views on the attached questionnaire and return to the Freepost address shown, by Friday 20th February 2009.



## Background Proposals

### LDF Core Strategy Proposals in Luton and Dunstable

Regional and Sub regional planning guidance propose large amounts of housing growth in Luton and South Bedfordshire between 2001 and 2031.

Bedfordshire County Council, Luton Borough Council and South Bedfordshire District Council have already undertaken public consultation to establish preferred locations for this new development, in connection with the Local Development Framework (LDF). Key locations where this growth is proposed are illustrated on the plan above. It is anticipated that the LDF Draft Preferred Options Core Strategy will be subject to its own public consultation in the next few months. For further details visit: [www.shapeyourfuture.org.uk](http://www.shapeyourfuture.org.uk)

### Strategic Transport Proposals in the Luton and Dunstable Area

• **M1 widening Junctions 10 to 13** – following the recent completion of widening works south of Luton, proposals for widening the M1 further north between Junctions 10 and 13 are currently subject to review, in order to consider whether hard shoulder running could potentially provide better

value for money than the option of full widening. A ministerial decision is expected in early 2009.

- **A5 to M1 Link (Dunstable Northern Bypass)** – The proposal will comprise a two-lane dual carriageway from the M1 at a new junction 11A, to the north of Luton, connecting with the A5 north of Dunstable. A timetable for delivery of this scheme will become clearer once a decision has been reached in relation to proposals for improving the M1 between junctions 10 and 13.
- **Luton Dunstable Busway** – The Luton Dunstable Busway will be a mainly guided Busway along the disused Luton Dunstable railway line. It will have a number of access points along its length where buses can join/leave the Busway, enabling them to serve residential areas in Dunstable, Houghton Regis and the west of Luton, then using the Busway to provide fast and reliable connections to the three town centres, Luton and Luton Airport Parkway stations and the Airport. The scheme will also include installation of new bus stops/shelters and passenger information systems both on and off the Busway. Construction on the busway is currently due to commence in early 2010, with completion in early 2012.

## Consultation proposals - North Dunstable

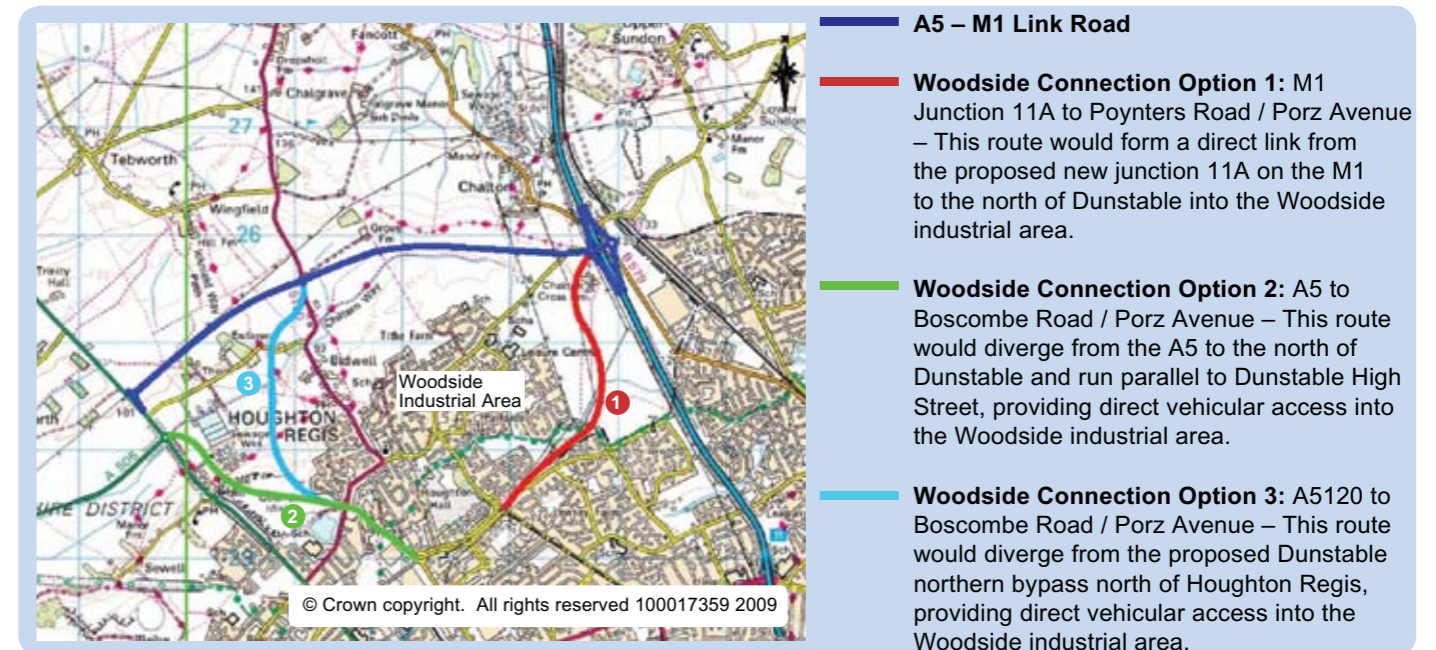
### Woodside Connection

In addition to managing existing traffic flows within the North Dunstable area, a number of options for new highway links are currently being investigated to improve access into the Woodside Industrial area. This would avoid the need for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) to travel along the A5 High Street / A505 Church Street, through the congested town centre, or along the A505 Luton Road from Junction 11 of the M1.

There are 3 potential road-based options which are currently being considered. These are summarised below along with their respective anticipated transport and environmental impacts:

### North Dunstable Zonal Travel Plan

In order to encourage increased use of sustainable modes of travel and improve access to the North Dunstable area, a Zonal Travel Plan is currently being developed amongst employers within this area. The Woodside Industrial Estate and adjacent employment areas account for approximately 80% of the employment land in Dunstable, employing some 5000 people. The North Dunstable Zonal Travel Plan aims to encourage local employees to adopt greener modes of travel to work, such as car sharing, walking, cycling and public transport. In addition, the establishment of a Freight Quality Partnership within the North Dunstable area will seek to reduce HGV movements, by improving scheduling and coordinating of deliveries.



### Anticipated Impacts of Woodside Connection and North Dunstable Zonal Travel Plan

Woodside Connection option	Congestion in:		Highway-based Accessibility in:			Accidents	Air Quality		Landscape
	Dunstable	Houghton Regis	Dunstable	Houghton Regis	Luton		Dunstable	Houghton Regis	
Option 1: M1 Junction 11A to Poynters Road / Porz Avenue	Slight benefit	Moderate benefit	Neutral	Neutral – slight benefit	Neutral	Moderate benefit	Slight benefit	Slight adverse	Moderate adverse
Option 2: A5 to Boscombe Road / Porz Avenue.	Moderate to large benefit	Large benefit	Large benefit	Neutral	Neutral	Slight benefit	Slight benefit	Slight benefit	Large adverse
Option 3: A5120 to Boscombe Road / Porz Avenue	Moderate benefit	Moderate to large benefit	Slight to moderate benefit	Slight benefit	Neutral – slight benefit	Slight benefit	Slight benefit	Neutral	Large adverse

### Q1

Which of the alternatives for the Woodside Connection do you feel we should consider? Please send us your views by answering question 1 in the questionnaire.

## Consultation proposals - North Luton

### Luton Northern Bypass Options

Proposals for a northern bypass of Luton are illustrated on the plan opposite. This route would commence at a new Junction 11A on the M1, built to accommodate the A5 - M1 Link. It would then link with the A6 following one of the 4 alternative alignments illustrated opposite by the respective green, orange, grey and blue routes.

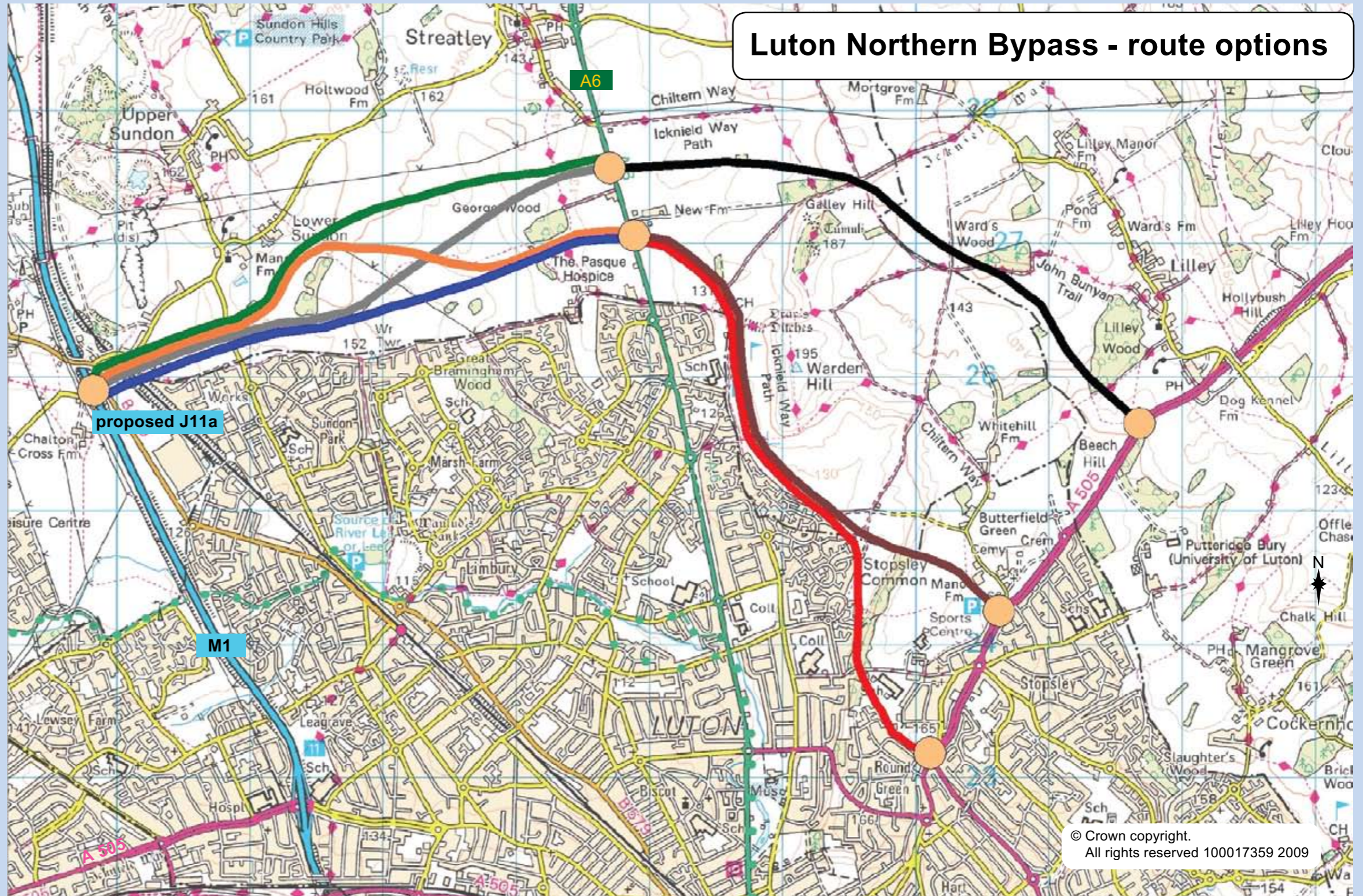
The route would then continue from the A6 to the A505 following one of 3 alternative alignments, illustrated opposite by the respective black, brown and red routes.

### Alternatives to Luton Northern Bypass

It may be possible to tackle many of Luton's travel and congestion problems in a different way, without major new road construction. This would avoid the considerable environmental effects of the bypass and could improve travel opportunities for many more groups of people in the community.

At this stage we have not developed firm proposals for this option. They would probably comprise a combination of improved bus services, cycle and pedestrian routes and traffic calming together with personalised travel planning. These measures would help people to make the switch from car to other modes of transport.

If this option receives sufficient support at this Consultation, we would develop a package of measures for further consultation in the future.



**Q2**

Which of the above options for a Luton Northern Bypass do you think we should consider? Please send us your views by answering question 2 in the questionnaire.

Please see overleaf on page 6 a table showing the effects of the Luton Northern bypass or non-bypass alternatives.

**Anticipated Impacts of a Luton Northern Bypass and Alternative ‘No Bypass’ Option**

The level of benefit provided by a northern bypass of Luton would depend upon the choice of alignment, in terms of its proximity to the existing urban boundary of Luton. The anticipated transport and environmental impacts of the respective outer and inner bypass alignments are summarised in the table below, along with alternative proposals to building a bypass in order to tackle Luton’s transport problems.

Impact of bypass option upon:								
Description	Congestion in Luton	Highway-based Accessibility	Accidents	Public Transport Mode Share	Air Quality	Landscape	Heritage of Historic Resources	Biodiversity
Full Bypass Outer alignment	Moderate benefit	Large benefit	Moderate benefit	Neutral	Moderate benefit	Large adverse	Moderate adverse	Slight adverse
Full Bypass Inner alignment	Moderate benefit	Slight benefit	Red route: Slight Adverse	Neutral	Moderate benefit	Slight adverse	Large adverse	Large adverse
			Brown route: Moderate benefit					
No Bypass + enhanced Public Transport	Moderate benefit	Neutral	Moderate benefit	Moderate benefit	Moderate benefit	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Q2** Which of the above options for a Luton Bypass do you think we should consider? Please send us your views by answering question 2 in the questionnaire.

**Further information**

Proposals within the District of South Bedfordshire which are to be implemented after March 2009 will be according to the priorities of the new Central Bedfordshire Unitary Authority.

If you would like further details on any of the proposals referred to in this leaflet, please phone:

Adrian Holloway at Bedfordshire County Council on (01234) 228686 or  
Keith Dove at Luton Borough Council on (01582) 547211

If you require the questionnaire in larger print, please contact Colin Wilkinson on 0845 365 6132.

**Questionnaire**

**Transport proposals in the North Dunstable and North Luton Area**

Please complete this questionnaire by placing a cross in the box that best indicates your opinion for each question. When you have finished please separate the questionnaire from the leaflet and fold as shown. There is a freepost address written on the back so you do not need a stamp or envelope. Please send your reply by 20th February 2009.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly agree
<b>Q1 North Dunstable – Woodside Connection Options</b>					
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following options for Woodside Connection?					
Option 1: M1 Junction 11A to Poynters Road / Porz Avenue					
Option 2: A5 to Boscombe Road / Porz Avenue					
Option 3: A5120 to Boscombe Road / Porz Avenue					
Do you have any comments about this? Please write them here. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)					
<b>Q2. Luton Northern Bypass Options</b>					
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following bypass options for Luton?					
(i) Green Route + Black Route					
(ii) Grey Route + Black Route					
(iii) Orange Route + Brown Route					
(iv) Orange Route + Red Route					
(v) Blue Route + Brown Route					
(vi) Blue Route + Red Route					
(vii) Alternative measures to a Northern Bypass of Luton					
(viii) Other route (please specify)					
Do you have any comments about this? Please write them here. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)					
Please use this space for any additional comments you may have regarding the exhibition or about transport issues in Luton and Dunstable generally. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)					