M27 Junction 5 Scheme – Relocation of layby on Stoneham Way (Link Road)

Statement Of Reasons

The Highways Agency are undertaking works to improve traffic flows at junction 5 of the M27. Work includes:

- widening of the M27 eastbound exit slip road, Stoneham Way and the A335 Wide Lane to three lanes:
- sections of the northern half of the roundabout will also be widened to three lanes;
- construction of a segregated left turn lane from A335 Wide Lane onto the eastbound M27 entry slip-road; and
- installation of new traffic signals on the northern section of the roundabout.

In order to widen Stoneham Way to three lanes the Highways Agency propose to stop-up the existing layby and construct a new one which is approximately 25 metres shorter in length and located slightly further north. This work will require the existing waiting restrictions on Stoneham Lane to be amended.

The effect of this order will be to revoke the existing waiting restrictions on Stoneham Way and to re-introduce the restriction limiting waiting to one hour within the new layby. A no waiting at any time restriction will be re-introduced along the rest of Stoneham Way.

The Highways Agency scheme and associated traffic regulation order to amend waiting restrictions on Stoneham Way will help to reduce congestion and improve safety.