

Will you be buying my house?

We do not expect to need to acquire any residential property for either of the two sites.

Will I be compensated for the loss of value of my house?

In certain circumstances compensation is paid for loss of value to properties. More details are given on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/compensation-road-property-value> (the lorry area is a 'road' for this purpose).

How close will the lorries be to my house?

The size and shape of the lorry area will depend on the outcome of the consultation so we cannot say how houses may be affected. We will design the lorry area to minimise the impact on surrounding property.

But I have seen detailed layouts for both sites in the press and on the web?

We have published indicative maps showing the two proposed site areas but we are aware that third parties have also published plans. We'd like to make clear that these were not produced with the permission of Highways England and the boundaries they outline should not be relied on. If either site is chosen its layout will vary according to the number of lorries to be parked and the facilities made available for drivers, both of which are subject to this consultation.

Roughly where will lorries be parked within the sites?

To minimise the impact on the landscape we would try to avoid parking lorries on the eastern end of the northern part of Site 1 and the southern end of Site 2, but we cannot guarantee this.

Will Site 1 extend across Kennet Lane?

If selected, we would not expect Site 1 to cross Kennet Lane.

Have you bought any land for the lorry area?

We have not bought any land for the lorry area. We expect to start negotiations with landowners of both sites in the near future. These negotiations will be to agree terms for possible future purchase if either site is selected. Only the Valuation Office is authorised to negotiate land purchase on our behalf.

Will the lorry area increase flood risk?

The drainage design will be full engineered to trap pollutants before they enter the drainage system and to control the flow of water into the drainage system so that there is no increase in the risk of flooding.

Will lorries queue back on to the M20 and local roads when the sites are in use?

We will design both sites and their access arrangements so that lorries can leave and access the lorry park and M20 without queuing on the motorway or local roads.

Will you consider other sites?

The consultation invites suggestions for other sites and we will consider any suggestions on their merits.

How will lorries approaching from the east enter the sites?

We estimate up to 30% of lorries will approach the sites from the east. They would leave the M20 at Junction 11 travelling north up the B2068 (Stone Street) to Site 2, or through the Stop 24 services to Site 1.

How will you force lorries to use the site for overnight parking?

It will be for local authorities to introduce and enforce bans on overnight parking on local roads. The availability of the lorry area for overnight parking is expected to make enforcement easier because drivers will not be able to argue there is nowhere else to park.