

Strategic Road Network

- 11.47 This policy reaffirms the Council's commitment to work in partnership with National Highways and other strategic bodies to minimise traffic growth on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) and maximise the appeal of making trips by active and sustainable modes.

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The Council will continue to work with National Highways, Department of Transport, Transport for the North, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and other stakeholders to deliver necessary improvements to mitigate impacts of increased traffic on the Strategic Road Network (SRN). Any proposals will be required to accommodate economic growth from the Atom Valley Growth Location and other development allocations in the Borough without increasing congestion, delays and journey times on the SRN at present. This collaboration seeks to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the planning and delivery of interventions on the SRN and interfaces with the local network.

Locations where interventions may be required to tackle delays and congestion on the SRN include:

- i. M62 Junction 18 – Simister Island
- ii. M66 Junctions 2 and 3
- iii. M60 Junction 19, and
- iv. M62 Junctions 19 and 20.
- v. A627(M) Corridor.

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Reasoned Justification

- 11.48 The Strategic Road Network (SRN) will continue to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Collaboration is ongoing between National Highways, TfGM and Local Councils to ensure it operates as effectively and efficiently as possible and best contributes to sustainable economic growth across the borough and GM.
- 11.49 Even with the support of substantial investment in active travel and public transport networks to accommodate trips generated from future development such as the Atom Valley Growth Location, improvements to the already congested Strategic Road Network (SRN) will be necessary. Developers will be expected to contribute to proposals at levels proportionate to their impact on the network operation (both SRN and local roads). It is expected that public sector investment from GM sources and DfT / National Highways will support these and address the full impact.
- 11.50 National Highways are progressing proposals to ease congestion and reduce delays at M62 Junction 18 Simister Island. As Northern Gateway progresses, further works at adjacent junctions on the M66 and M60 Junction 19 west of Middleton will be required.

Trips generated from other PfE allocations including Stakehill and Kingsway and local brownfield allocations will lead to the need for investment in M62 Junction 20 and the A627(M) corridor even if congestion levels remain as they are now.