

## **2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund**

### **A335 Junctions Swaythling**

#### Introduction

In the 2016 Autumn Statement the Government created the £23bn National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF). This fund has the aim to provide major additional funding in areas that can boost national productivity, so the investment is being directed at housing, transport, technology and infrastructure. £1.1bn has been allocated to transport for the rest of the Parliament period to 2020/21, an initial allocation has been made for 2017/18, which has been allocated to transport authorities on a prorata basis as a grant. SCC will receive £644,000 from this fund to spend on an identified transport project.

The objectives of the fund are to:

- Ease congestion and provide upgrades on national, regional or locally important routes;
- Unlock economic and job creation opportunities; and
- Enable deliver of vital new housing developments.

#### A335 Junctions Swaythling

The A335 Junctions Swaythling scheme is a multi-modal transport improvement to a key strategic corridor into Southampton.

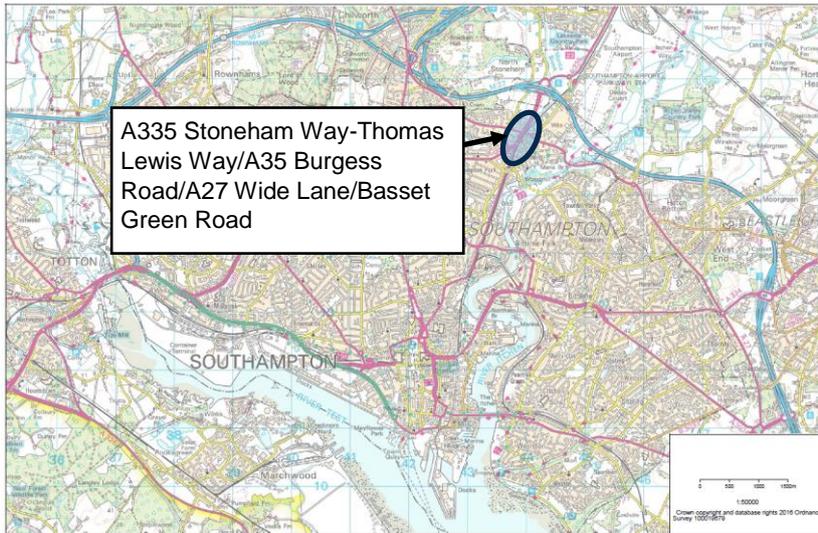
The A335 Junctions are a key point in the road network into Southampton from Junction 5 of the M27 and Eastleigh/Southampton Airport. It is a point where two routes diverge – A335 Thomas Lewis Way provides direct access to Southampton city centre, and A35 Burgess Road provides access to the University of Southampton's main campus and Southampton General Hospital. The A27 crosses east-west and provides access to the former Ford factory and Townhill Park regeneration area. Northbound the A335 provides access to M27 Junction 5, Southampton Airport and major housing development area in Eastleigh at Stoneham Park. Surrounding the junctions is Swaythling railway station, large residential area, two parades of shops and student accommodation at City Gateway.

The junctions that consist of the A335 Junctions project are as follows (from north to south):

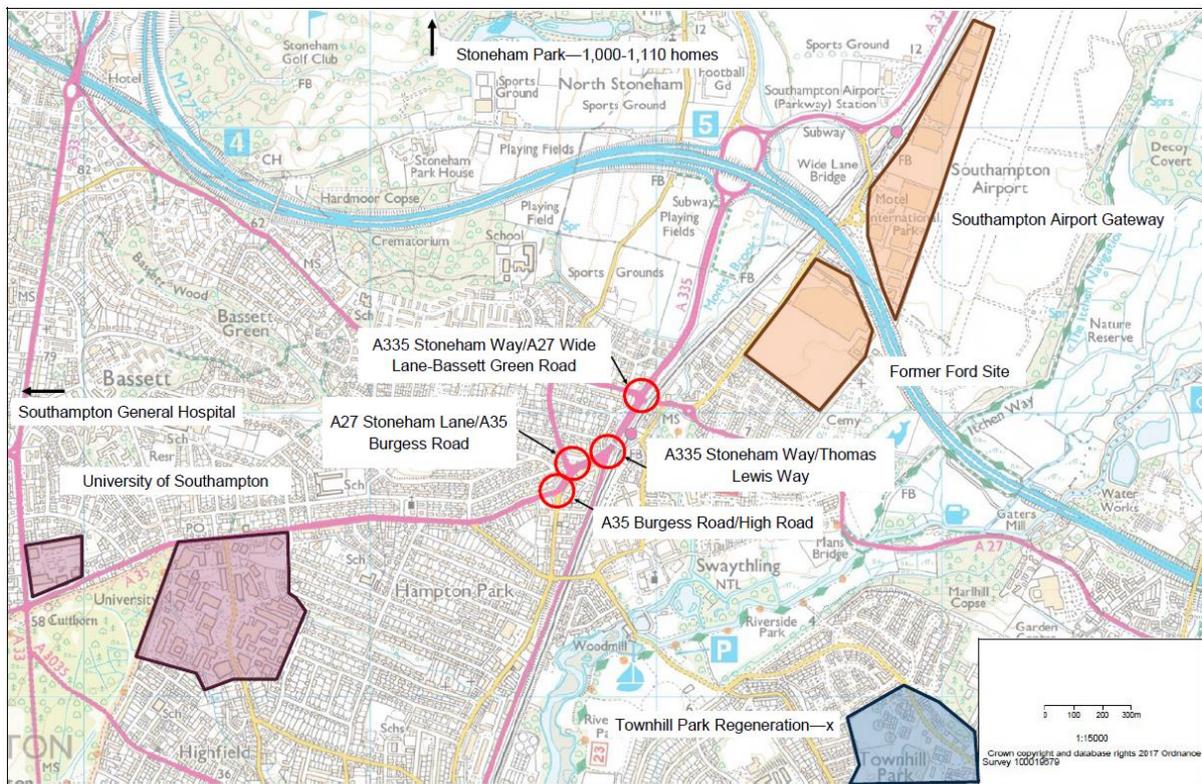
- Junction 1 - A335 Stoneham Way/A27 Wide Lane-Bassett Green Road
- Junction 2 - A335 Stoneham Way/Thomas Lewis Way
- Junction 3 - A35 Stoneham Way/A27 Stoneham Lane
- Junction 4 - A35 Stoneham Way-Burgess Road/High Road Swaythling

The area suffers from significant congestion in the morning and evening peaks. The A335 Junctions project will aim to relieve some of symptoms of the congestion through the provision of better traffic signalling technology, provide priority for buses, safe crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists and to improve provide facilities for cyclists.

Works are expected to be delivered in Winter 2017/18.



Map 1 – Location Map of A335 Junctions



Map 2 – A335 Junctions and Wider Area