

Southend's Road Map to Success: From Martin Prescott

Thank you for looking at my road design. I have lived in the East of Southend for several years and am fed up with constantly hearing, when talking about travel; "it doesn't take all that long to get there, once you can get out of Southend." Action needs to be taken to sort these problems out, however building the new road around Rochford will not ease the problems on the A127. Most people want to travel from Southend to London, very few will want to drive around Rayleigh to have to do this; people will still use the old A127 as it is the 'shortest' route.

I am also against the immediate slowing down of traffic on the A127 when entering Southend. You travel along at National limit (70mph), when you come to the Southend border. There's a sign welcoming you, then a 40mph. Few yards up the road's a speed camera, miss the 40mph for any reason and you can't possibly stop-many coach drivers have been caught out. Things need to change.

You can publish the idea if you think it is a possible option.

Shoeburyness to London (Where the Source is Shoebury, the Destination London):

Phase 1 - North Shoebury Road/Bournes Green Chase roundabout unchanged. Bournes Green Chase A13 upgraded to a dual carriageway, until A1159 roundabout. Dual Carriageway flyover connecting A13 Shoebury to A1159 dual carriageway.

Phase 2 - A1159 remains dual carriageway; Hamstel Road Roundabout removed and road runs under A1159. Slip lanes off/onto A1159, underneath main carriageway. Waitrose Roundabout removed and again road runs under A1159 with slip off lanes from the A1159.

Phase 3 - Sutton Road/A1159 roundabout widened with dual carriageway flyover for traffic staying on the A1159. New bridge over railway line constructed north of the current bridge, remove bend. Road widened to a dual carriageway, removing the grass bank and some small businesses to the north of Priory Park. Cuckoo roundabout removed, A1159-A127West goes under the current road A127South and Manners Way. No access to A1159-A127West from A127South-Manners Way or Vice Versa (See later for Main Southend Traffic)

Phase 4 - All traffic lights removed between Cuckoo Corner and B1013 roundabout. Hobblythick-Rochford Road now goes underneath A127 with no access to/from road (See later for Main Southend Traffic). Dual Carriageway flyover over B1013 roundabout constructed.

Phase 5 - From B1013 Roundabout, A127 extended to 3 or 4 carriageways until A1245 (A130) turnoff. Bridgewater Drive-Rayleigh Road goes underneath main A127 carriageway with slip roads for access from/to A127.

Phase 6 - A1245 roundabout altered to accommodate for more traffic going/coming from the south of the roundabout. 5 Roundabouts at Salder's Farm removed and replaced with; one roundabout accessible from A130 South, A130 North, A13 East, B1464, with a dual carriageway flyover. A larger roundabout is also created south of the site, connecting A130 North, A130South and A13 West.

Southend Centre to London (Where the Source is Southend, the Destination London):

Phase 1 - West Road now goes underneath A127, with no access from/to the other road. New Dual Carriageway built branches away from existing A127 running through/around old SUFC, connecting to existing Prittlewell Chase. Prittlewell Chase extended to 3 lanes on each side, where parking is required in 1 lane.

Phase 2 - Step Bridge Placed outside Southend High, Hobblythick now goes underneath Prittlewell Chase, with slip roads for access from/to it. Hospital Access is now from a slip road underneath main carriageway. Main Traffic is now split and sent down A1158 roads, towards the A127. A1158 Roads come into the roundabout (where B1013 starts) and joins A127.