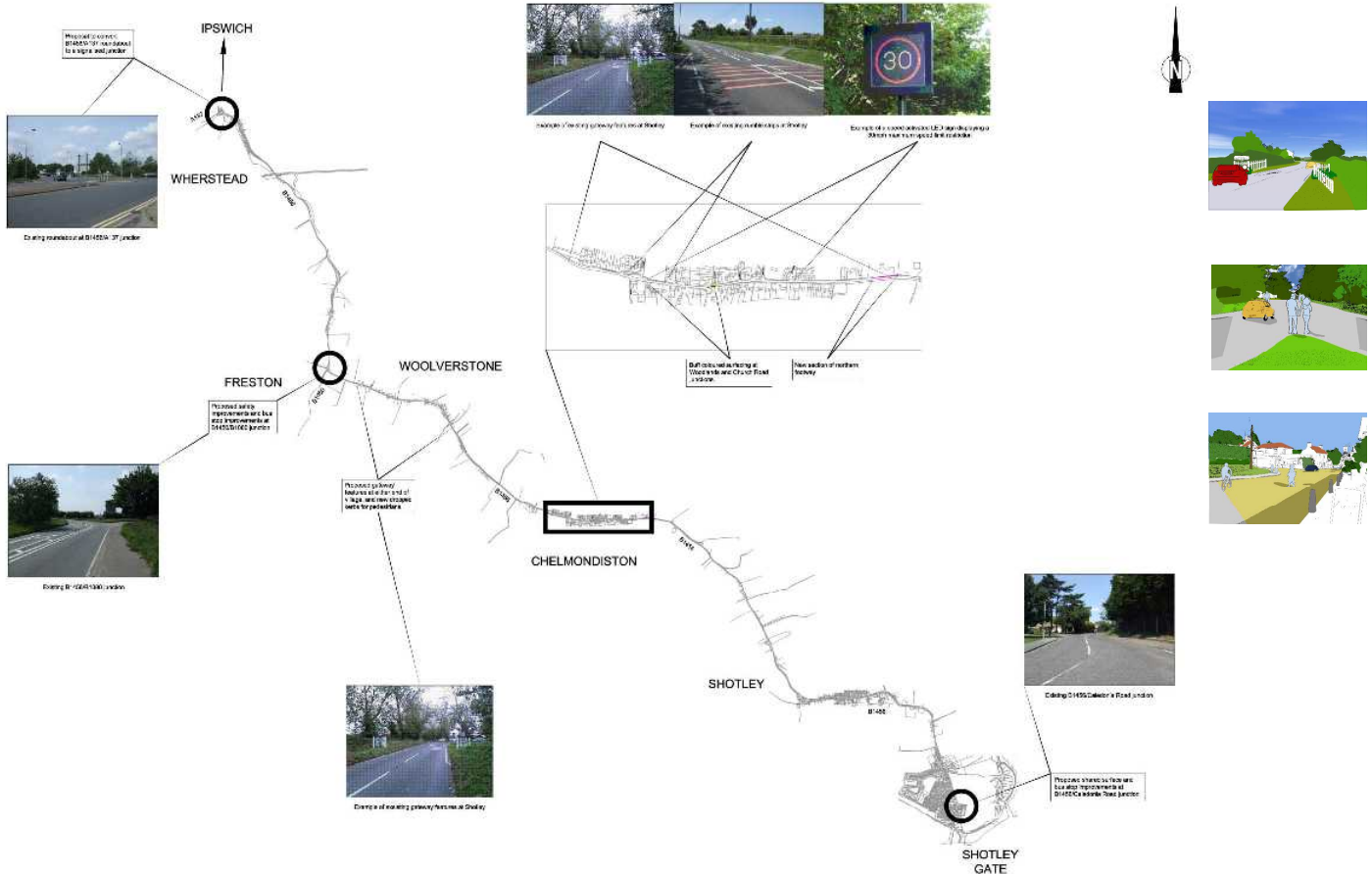


The previous 325 unit scheme that went to Public Inquiry included a number of proposed off-site highway improvements along the length of the B1456. The design principles of these improvements were previously discussed and agreed with Suffolk County Council's highway officers.

The new Master Plan has been designed to have a reduced traffic impact on the B1456 and the villages along it, including Woolverstone, Chelmondiston and Shotley Street.



Haylink's Traffic Consultants have carried out a recent site inspection along the B1456. They also met Suffolk County Council's highway officers in July 2007 to investigate the potential for further off-site highway improvements.

The new Master Plan includes proposals to introduce sensitively-designed gateway features at the eastern and western entry points to Woolverstone village. This is to raise driver awareness of the village / Conservation Area environment and influence driver behaviour accordingly to reduce vehicle speeds. Proposals also include dropped kerbs where the footway switches from the north to the south side of the B1456 near Berners Hall.

The new Master Plan retains proposals to calm traffic through Chelmondiston village, including sensitively designed gateway features; buff-coloured surface treatments; two solar-powered vehicle activated illuminated signs; rumble strips and a new stretch of footway on the north side of the B1456, east of White House Farm.

The off-site highway improvements for the new Master Plan also include the following:

- the proposed signalisation of the A137 / B1456 roundabout junction at Wherstead to increase highway capacity, regulate traffic flow and improve pedestrian crossing facilities;
- the proposed road safety improvements for the B1456 / B1080 Freston cross-roads, including anti-skid surfacing, additional warning signs and road markings;
- a new southbound bus stop on the B1456 to the north of the Freston cross-roads, including new bus flag, passenger waiting area, path and dropped kerb to assist passengers crossing the B1456 to / from Freston;
- a shared surface at the B1456 Bristol Hill / Caledonia Road junction in Shotley Gate village to reduce vehicle speeds and create a high quality pedestrian environment; and
- provision of new northbound and southbound bus stops and passenger facilities near the B1456 Bristol Hill / Caledonia Road junction.

The design principles of these proposals have been agreed with Suffolk County Council's highways officers..

**Q: Haylink has given careful consideration regarding the off-site highways improvements along the B1456. The design principles of these works have been previously discussed and agreed with Suffolk County Council's highway's officers. Do you agree with these proposals or have any alternative suggestions?**