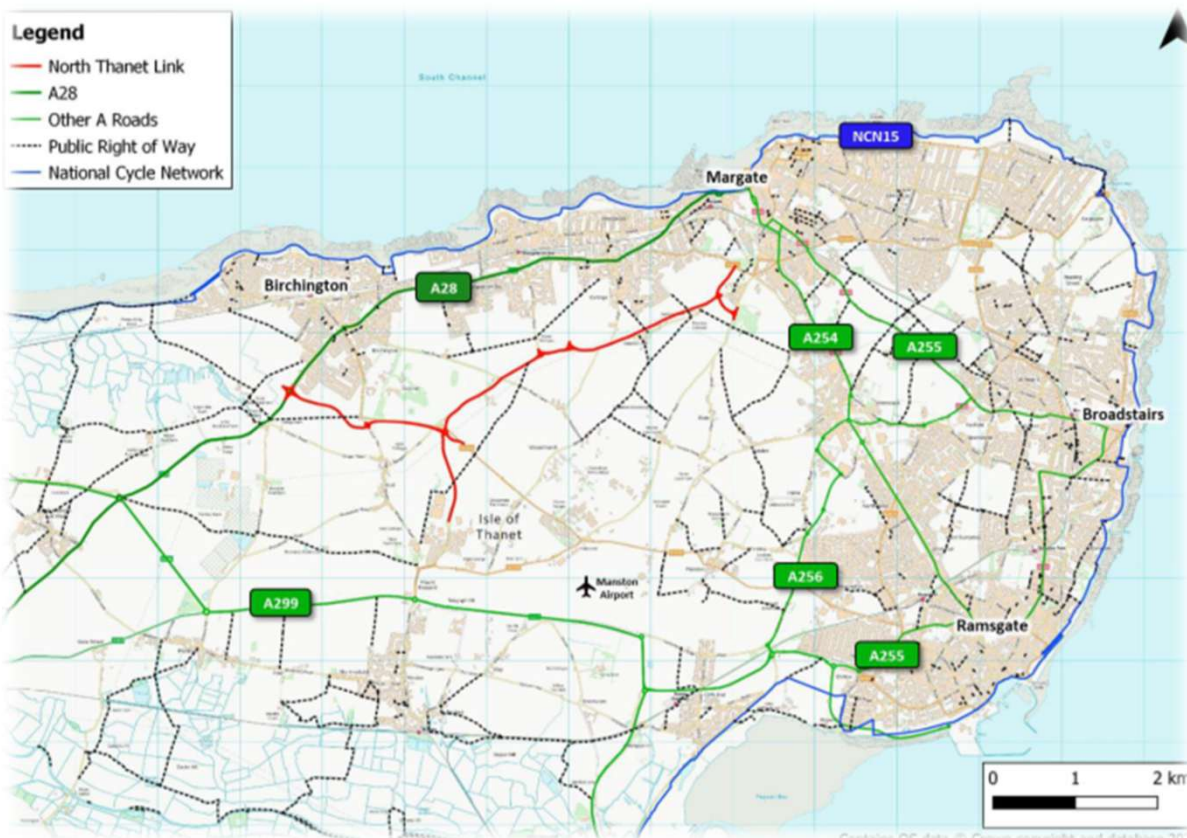


North Thanet Link Scheme Update for MPC 8th April 2026



Scheme Location – Local Context



NTL is located close to the existing A28 transport corridor (part of the Major Road Network)

A28 network is constrained and subject to peak hour traffic delay, and season traffic impacts.

Significant planned growth within Thanet including three strategic housing developments with circa 4000 new homes close to the A28

NTL will provide an alternative route between Birchington and Margate suitable for both vehicular and active modes for travel (walking, cycling and horse riding)

Introduces enhanced network access resilience and manages traffic increases on the A28 Major Road Network.

Enhances future public transport (bus) routing opportunities

Supports growth within the district and region, by providing key connectivity between housing, commercial and leisure & tourism destinations within the district.

Scheme Objectives



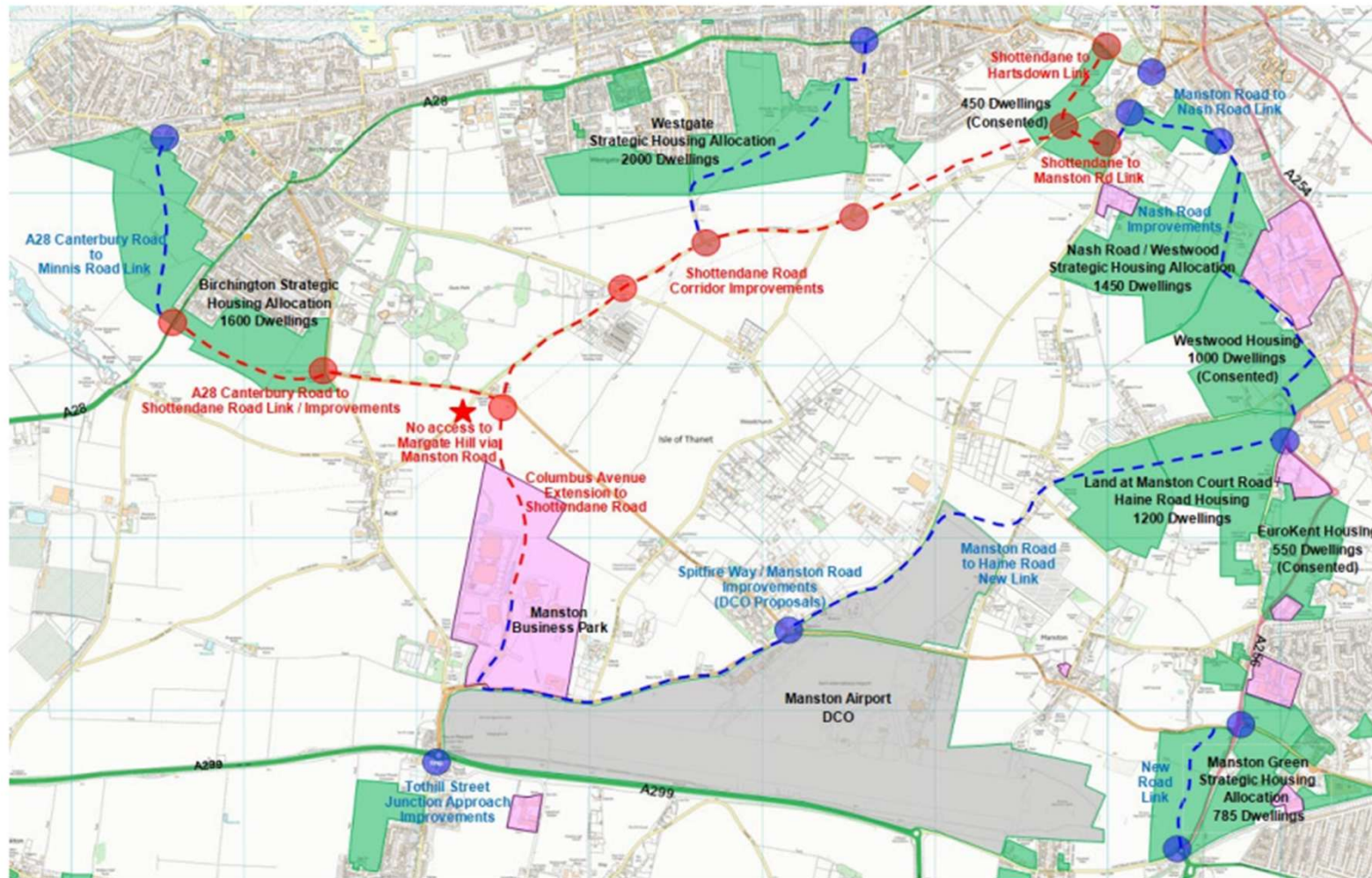
OBC SMART Objectives

1. Support economic growth
2. Reduce congestion
3. Increase accessibility
4. Protect, preserve, and enhance existing environmental conditions



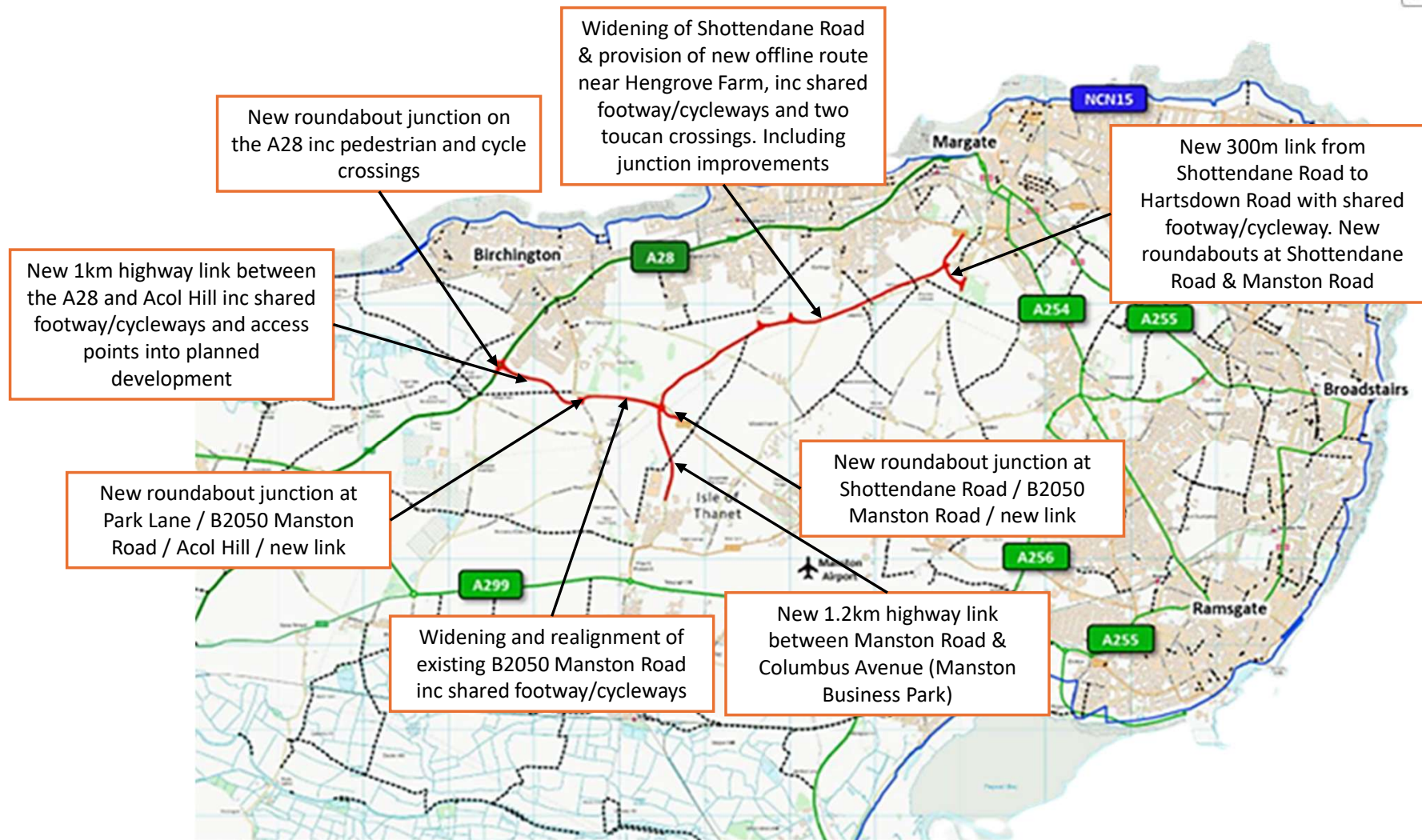
Scheme Location – Growth Opportunities

Key: **North Thanet Link** - - - - - **Rest of Inner Circuit** - - - - -



North Thanet Link

Scope of Proposed Improvements



Scheme Information



Funding Source	Total
Developer Contributions (S106)	£13,813,769
DfT MRN Funding	£62,929,392
Total	£76,743,161

* Costs will be reviewed as the project progresses

Key Progress (to Date)

- SOBC Submission - December 2019
- SOBC Approval - December 2021
- OBC Submission - Nov 2023
- OBC Approval - April 2025

Key Milestone (Future Indicative)

- Updated community engagement – Q2 2026
- Planning Submission – Late May 2026
- CPO / SRO Publication – Oct/Nov 2026 (subject to planning)
- FBC Submission - October 2027
- Start on Site - Q1 2028 (two-year build programme) subject to FBC

Key Activities Progressed to date

- Community Engagement Summer 2023 – High level of support for scheme
- Liaison with utility providers to manage scheme delivery programme risk
- Liaison with key statutory consultees e.g. Southern Water, Environment Agency, Active Travel England, Natural England, LLFA, LPA,
- Early-stage discussion with land stakeholders, voluntary access agreements achieved for survey work
- Key design / planning surveys completed – Habitats, Noise, Ground Investigation, Heritage, GPR – more planned in 2025
- Planning submission being drafted, with full EIA required.

What has changed since the 2023 Consultation?

The scheme design now includes

- Roundabout at A28 Junction in Birchington (consultation - preferred option)
- Enhanced cycle and footway crossing infrastructure linkage and provision
- Street lighting extents confirmed to limit environmental impact
- Acoustic fencing introduced in focussed areas to mitigate traffic noise
- Reduction in scheme footprint to reflect developer delivery at Hartsdown
- Removal of planned access roundabout on Shottendane Road
- Changes in alignment to avoid areas of archaeological significance
- Land and highway drainage proposals worked up – additional ponds, swales and ditches introduced

Route still largely aligns with existing highway alignment where possible to limit farmland loss

