

APPENDIX A: A38 MANADON INTERCHANGE SURVEYS

Briefing Report - Part I



1. INTRODUCTION

There is currently a need to update existing information regarding the ground conditions around the A38 Manadon Interchange. Surveys are therefore required along the A38.

2. BACKGROUND

Manadon Roundabout, which serves as an interchange for the A38 from Cornwall and East Devon and the A386 from North Devon, is one of the busiest junctions on Plymouth's road network with over 60,000 journeys passing through each day.

It is the primary access point which connects the A38 trunk road to the A386 Tavistock Road, the primary route to the Derriford area, and Outland Road and Mannamead Road from the City Centre. The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014-2034 (JLP) identifies Derriford and the Northern Corridor as a Growth Area because of its potential to deliver a regionally significant scale of growth in new jobs and new homes.

The A38 Manadon Interchange currently experiences significant congestion and delays, particularly at peak times, and is one of the worst performing junctions on the South West Strategic Road Network.

An Executive Decision was approved in January 2025 to place Department for Transport (DfT) funding on the capital programme to undertake essential ground surveys required for the design of any improvements. Through this decision, delegation was awarded to the Service Director of Strategic Planning and Infrastructure to award the contract via Officer Decision.

3. FUNDING

The funding for this award has already been accounted for within the approved capital project budget. The scheme has been in receipt of DfT co-development funding since 2019. In January 2025 Executive Decision L28 24/25 was approved to ensure the current in year DfT allocation was on the capital programme and to progress these surveys.

4. PROCUREMENT

Balfour Beatty has been engaged through the SCAPE framework and an experienced project team has been assembled.

5. COSTS

The cost of this contract award is £1,901,486.04.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative of not awarding the contract has been rejected. The surveys are time critical and delay would incur inflationary pressures.