

Comment from Nick Farthing, Chair of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce's Planning and Transport Committee

Nick Farthing, Chair of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce's Planning and Transport Committee said that,

“The Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce understands the need for Southampton City Council to upgrade this main route into and out of Southampton. Improvements to the existing infrastructure are necessary to meet today's business demands and cannot be achieved without some inconvenience but this must be kept to a minimum.

Significant traffic delays affect business and the Chamber of Commerce will be asking Southampton City Council if it is possible for extra work to be carried out overnight. It is vital that traffic congestion is reduced during the economically important Christmas shopping period, especially in the current financial climate.

We hope that this will result in the work finishing ahead of the Christmas trading period; a most critical time for retailers and businesses generally”.