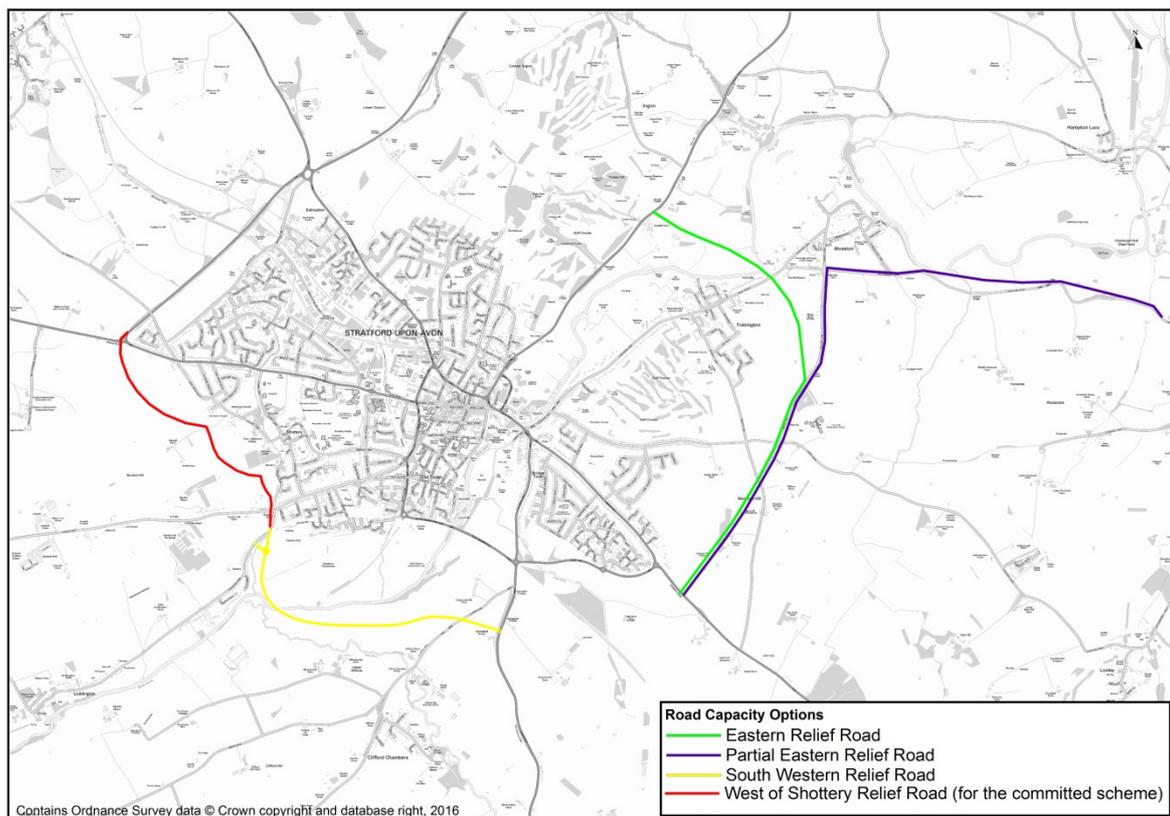


Stratford-upon-Avon: Evaluation of Additional Road Capacity

Stage 2: Road Capacity Options

This study considers options for providing additional road capacity in order to resolve some of the existing transport issues within Stratford-upon-Avon and to enable the housing and employment growth that is being identified through the Core Strategy to be accommodated. The plan below shows the route options that have been considered within this study:



The **West of Shottery Relief Road** is a committed scheme that forms part of the planning conditions of the West of Shottery housing development. The road will be delivered as part of the housing development that was granted planning permission in October 2012. The road will connect the B439 Evesham Road with the A46 at the Wildmoor roundabout. For the purposes of this study it has been assumed that this road will be delivered alongside the 800 houses that form the housing development.

The **South Western Relief Road** would be formed by extending the West of Shottery Relief Road across the River Avon to connect the B439 Evesham Road with the B4632 Clifford Lane and the A3400 Shipston Road.

The West of Shottery Relief Road and South Western Relief Road would combine to form a complete western relief road of the town that links the A3400 with the A46.

The **Eastern Relief Road** would run from the A422 Banbury Road, crossing the River Avon at Tiddington and joining the A439 Warwick Road.

The **Partial Eastern Relief Road** would run from the A422 Banbury Road to the B4086 Wellesbourne Road. The B4086 would be improved between this point and the A429 at Wellesbourne.

Other than the West of Shottery Relief Road, which is a committed scheme, the remaining route alignments should be considered as purely indicative. These alignments have been selected for the purpose of developing a model and evaluating the high level impacts of the provision of additional highway capacity in the area. Similar broad alignments have been assessed previously within the Strategic Transport Assessments that have contributed to the evidence base for the development of the Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy

The three options (South Western Relief Road, Eastern Relief Road and Partial Eastern Relief Road) have broadly the same aspirations in terms of purpose and functionality. Both the western and eastern routes will act as a bypass for Stratford-upon-Avon, however by locating the routes relatively close to the urban area the routes will also support the local redistribution of trips away from congested central areas of town, which will maximise the benefit these options can provide to traffic flow within the town. The routes will all have suitable pedestrian and cyclist routes, and be designed to the same standard as the A3400. Previous work has indicated that providing additional highway capacity in these locations could provide overall benefit to the operation of the highway network in Stratford-upon-Avon and accommodate housing and employment growth that is coming forward through the Core Strategy.

The additional cross river capacity provided would provide an opportunity to downgrade the status of Clopton Bridge and to help reduce the volume of through traffic passing through the town centre.