

**A57 Link Roads
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**5.1 Consultation Report
Appendix P Response from Local Authorities on
the Draft 2020 SoCC**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for consulting Derbyshire County Council on the Trans-Pennine Upgrade A57 Link Roads Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC).

Having now reviewed the SOCC in detail in consultation with colleagues, I can confirm that the County Council considers that the SOCC provides a robust, comprehensive and appropriate range of measures to ensure that both the County Council and local communities are actively engaged in the consultation process on the A57 Link Roads scheme as it emerges in the coming months towards submission of the Development Consent Order application to the Secretary of State in the Spring of 2021.

In particular, the SOCC has appropriately taken into account the difficulties associated with the current Covid-19 crisis and how this will impact on the consultation process, particularly the absence of the means to be able to carry out face to face meetings with the community and other stakeholders, including the County Council. The County Council is satisfied that the proposed range of alternative consultation techniques using virtual media platforms is appropriate and is to be welcomed. The impact of Covid-19 remains uncertain going forward over the coming months and so it will be important for Highways England to keep its consultation arrangements under review. Proposals to extend the forthcoming next round of consultation commencing 5th November for 6 weeks are welcomed.

In terms of media platforms for communication, particularly meetings and presentations, the County Council's preferred platform would be through Microsoft Teams or alternatively through Skype. The County Council does not support other media platforms such as Zoom.

In terms of main points of contact, I would be grateful if you could ensure that **all** communication made to the County Council by Highways England or your retained consultants is done so through both [REDACTED] and I in our respective technical and coordinator roles. If any direct communication is undertaken with other County Council colleagues due to their specialist areas of expertise, I would be grateful if you could ensure that both [REDACTED] and I are appropriately copied in. This was a particular issue with our recent involvement with your colleagues during the A38 Derby Junctions DCO examination process.

In terms of specific questions raised in your email below, I would make the following comments:

Are you aware of any harder to reach / seldom heard groups which we should be targeting, along with advice on how best to approach them? And contacts for how to tap into these groups? – High Peak Borough Council would be in a better position to address this question. I would suggest you contact [REDACTED] at the Borough Council in the first instance at [REDACTED]

Any specific language or format requirements which we need to consider for the community? – As above please contact [REDACTED] at High Peak Borough Council.

Any existing community communication channels, and how we could tap into these? As explained previously to [REDACTED], the County Council would be happy to share messaging on our social media channels.

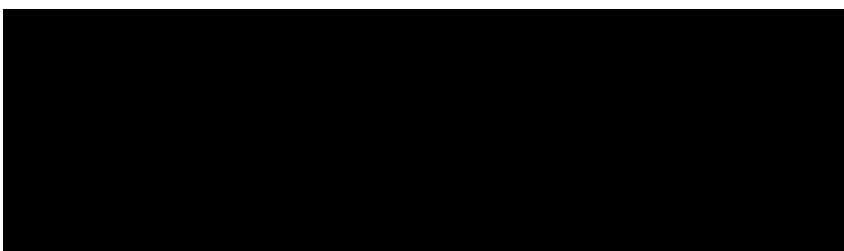
Are you content with our proposed mailing boundary for consultation materials (shown on page 7)? – Yes the mailing boundary looks to be appropriate.

Please confirm if your council office is currently open to members of the public and whether we could use this as a document deposit location? And where are you using as deposit points for your own consultations currently? Given that County Hall in Matlock is more or less closed to its employees and members of the public in all but essential cases due to Covid-19, it would not be a suitable location for depositing documentation, I think too that the question is perhaps academic as geographically, Matlock is a considerable distance from the closest point of the scheme in Derbyshire. I would consider, therefore, that the use of County Council libraries in the Glossop area may be a possible alternative but again this is very much dependant on the Covid-19 crisis and enhanced restrictions in that part of High Peak Borough. Further communication may be necessary, therefore, with the County Council's Library Services colleagues.

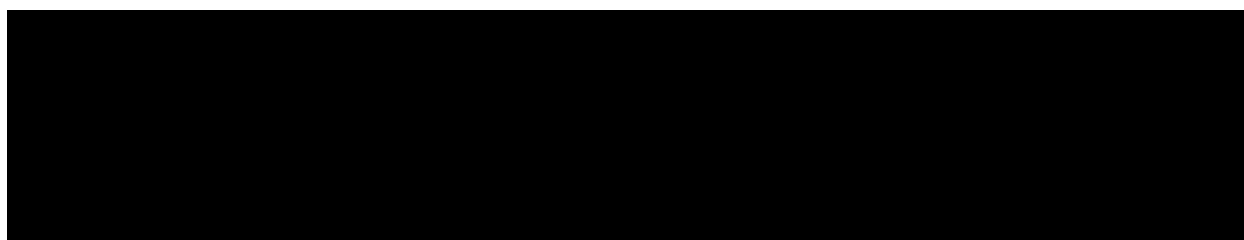
Finally, you will be aware that Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council submitted a holding objection to the Scheme in its response of 22nd March 2018 (attached) to the last main round of public consultation, due to the lack of supporting evidence and information on the potential highway impacts of the scheme, especially the absence of transport modelling works. This issue has yet to be fully addressed by Highways England and so the County Council would anticipate that this issue will be addressed in the forthcoming consultation commencing on 5th November 2020, for the which the SOCC indicates that ' additional information now available about the environmental impacts of the scheme, including air quality, noise and traffic' will be published as part of that consultation.

I hope this is of assistance in taking forward the consultation proposals. Please contact me if you require any further information or details.

Regards



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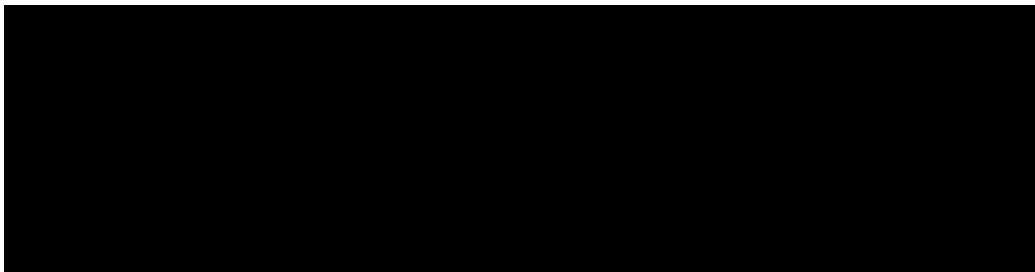
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██████████ has pointed me in your direction to help arrange a councillor briefing, I will be in touch next week about this.

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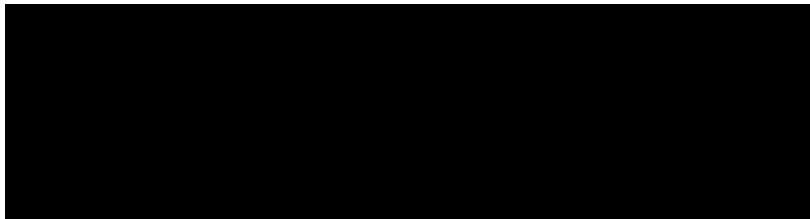
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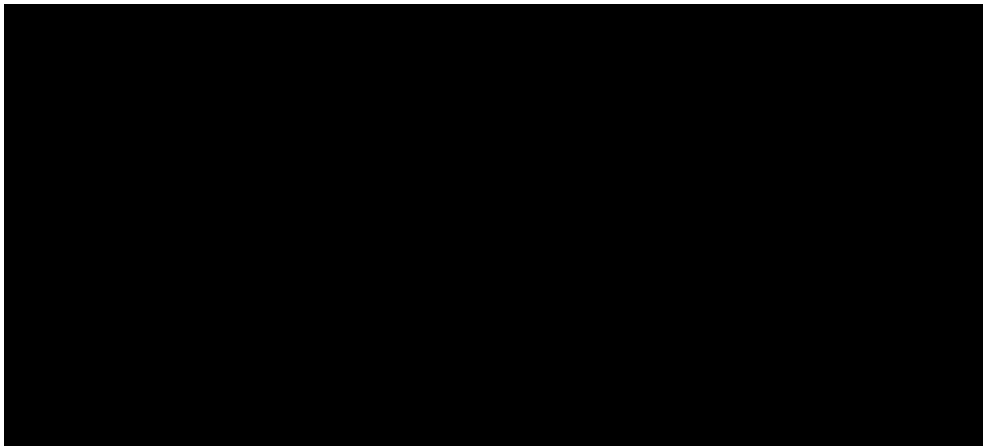
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Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the draft Statement of Community Consultation. We are happy with this and our only point of feedback is to ask for all references to deposit points on Tameside Council premises be removed. We are unable to accommodate deposit points due to Covid-19.

Attached is the information I said we'd share. Regarding the communication and engagement channels. Not all these will be appropriate for this project so we will utilise those that work for this, and at the end of the consultation period we can provide you with a summary of our activity. Thanks.

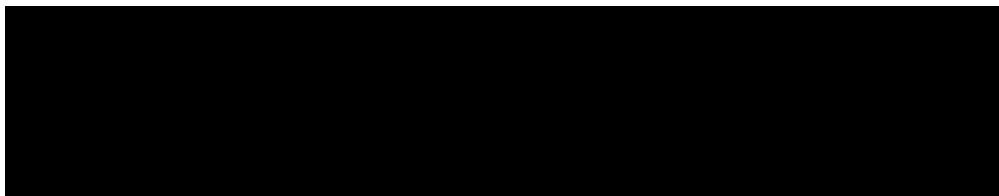
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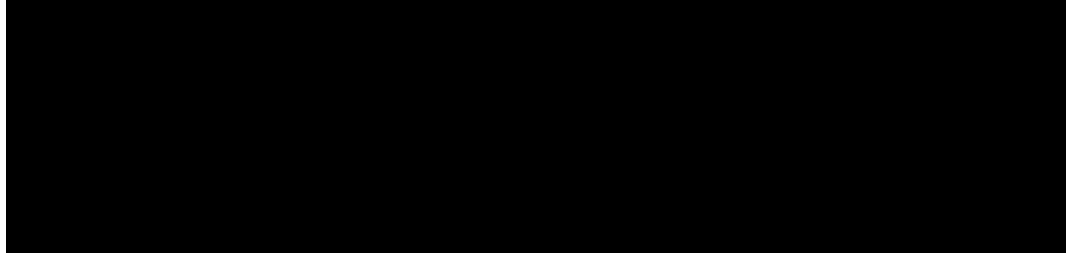
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[REDACTED] you requested to see a copy of our Equality Impact Assessment Report along with this document, I will share that with you as soon as it is finalised. You also asked if you could share this outside your organisation with community groups. This is fine, but could you please redact the consultation dates and information about changes to the scheme, on page 6.

██████████ I will be in touch next week regarding the councillor briefing, thanks again for your support.

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Dear 

Thank you for consulting the Peak District National Park Authority on the Trans-Pennine Upgrade A57 Link Roads - Statement of Community Consultation.

We have read through the draft Statement of Community Consultation and believe that it offers a pragmatic approach to consultation at the current time. We believe that the measures suggested to ensure that all those affected by the proposals are aware of the consultation and are able to offer comment are broadly appropriate. We do however, have some specific comments and suggestions in relation to the listed deposit locations on page 10.

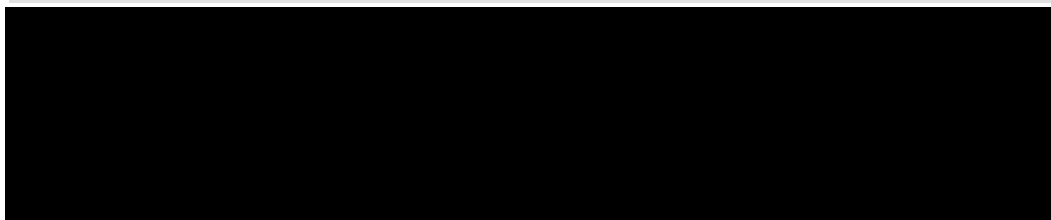
1. Unfortunately, as subsequently discussed by e-mail, we do not believe that the National Park Authority's Visitor Centres can safely fulfil the role of deposit locations at this time, so we are unable to offer their use to Highways England for this purpose.
2. Whilst Tintwistle lies outside of the area directly affected by the scheme, the village will in all likelihood see increased traffic flows as a result of the scheme. As the village is already within an Air Quality Management Area, we would recommend the provision of a deposit location within the village, if one is available. This is of particular relevance at the current time, with the different levels of Covid-19 risk between High Peak Borough and Greater Manchester.

There are three groups that we would recommend that you notify directly of the consultation. These are: -

The Peak Park Parishes Forum – secpppf@gmail.com; the Friends of the Peak District (CPRE) – mail@cprepeakandyorks.org.uk; Tintwistle Parish Council – tpcounciloffices@aol.com

I hope that the information provided is useful to you, please contact me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Kind regards



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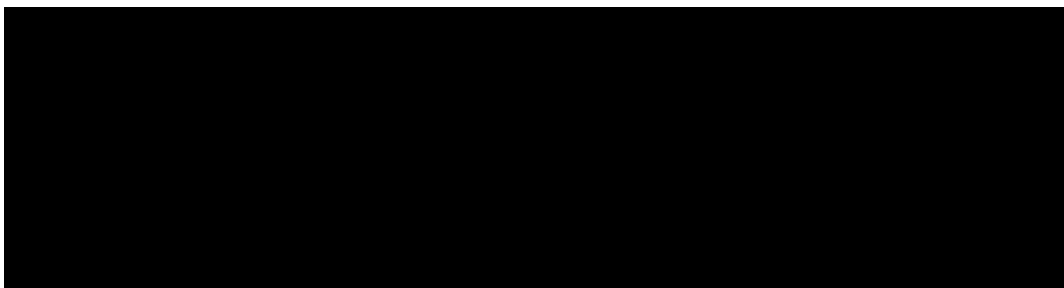
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Hi 

Thanks for sharing this with us and apologies for the late response.

It's a comprehensive document which provides a clear and detailed description of your approach and the channels and methods you'll use. In terms of the specific questions you raise:

Hard to reach groups / language requirements – I'm not aware of any. I've asked an equalities colleague but haven't yet had a response and she's on leave this week. I'll liaise with her when she's back and if she raises anything I'll let you know asap.

Comms channels – the Council has a Facebook page and Twitter account which we can use to share posts and information about the consultation and we can include a link to your web pages on our website. If necessary, we can issue a local press release to support yours encouraging people to take part and have their say. We also issue an e-newsletter to businesses and will highlight the consultation in the November and December editions.

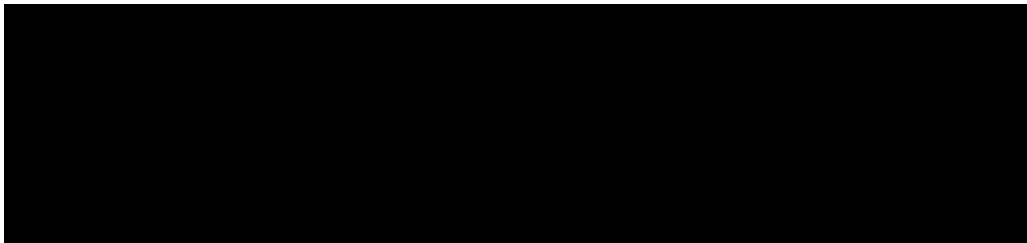
Mailing boundary – can this be extended to include the whole of Glossopdale? The wards Padfield, Charlesworth and some of Old Glossop appear to be excluded at the moment.

Deposit locations – our buildings remain closed at present so would not be available as a location. The County Council will be able to advise about the library and you'll need to liaise with Bradbury House directly – we don't take bookings or administer this venue.

The councillor briefing is arranged for 3 November and the invitations have been issued.

Other insights – nothing that occurs to me but, again, I'll check with my colleague when she returns from leave.

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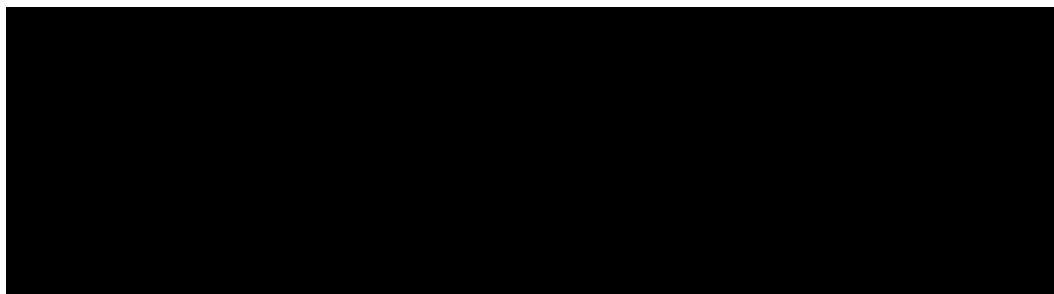
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