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1 Summary table of responses from host local authorities on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Local Authority	Informal / Formal	Section / Para Ref	Comment Ref	Comment	Actions	How we have considered the comments	Reply Comment Reference	Eden District Council's Responses /Comments	Cumbria County Council Responses/Comments	How we have considered these reply comments
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	5.4	1	Some concerns over the length of the consultation period given the issues with the pandemic.	Closed	We note your comments regarding the consultation period. We have given careful consideration to ensure there is a full opportunity to engage with the project and the environmental information, in a way that allows people to understand, influence and contribute to its development. The ongoing engagement, as well as the planned statutory consultation activities set out in this SoCC, allow for a comprehensive and meaningful 30-day consultation period. The consultation period is a formal opportunity to respond and is part of a wider engagement and consultation process that has taken place over many years. The project team have been extensively engaging with a wide range of stakeholder groups in order to share evolving designs, understand feedback and amend the emerging design. The designs brought forward to this statutory consultation are the culmination of many months of proactive engagement with landowners, communities and stakeholders who have been actively involved in their development. When considered in the wider context, we believe that the 30 day period is an appropriate period for the formal statutory consultation.	1a	The NSIP guidance recommends that the project sponsor engages early with its key consultees particularly local authorities. The section 47 consultation is aimed at the wider local community that should be given every opportunity to engage in the process, understand the proposals, the impacts and the mitigation proposed before they can adequately respond. Whilst the proposed consultation window meets the statutory requirements this is a minimum. It is also good practice for sufficient time to be left after events for consultees to digest the information and produce an informed response. There will be different levels of interest. Some will wish to examine the technical detail in the PEIR and will need sufficient time to do this. The reason given in response to our CommNet does not relate to public engagement but rather than engagement of specific key consultees and groups. We still believe the period of consultation should be extended. Local authorities themselves that have statutory responsibilities in relation to the project are unlikely to be able to analyse the project proposals and agree a response within that timescale.		In reference to Comment 1a: please refer to comment ref 165.
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	5.7	2	The Gypsy and travelling community as it is a well-used passageway to the Appleby Horse Fair – although it is an event that only lasts a few days those travelling to the event can often spend a number of weeks travelling to and from the event on horse drawn vehicles. During the build there will be disruption over a number of years so useful to keep them engaged as well as the police as to how their movements will be taken into account. We have contact details if needed and they have their own Facebook Group which may make it easier to access them. Cycling Groups may also have an interest.	Closed	Noted. We have the Appleby Travelling Community representative contact details, and would welcome any additional contact details you may have. Cycling Groups are part of the NMU Focus Group. The Police are part of the Emergency Services Focus Group. If you would like to share any additional contacts, please do.	2a	We note that this matter (and others) has not been resolved prior to the issue of the SoCC for the statutory consultation period. When can we expect this and the other unresolved issues to be advised. We would have expected a completed SoCC to be available for 28 days consultation.		In reply to Comment Ref 2a: We are in contact with the gypsy and travelling community and, as previously raised, we welcome any contact details you may have, which have not yet been supplied to us.
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	3	Consultation events: Useful to have a Kirkby Stephen venue – although not an area to be dually it will be a main population centre that will be directly affected during the construction period.	Closed	We are currently investigating using Kirkby Stephen as a venue. We have identified a number of local venues close to relevant schemes of the project and recorded the booking of these venues. We will look into using a Kirkby Stephen venue as a potential location for information update events closer towards construction time.	3a	A Kirkby Stephen consultation venue should be arranged and named in the SoCC. Suggest Methodist Hall/Church could be an option. We note that this issue (and others) has not been resolved prior to the issue of the SoCC for the statutory consultation period. When can we expect to see the first SoCC with all elements available for consultation. We would have expected a completed SoCC to be available for the 28 days statutory consultation.		In reply to Comment Ref 3a: We have now confirmed a Kirkby Stephen venue – the Kirkby Stephen Sports and Social Club. Dates of when we are using this venue (and a schedule of all venues) for face to face events was sent by email to all host local authorities on 11 August 2021.
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	4	Project webpage: EDC will be happy to link to the consultation from our website	Closed	We have updated Table 2 of the SoCC to reflect that we will make available the project URL webpage for the local authorities to host on their website. It is then the decision of the local authority to make this URL available. Any publicity of this type from local authorities would be welcomed.				
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	5	Public Consultation Brochure and Map Booklet: Could these be posted out upon request from individuals or groups noting an ageing demographic may not have access to the internet or be able to attend in person events. Plus, will there be a telephone number people can call to ask questions/seek clarification?	Closed	Yes, the brochure and map booklet will be posted out to those who request it as noted in Para 9.4. A telephone number is provided in Table 1, Para 8.1, Para 9.4 and Para 10.4	5a	Still not clear how the non-digital consultation info will be publicised using non-digital methods (just says available on request). How do people without internet access know how to request it? How do members of the public sign up to get a notification letter if they don't have access to the internet?		In reply to Comment Ref 5a: Newspaper adverts as highlighted in Table 1 will be publicising the consultation and providing information on how to request hard copies of materials. Early awareness raising materials such as flyers and posters will be sent to a number of locations along the route to raise awareness about the consultation. Those living within 5km of the route will also be sent this flyer in the month of August raising awareness about the face to face events and also about the ability to request hard copies. This was also explained in our meeting held on 15 July 2021, which explained the statutory consultation awareness-raising approach.
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	6	Direct mail - brochure: See comment below on Eden Local publication	Closed	We have added the Cumbria Local, which Eden Local is part of, as a way to advertise the upcoming statutory consultation.				
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	7	Media adverts & press releases: A local, freely delivered publication in Eden is called Eden Local – this is a useful way of getting to all households along the route plus the publication would be glad of the content.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 6.				
Eden District Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	8	Social media: And targeted Facebook campaigns?	Closed	Paid for advertising is currently being investigated by Highways England. Once we have further information, this will be updated in the SoCC. Highways England NW Facebook page will be used for promotion. We are currently considering the use of a dedicated project Facebook page. As referred to in comment ref 4, we will share the project URL webpage for the local authorities to share. It is then the decision of the local authority to use their media channels to raise further awareness.	8a	EDC consider this matter open until the approach to paid advertisement is confirmed. HE NW Facebook page would presumably be seen by those who already have an existing interest on the page. This would not be targeted at those within the consultation area. We would expect the draft SoCC made available for statutory consultation to have these matters resolved.		In reply to Comment Ref 8a: A dedicated Facebook page will be launched by the project in early September which will be owned and managed by Highways England. We will use this, and the project's dedicated Twitter page to continually drive people towards the consultation ahead of and during the consultation period. Paid for geo-targeted Facebook advertising will be used ahead of and during the campaign and we have paid for marketing materials which will use Ad nozzles, sanitiser screens and digital advertising screens along key points of the route. We are also using our paid for memberships with Cumbria Tourism and Welcome to Yorkshire to push our messages out.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round		9	Track changes have also been made throughout the doc - refer to pdf	Closed	Track changes have been added into the document where suitable.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	1.1	10	How will it improve journeys?	Closed	The SoCC has been updated at Para 1.1 with the addition of new text.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	1.1	11	What benefits?	Closed	The SoCC has been updated at Para 1.1 with the addition of new text.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	1.3	12	Could define these as the 'local authorities' to avoid repeating the list each time	Closed	The SoCC has been updated to refer to 'host local authorities'.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	2.4	13	Need to be clear that the SoCC, the consultation itself and the AOC are three separate stages and be clear about the chronology	Closed	Noted. SoCC updated based on track changes to make clear that the SoCC details how we will consult for the Section 47 consultation.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Figure 1	14	It would be clearer if the parts of the route were labelled 'sections' rather than 'routes'. This would also be consistent with the written text.	Closed	The Location Plan has been updated to refer to the schemes within the A66 NTP Project.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Figure 1	15	1. Could a URL link be added at the bottom of this map to the detailed plans for all routes? 2.I agree with Guy's comment regarding 'sections' much clearer from public perspective. 3.Only one Eden Parish "through" is located on the map between Scotch Corner and Penrith, routes mention 4 other Parishes, should they also be located?	Closed	A URL link will be added to the Location Plan if we have the link ready prior to the SoCC publishing. Note that the SoCC already directs readers to view the consultation materials through a variety of avenues including in Table 2. We note your request about adding in additional village names throughout the location plan. Adding additional wording to the image will make the image cluttered and hard to read, this is a project overview plan and is not intended to show the detail of the project. Detail can be read in the consultation materials, as identified in Table 2.	15a	Suggest adding this comment to the figure in the SoCC. Explicit details of each section can be viewed in the consultation materials.		In reply to comment ref 15a: Agreed, the text has now been updated to direct readers to the consultation brochure for more detail about the project.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round		16	Was anything learnt from this? How has it shaped the proposals in the SoCC?	Closed	Note that previous engagement and consultation has helped shape our statutory consultation approach. Such learnings have included: ensuring a multitude of ways for members of the public to get involved are available including digital and face to face, our plans to reach out to communities (through avenues such as the Engagement Van); and, sending out early notification for hard copy requests as part of this consultation.	16a	How has the consultation feedback resulted in a change to the project proposals themselves. Can this be clarified in the SoCC to demonstrate the consultations processes are meaningful?		In reply to comment ref 16a: Please refer to Para 5.3, this has been updated following additional comments from LAs. 5.3your comments will help us achieve these objectives. We will listen to everyone's views and we will consider your feedback when finalising the design of the project. We will explain how we took your views into account when we prepare our Consultation Report as part of our DCO application. The Consultation Report will identify how we have responded to the issues raised at statutory consultation, key topics raised during pre-consultation engagement and where we considered it appropriate to make changes to address issues.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	4.1	17	Last bullet point - Clarify what was consultation and what was engagement	Closed	SoCC updated in Para 4.1 to make clear that the Options Consultation was a consultation and the Preferred Route Announcement and Project Updates were engagement activities.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	4.3	18	What were the emerging key themes from the consultation and were they mentioned in the Options Consultation Report?	Closed	New text has been added at Para 4.3 to explain what's within the Options Consultation Report. We are investigating with HE whether the Ipsos Mori Feedback Analysis Report, presenting the themes of the consultation, can be updated onto the A66 website.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	5.2	19	Added bullet point - "To help us meet the project objectives"	Closed	Text has been added in as suggested.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	5.6	20	Final sentence - Unless there had been problems with the first consultation requiring a different approach?	Closed	We note your comments, the consultation approach has continued to evolve and adapt to ensure we are maximising reach and raising awareness to those most impacted by the scheme.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	5.7	21	Last two sentences - Should it be the whole route i.e. the 'existing dualled' sections Kellie - comments 7/1 agree. Future communication re project updates and consultation should include parishes further than 2.5km from A66 who use the route for mail access e.g. Musgrave, Hilton, Murton, Dulton, Long Marton, Coby, Ollurn, Newbagen.	Closed	We are proposing to use a 5km buffer, as suggested by local authorities, for the project to ensure we capture villages further afield that use the A66 as their local road. This wider consultation target area is proportionate to the project. We will be undertaking a sense check of this 5km buffer to ensure no villages are cut out in full.	21a	In addition to the 5km corridor defined by Highways England, Eden District Council request that consultation should be extended to communities outside of this radius that will be affected by the Scheme - i.e. communities on diversion routes, delivery routes etc. Notable north and south of the proposed development corridor.	Cumbria County Council echo that the flyer should also be sent to communities within 5km of the A66 diversion routes.	Division routes are not yet confirmed and will be confirmed closer to construction, so we will be unable to send flyers as per your suggestions. As noted in our meeting with CCC and EDC on 1 July, we would look to hold drop-in sessions prior to construction starting, where possible, for those communities impacted by construction. The Contractor will also send a letter drop to all affected communities along diversion routes in advance of any closures being brought in. A Construction Traffic Management Plan will be prepared which will provide further information about diversion routes and further discussions with the local authorities will be required to confirm diversion routes.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Figure 2	22	Added 'Consultation Target Area within...' Presumably ref. to 250m figure is an error? Be clear that the intention is 500m and 2.5km on each side of the route.	Closed	Refer to Table 1 for more information about awareness-raising. The figure is a placeholder and needs to be updated. The 250m was out of date. The flyer notification zone provides early awareness raising to those who may be most impacted by the project. Regarding the 500m buffer, this information is now out of date. Our approach has evolved to those living within the project extents receiving the statutory notice letter as required by the Planning Act 2008. Requests for any hard copy or electronic copy of materials can be made prior to consultation starting.	22a	There is no confirmation in the SoCC or in this response of the 500m/2.5km radius is being used. The project extents being presumably the RL will be notably smaller than this.	Whilst the 5km radius is proposed; this should be confirmed before the SoCC finalised.	In reply to comment ref 22a: Note the above text stating the 250m figure was out of date. This means this is not being used. As noted in comment ref 21a, we have confirmed a 5km buffer. This original Figure 2 has now been removed and an Appendix added to show the 5km buffer zone for the flyer.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Figure 2	23	This figure may need updating if the flyer distribution is extended beyond 2.5km as suggested.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	24	Method - Can village and parish noticeboards be included as a method of publicising the consultation?	Closed	Table 1, Community Liaison Groups: This section has been updated to reflect that we will ask Parish and Town Councils and community representatives to share information about the upcoming statutory consultation within their wider communities. It is then the decision for the Parish and Town Councils to display the information on platforms they choose to - whether that be uploading information onto their websites or erecting notices on their noticeboards.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	25	Eden Area Team - Kellie other locations?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	26	Consultation events - Kirkby Stephen should be included in the face to face events, venue TBC.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	27	Public consultation brochure and map booklet - 'each scheme' - This is first reference to 'schemes'. Be consistent; refer to the 'project for the whole thing and 'sections' for constituent parts of the project.	Closed	Noted, SoCC updated to reflect wording of 'projects' and 'schemes'.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	28	Public consultation brochure and map booklet - Can the public request or purchase copies if they wish and obtain by post if required?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 5.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	29	Direct mail - flyer - '2.5km' - This will need to be updated if the distribution of direct mail is widened for future updates on the project.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 22.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	30	Stakeholder focus groups - Are these different from statutory bodies etc	Closed	Stakeholder focus groups consist of more local key stakeholders. We will provide you with a list of the stakeholder focus groups and dates for the next round of meetings. The categorisation of the stakeholder focus groups are currently listed in this table. We do not plan to publish the details of these meetings within the SoCC. A list of Stakeholder Focus Groups was sent to host local authorities on 15 July 2021.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	31	Stakeholder focus groups - When are the meetings? How do others interested in specific areas: cycling, walking, horse-riding contribute to the groups?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 30. The stakeholder focus groups are invitation groups meant to capture representatives from key local stakeholders so they can share local knowledge and provide us with feedback on the project proposals. Meetings of the public interested in these areas can contact us through formal communication routes to provide their information (phone, email, etc) or they can share info through their respective Community Liaison Group.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	32	Stakeholder focus groups - Shouldn't there be specific consultation and engagement with these groups anyway, irrespective of existing arrangements that HE has? Say who they are, so that we can confirm the list is correct.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 30 and 31.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	33	Hard to reach group engagement - These groups may include: language barrier, low literacy, disabled, young people, elderly, rural/ isolated, socially isolated or homeless.	Closed	We have met with Durham County Council, Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council on 1 July 2021 to discuss our approach to consultation and ensure we have identified seldom heard groups. These discussions helped capture local knowledge on seldom heard groups from the local authorities and we have used the information received from these meetings to inform our approach to consultation and make sure we encourage these groups to get involved in the consultation. We are also undertaking an Equalities Impact Assessment which will identify additional seldom heard groups. Refer to Table 1 'Seldom heard group engagement' for updated information on our approach.	33a	Confusion over how the groups are identified: Seldom Heard or Hard to Reach, please clarify. These definitions are quite different, hard to reach describes those who have limitations in terms of accessing information, seldom heard refers to people who can access information but choose not to respond or engage.		In reply to comment ref 33a, please refer to comment ref 186.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Table 1	34	Media adverts & press releases - Could local parish newsletter be added to this? Not all residents read the local papers but keep up to date with parish newsletters.	Closed	We will ask Parish and Town Councils to share information through the Community Liaison Group meetings about the upcoming statutory consultation within their wider communities, including within Parish Council Newsletters. It is then the decision for the Parish and Town Councils to display the information on platforms they choose to.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	8.1	35	must be made in writing - What is in place for people who can't write or aren't very literate? Alternative response options need to be considered for all 'hard to reach' groups, and options detailed in all points listed below.	Closed	We will contact relevant Parish Councils directly (in addition to statutory letters) to request they share poster and flyers on their Parish Council notice boards and online.	35a	If the definition for this groups is revised update to 'hard to reach' comment ref 33.		In reply to comment ref 35a, please refer to comment ref 186.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	9.4	36	Paper copies of all the consultation materials should be available on request, even if there may be a charge for this.	Closed	Refer to Para 9.6.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	37	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Parish Council websites can display documents, engagement tools, all can be shared digitally with Clerks	Closed	Refer to comment ref 34.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	38	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Engage with EALC Officers for help with the consultation and sharing with Parish Councils (we need to consider how this is included within the PPA work packages)	Closed	Refer to comment 33.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	39	Ideas/comments for further consideration - HE to offer support with using online consultation room to help people who have basic computer skills	Closed	Note the virtual consultation room has a pop-up introduction with information on controls and how to use the room. This is also accessible. For those who are struggling to access the online consultation room, they can phone or email using the contact details within the SoCC.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	40	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Encourage Parish Councils to share information about the consultation in parish meetings.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 34.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	41	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Encourage Parish Councils to share information about the consultation in parish meetings.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 34.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	42	Ideas/comments for further consideration - A table of named HE liaison officers for the public to understand who to contact.	Closed	Contact needs to be through the appropriate Highways England channels so that we can manage public contact/comments and direct enquiries. The contact details (phone, email, freepost address) for the A66 NTP Project Team are included in the SoCC in multiple sections. The public can then speak directly to the HE Public Liaison Officers through these channels.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	43	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Add the face to face event locations to the map with the routes, also add to website	Closed	We will be providing full address details of the event locations within the SoCC.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	44	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Add the location where information is on display for route plans	Closed	The final list of deposit points was shared with the host authorities on 23 August 2021 by email.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	45	Ideas/comments for further consideration - CCL Libraries Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and Penrith can display documents and EDC Town Hall (will need to advise when these are open following the relaxation of Covid restrictions)	Closed	Refer to comment ref 44.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	46	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Include the twitter handle, Facebook page name and any other social media accounts that the project is listed on, in all publicity.	Closed	Where possible, we will include social media account information on our publicity materials. It may not be included on some materials if other contact details need to take priority and there is not enough space.				
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	47	Ideas/comments for further consideration - Consider targeted promotional material for Parishes along the route highlighting the Route Plan for their	Closed	Refer to comment ref 34.				

Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	48	Ideas/comments for further consideration Local Parish engagement groups could be listed somewhere, as referenced in the draft SoCC.	Closed	Please can you clarify what you mean by Local Parish Engagement Groups and where you would like them meet.	48a	This comment refers to the Community Liaison Groups and a suggestion to share or display information about these groups so that other with an interest can join.	In reply to comment ref 48a: CLGs are planned to be held prior to statutory consultation, where timing allows, and flyers and posters will be shared with the attendees of these CLGs with the aim for them to disseminate this information within their wider network. CLGs are not open to the wider public, they aim to capture community representatives that can then share information with the wider public and raise key issues from the community.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	49	Ideas/comments for further consideration Consider use of the information Van for rural communities with hard to reach groups, limited access to internet and no public transport.	Closed	We are open to your suggestions for community visits. Please note the Engagement Van schedule is dependent on COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the consultation period. We may need to use the Engagement Van outside event venues instead of visiting local communities, dependent on COVID-19 restrictions. Factors causing a change may also include the route, availability, timings and may be cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. Locations will be confirmed in late summer, but we welcome all suggestions for community visits, should we have the opportunity to do these visits. If we do use the Engagement Van to visit local communities, it will provide added reach for additional members of the public or communities that may not wish to attend the face to face events. Refer to comment ref 192 for further info.	49a	As COVID restrictions have now been lifted will this increase the availability of the engagement van, and more opportunity to visit rural, isolated communities along the route who would otherwise be 'hard to reach'?	In reply to comment ref 49a: Yes, the Engagement Van is planned to be used for visiting local communities, as much as possible and in line with safety protocols for staff, that do not have a consultation event being held there. An email was sent to host local authorities on 9 August 2021 and 11 August 2021 requesting suggestions from host local authorities on locations we could investigate for the Engagement Van.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	50	Ideas/comments for further consideration Consultation/public engagement methods need to meet the needs of all, consider accessibility to information.	Closed	Accessible consultation material has been considered and alternative formats will be made available upon request.		The availability and locations of the where the Engagement Van will visit should be stated and advertised in sufficient time before the start of the consultation.	
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	51	Ideas/comments for further consideration Local supermarkets could help with displaying information – it is the only type that people are considering at the moment. Supermarket notice boards are really useful. The Co-op Stores in Kirkby Stephen and Appleby (close to open spaces) are well linked with the community.	Closed	Agreed, local supermarkets are included as locations that we will be sharing display posters and flyers with to raise awareness about the events. It is then the decision of the local supermarkets to make these posters and flyers available to the wider public at their locations.			
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	52	Ideas/comments for further consideration Community groups and 3rd sector could assist with information sharing with 'hard to reach' individuals.	Closed	Please do provide any details you have for local community groups and 3rd sector organisations.	52a	Further information was provided via email 07.07.21. Additional suggestions are provided in the annotated draft SoCC	In reply to comment ref 52a: Thank you for these details, we have sent an email to these contacts to request their support in sharing information about the consultation in September time. We plan to email these contacts in early September with information that can be disseminated to their wider networks.
Cumbria County Council	Informal 1st Round	Additional comments	53	Ideas/comments for further consideration Share of public information points in communities that could display the information; notice boards, shops displays, libraries, parish greens, walking areas	Closed	Refer to comment ref 34. Also, refer to Table 1 Poster and Flyer Locations for more information about how we will ask community facilities to help raise awareness about the statutory consultation.			
Durham County Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	54	A minor point but you might want to define DCO in paragraph 2.2 when it is first mentioned.	Closed	Para 2.2 has been updated to explain the DCO as an application.			
Durham County Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	55	I cannot see any issues with the proposals. In terms of the buffer distances there is always how far do you go but 2.5km seems appropriate. On the 500m you might want to look to see if that would just cut off any properties.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.			
Durham County Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	56	I have spoken to my colleagues in Spatial Policy who were involved recently in community involvement for the County Durham Plan and they have advised me of the following which may be of interest: -They placed hard copy documents in libraries and CAPS. Due to the pandemic this may or may not be possible. The Council's website has details of where our libraries are at http://www.durham.gov.uk/article1995Find-a-library also there are Customer Access Points details of which can be found at https://www.durham.gov.uk/customeraccesspoints -Online events and availability of information online was useful and given the pandemic this is even more important. Online events took place through Eventbrite and Zoom. -The Council has a Consultation Officers Group (Libby Dodd, Consultation & Engagement Team Leader, libby.dodd@durham.gov.uk) and a Communications Team (Victoria Fisher, Business Partner/Real, victoria.fisher@durham.gov.uk) who the Spatial Policy Team liaised with and may be helpful.	Closed	We confirm receipt of this information and have considered it when looking into deposit locations. Refer to comment ref 44. We have met with Durham County consultation team, equalities lead and the comms team on 1 July to discuss our proposed engagement methods. Refer to comment ref 3.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	57	1.0Richmondshire District Council received a Draft Statement of Community Consultation on 3rd February 2021 outlining Highways England's approach to consulting on the A66 dualling project.	Closed	SoCC was issued to Richmondshire on 18 January 2021 via email from Hannah Smith. It was noted that RDC had difficulties in opening the document, so was re-issued on 3 February 2021.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	58	Consultation Requirements 1.1Highways England, as developer, needs to comply with the following duties under the Planning Act 2008: Section 37: Applications for Orders Granting Development Consent Sets out that an application must be accompanied by a consultation report. Section 42: Duty to Consult This sets out that the applicant must consult with each local authority named in Section 43 – essentially if the land is in that authority's area. Section 47: Duty to Consult the Local Community The Developer should set out, to the relevant Local Authorities, how it intends to consult the local community on its proposals. Local Authorities have 28 days to respond to the consultation documents. 1)The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. 2)Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 47(1) about what to include in the statement. 1.4This response does not comment on the merits of the application, only the adequacy of the consultation. As a brief summary, the Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) contains: -The nature and need of the project, dualling 18 miles' worth of sections of the A66 (between the A1(M) and the M6) that remain single lane (section 3); -The benefits of the scheme, and some mitigation measures to reduce impacts (para 3.5); -Outline of previous consultation and engagement activities, principally the Options Consultation held between 16 May and 11 July 2019 (para 4.1); -How consultation has been taken into account in the design of the proposals (para 4.2 to 4.5); -Details of the next (Preferred Option) consultation (section 5), how consultation will take place (section 7) and the next steps following consultation (section 10).	Closed	We note your comments about the Planning Act 2008, PINS guidance, and the Gunning principles – all of which have been taken into account in planning the statutory consultation.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	59	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 37- Consultation report to be completed after process for submission with application (see SoCC para 10.2)	Closed	We note your comments about the adequacy of the consultation.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	60	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 42- Each of the relevant local authorities to be consulted are named (SoCC para 1.3)	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	61	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(1)-How the applicant proposes to consult is set out (SoCC section 7)	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	62	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(2)-Revised by RDC of the Draft SoCC	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	63	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(3)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	RDC will be given at least 28 days for formal consultation from the day after the day on which the local authority receives the SoCC.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	64	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(4)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	65	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(5)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	66	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(6)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	67	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(7)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	Refer to comment ref 1.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	68	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(8)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	69	1.5From a statutory point of view, RDC can consider that Highways England have so far complied with the following: Section 47(9)-RDC must be given until 3/3/21 to respond	Closed	We note your comments about compliance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Para 5.4	70	As mentioned above, at para 5.4 the consultation period could be extended to between eight and twelve weeks to give adequate consultation time.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 1.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Para 5.5	71	Para 5.5 on this same point, extending the time would mean the consultation could continue despite outside events' interrupting, as consultees would still have adequate time around such events.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 1.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Para 5.4	72	At para 5.4 several project elements are listed, however section 9 does not show that these specific documents will be available either by hard copy or online. Table 7 also refers to section 9.	Closed	Para 5.4 explains the content to be included within the consultation materials. This information will be contained within various materials such as the map booklet, consultation brochure, exhibition boards, project webpage, etc set out in Table 1. Section 9 provides details about where certain materials will be made available as set out in Para 9.6. Note if any material can be requested for a hard copy or digital version, some hard copies will be provided for a fee as set out in Para 9.6.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	73	At para 5.6, if the 'substantial change' was, for example, reverting to a different 'option', this consultation should be re-run with a new 'Preferred Option'.	Closed	A substantial change would revert to a targeted supplementary consultation following the statutory consultation as set out in Para 5.6. Note if we're consulting on two different options and then later select one of them, we would not be anticipating further consultation on that. A substantial change would be subject to the specific circumstances of what was proposed and would be considered in line with guidance.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	74	At para 5.7, the 'buffer zone' for consultation appears somewhat arbitrary. Could it be confirmed that where places sit just outside or straddling the 2.5km zone, the entire settlement will still receive a flyer?	Closed	To confirm, we will undertake a sense check of properties, hamlets and villages that may be out of or sitting just outside the 2.5km buffer zone and will confirm with the local authority whether these should be included. Refer to comment ref 21 for more information about the buffer zone.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	75	Also at para 5.7, it says HE will work with Local Authorities to identify hard to reach groups. Ideally, this work would have already taken place, with the groups and the outreach methods set out in this SoCC.	Closed	We have met with Durham County Council, Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council on 1 July 2021 to discuss our approach to consultation and ensure we have identified seldom heard groups. These discussions helped capture local knowledge from the local authorities and we have used this information to encourage these groups to get involved in the consultation. We are also undertaking an Equalities Impact Assessment which will identify additional seldom heard groups. Refer to Table 1 "Seldom heard group engagement" for updated information on our approach.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	76	Table 1 – digital engagement, could it be confirmed whether the 'virtual consultation room' will be open throughout the consultation period or aligned to the face-to-face events?	Closed	The virtual consultation room will be open throughout the consultation period.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	77	Table 1 – stakeholder focus groups, if the consultation time was extended, as mentioned above, it could ensure there was time to consult these groups. Otherwise, please make clear whether these stakeholders will be consulted or not.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 1. Note that stakeholders will be notified of the consultation and can provide comments during the consultation period.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	78	Table 1 – hard to reach group engagement, see second point about para 5.7 above.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 33.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	79	Para 9.3, appreciating slight tweaks may be needed to account for Covid regulations, as mentioned above, if there is 'significant change' to the planned consultation, the SoCC may need to be reassessed and reissued.	Closed	We note your comments about Covid regulations. We aim to include the appropriate language to avoid re-issuing the SoCC, however understand that something may be unavoidable and a re-issuing may be required. At this time, it is anticipated the language of the SoCC is appropriate for the consultation and that the SoCC would be able to accommodate changes due to Covid regulations.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	80	Public information points – difficult to say which public locations may be open. And could the list of locations used in the Options consultation be used as a starting point?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 44. We have included appropriate language in case venues have to close due to Covid.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	81	Additional display locations – probably easiest to hyperlink to the HE web pages and documents	Closed	Noted, we plan to share the URL to the HE webpages with any local authorities that agreed to share it wider.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	82	Para 10.1 – respondent profile, is this necessary other than separating out statutory consultees? Worried as though perhaps more less weight will be given to certain 'respondent profiles'.	Closed	Organising responses according to respondent category helps to draft the Consultation Report and show how we have consulted the appropriate statutory consultees. It doesn't impact on the weight given to the responses.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	83	Project timeline is very useful and would perhaps be better placed nearer the start of the document.	Closed	Agreed, the project timeline has been moved up to paragraph 2.5.			
Richmondshire District Council	Informal 1st Round	Email	84	Richmondshire Today is their best bet, plus Darlington and Stockton Times, Northern Echo, Dalesman. And – on RDC's website and social media feeds.	Closed	We have taken a robust approach to publicity, which includes using newspapers, posters and flyers, letter and/or email notifications, press releases and social media. We are currently investigating the use of paid for advertising and radio adverts. We also will be sharing information with Focus Groups and the Community Liaison Groups to disseminate the information wider. Given this approach and the number of newspapers used throughout the project area, we will not be adding the Darlington and Stockton Times or the Dalesman. As discussed in Comment 81, it is our plan to share the URLs with any local authorities that agreed to share it wider. It is then the decision of that local authority to share the information wider and on what channels.			
Durham County Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1	85	Posters and flyers locations: Anywhere suitable in Bows, Startforth, Baldron that could also be used?	Closed	We have updated the list in Table 1, poster and flyer locations to include some additional display areas. No suitable locations were found in Startforth, though we are proposing to share information with the TCR Hub Community Centre nearby.			
Durham County Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1	86	Posters and flyers locations: Is there any benefit in identifying the local authority area for each location	Closed	We think there is benefit in providing a postcode so have updated the list to include postcodes.			
Durham County Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1	87	Stakeholder focus groups: Include a list in this document?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 30.			
Durham County Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1	88	Hard to reach group engagement: How and which groups, include an appendix?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 33.			
Durham County Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 2	89	Deposit points: Include Barnard Castle Library, The Witham, Barnard Castle CAP. Discussion with local Cllrs? Bows?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 44.			
Durham County Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 2	90	Additional display locations: A potential link to the consultation was queried in an email to you sent on 11/02/2021. I have not heard anything more, unless you have spoken to Libby Dadds directly?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 81.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		91	Yes, this information on local benefits is really good, but presumably the route also provides a regional or national purpose that HE is seeking to deliver. It would be useful to set out these strategic factors and benefits too. (e.g. what role the route fulfils in terms of long-distance travel, movement of freight volumes, providing a vital east-west connection, etc.)	Closed	The SoCC provides a high-level overview of the project. Further information about the project will be covered in the Technical Reports and the Consultation Brochure as part of the consultation materials.			In reply to comment ref 95a: The maps have been made larger following your comments. As noted previously, this is a high level map that gives an overview of the project location. Its purpose is not to provide detail about the project proposals. This information is contained in the consultation brochure and a reference to this brochure has been added in.
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		92	The term 'reconnect' implies communities were disconnected in some way prior to the further dualling taking place – it may be best just to say connect.	Closed	Your comment is noted, this is an agreed project objective and therefore will not be revised.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		93	It needs to be clear that this document (the SoCC) is not the consultation itself. Use of the word 'this' in relation to S47 is therefore confusing. S47 covers two consultations – one on the SoCC with local authorities and the later one with the public about the project itself.	Closed	Your comment is noted and track changes made by yourselves have been accepted.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		94	For consistency, it would be worth using the junction number of the A1(M) as well.	Closed	Included the junction number as requested in para 3.1.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		95	CCC Eden Area Team comment: The map needs to be more explicit, so that members of the public fully understand how the design of each scheme will affect their community.	Closed	Note this map has been split in two so that text can be read in larger font.	95a	The map is still limited in terms of any locally detail and would be difficult for residents to understand the changes each section will mean for the community. See comments in ref 15 re location of more detailed map for each section	
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		96	Text and labels on the map should be larger so that they can be read easily without having to magnify the document.	Closed	Note this map has been split in two so that text can be read in larger font.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		97	Does this include improvements to junctions on existing parts of the route that are already dualled?	Closed	Wording in the SoCC has been updated to make it clear that improvements are being made to junctions along the schemes not on existing parts of the route.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round		98	Could the last sentence be a little more explicit that there will be a public consultation on the route options	Closed	Please note that this text has now been updated in the SoCC to explain that the consultation on these options is part of this statutory consultation. This means it has the same timescales etc.			

Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.7	99	There is already a Figure 1 above.	Closed	Noted, Figures have been checked to make sure they are up to date.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.7	100	May be worth giving a rough timescale for this stage so the affected communities are able to plan for giving their comments.	Closed	Please note that this text has now been updated in the SoCC to explain that the consultation on these options is part of this statutory consultation. This means it has the same timescales etc.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.7	101	The Figures and Tables need to be correctly numbered This map needs to be clearer and have a key to the different route colours	Closed	The maps at 3.7 have been updated to make them more readable and clearer.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.7	102	The map needs to be more explicit, so that members of the public fully understand how the design of each scheme will affect their community	Closed	Refer to comment ref 101.	102a		Ref comment 15 and 95	In reply to comment ref 102a, please refer to comment ref 95a.	
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.7	103	Map needs to be easier to read, with larger label and a north point. Label as A66?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 101.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.7	104	This map needs to be clearer and have a key for the route colours	Closed	Refer to comment ref 101.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	3.8	105	As per connect comment earlier on.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 92.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	4.1	106	Not consultation, but an announcement	Closed	Text has been updated to make clear we did not consult at PRA.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	4.1	107	CCC Eden Area Team also echo this comment. This needs to be made clear	Closed	Refer to comment ref 106.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	4.1	108	Would like to see it explicitly stated that there will be another round of public consultations to follow	Closed	This section refers to previous consultation and engagement activities that have taken place. It does not cover next steps or future consultations. Future consultations are covered in Section 5.	108a		Nevertheless, given the current level of project development, assessment and mitigation development, it seems unlikely that there will be sufficient information available in a September consultation to allow a fully considered view to be feedback to HE as a result of the consultation.	In reply to comment ref 108a: We note your comments. Statutory consultation would not be held if sufficient information was not available to be able to inform the local community and allow them to provide an informed feedback response to the consultation.	
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Section 5	109	EDC Comment Make clear what is actually being consulted on and what can actually be influenced by the feedback	Closed	Section 5 has additional text added that makes clear what we are consulting on, our objectives of the consultation and what can be influenced by the feedback. The results of this statutory consultation will be published in the Consultation Report, which must show how we've considered all comments received.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.1	110	Although this SoCC is specifically about community consultation under S47, it would be helpful to mention here that the consultation with the public is to be aligned with the S42 consultation (as mentioned in Table 1)	Closed	SoCC updated to make reference to how the section 42 consultation is aligned to the section 47 consultation.	110a		Related to this. There may be a need to secure additional land/property to deliver mitigation developed identified to offset impacts identified by assessments. This might trigger additional S42 PILS consultation requirements when the final set of proposals is known	There is a potential need to secure additional land and property in order to deliver mitigation (yet to be defined), as a result of the response to the consultation. This may require an alteration to the redline boundary and may trigger additional section 42 and section 47 consultation requirements.	In reply to comment ref 110a: We note your comments.
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.2	111	Is 3 months to review (before DCO) the consultation responses realistic and will it genuinely enable the project to be shaped in response to comments received, e.g. to develop further mitigation if required?	Closed	The 3 month period is realistic if no major changes are required to our proposals. As set out within paragraph 5.9.4, as a result of feedback from this statutory consultation or from our pre consultation engagement, the proposals change to the extent that it is necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, then more than 3 months is likely to be needed to make these changes and undertake the additional consultations. Refer to comment ref 1 for more information about the wider programme of engagement being undertaken up to statutory consultation.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.3	112	How will comments from the consultation be considered. How will the consultation outcomes be communicated with the public and what are the timescales for this part of the consultation process?	Closed	Refer to Section 10 of the SoCC for an explanation of how comments will be considered (analysed and reported on within the Consultation Report). As discussed in the meeting on 1 July with Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council, we have a duty to take account of all responses to the statutory consultation and the pre-application stage. This information will be summarised in a Consultation Report, which will be submitted with the DCO application. The Report will show how we have had regard to consultation responses. The Report will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website following acceptance of the submitted application by the Planning Inspectorate. We also plan to share our feedback analysis and outcomes through our stakeholder groups, including the Focus Groups, the Community Liaison Groups, the SEBs, and with local authorities. As noted in comment ref 111, we have a four month period to review, analyse and report on consultation responses.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.11	113	Be specific	Closed	Refer to Comment Ref 88.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.11	114	EDC Comment Information has been sent identifying hard to reach groups with suggestions on how to reach them, and not specified here which it needs to be. Among these should be residents without internet access and the Traveller Community.	Closed	Refer to Comment Ref 88.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	115	Rather than just rely on the Figures, please also describe what is planned here in the text.	Closed	5.11 and 5.12 provide an overview of the awareness-raising information. Further detail about awareness-raising can be found in Table 1, including an explanation about the flyer notification.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	116	Figure 4?	Closed	Noted, Figures have been checked to make sure they are up to date.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	117	An extension to the buffer will capture more of the outlying areas/ villages/ hamlets. If this is altered, the detail in Table 1 will also need to be changed	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	118	EDC Comment Buffer suggested previously to be 5km.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.	118a		There will still be the need to consult with some communities outside the 5km buffer. Kirkby Stephen is a case in point and others potentially affected by diversion/construction traffic.	Whilst the buffer in which to send flyers to raise awareness of the consultation to the local community along the A66 has been extended to 5km, there is still a need to raise awareness in communities affected by diversion and construction routes, notably Kirkby Stephen. In addition number of comments in HE's comments log have been referred to as being closed however the County Council suggest that a number remain unresolved. These are as follows: Comment ref 33 and comment ref 95.	In reply to comment ref 118a: please refer to comment ref 21a.
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	119	CCC Eden Area Team Recommend the buffer area of the route be extended to 5km	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	120	Figure number needs to change. Key on plan still says 250m. North point needs adding.	Closed	Noted, figure number has been updated. Refer to comment ref 2.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	5.12	121	Presumably this is measured from the outer limits of the route proposals (i.e. not the centre line of the route)?	Closed	The buffer zone is measured from the centre line of each of the scheme proposals. With the alternative options, it is also measured from the centre line of each of the scheme proposals - but focused on the one that is furthest out from the existing A66.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	7	122	More consideration on those affected who do not have access to the internet, make clear how people can get hard copies of info/consultation feedback form in hard copy and publicising a telephone query line	Closed	Refer to comment ref 33. Refer to comment ref 5. As noted in para 9.1, the consultation feedback form will be made available at deposit locations. As noted in Table 1 "Letter / email notification", S42 consultees, non-statutory stakeholders, stakeholder groups and signed up members of the public will be sent a letter or email notification, which will include people without internet access to contact us to pre-order hard copies or electronic versions on memory sticks of the materials.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Appt only events	123	Please add Kirkby Stephen to the locations for face to face events, as per previous informal feedback.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Appt only events	124	Plus Kirkby Stephen	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Appt only events	125	EDC Comment: This isn't a venue, should read Warcop Village Hall ?	Closed	Noted, this has been updated to read as Warcop Village Hall.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Appt only events	126	Add Brough Memorial Hall and a Kirkby Stephen venue as previously suggested (later important as likely to be affected during construction, use of A66 as a diversion route, heavy vehicle ban, community already concerned).	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 digital engagement 1	127	Make use of local authority websites/digital channels/social media i.e. to link to project web page	Closed	Refer to Table 2 of the SoCC which explains that we will make available the project URL webpage for the local authorities to host on their website or promote through their digital channels and social media. It is then the decision of the local authority to make this URL available.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 digital engagement 1	128	If it all meets CCC accessibility standards or otherwise CCC could just signpost to them.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 127.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 digital communication tools	129	CCC Eden Area Team How will this be shared for wider community to view	Closed	There are a range of communication and engagement methods being used for this statutory consultation to enable members of the public to view information at their home or at same information at a face to face event. Refer to Table 1 of the SoCC for more information on our approach. The wider community will be able to view the materials such as the flythrough animation and talking head videos at a face to face event.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 digital communication tools	130	who will decide which communities it will visit, best to have a core set of named communities in advance and how flexible can this be if extra communities request it?	Closed	We are open to your suggestions. Refer to comment ref 49.	130a		Engagement van: this could be a really valuable asset to take out to communities where people without internet access find it hard to access the consultation/info. Would be good to have some indication in the SoCC of flexibility to meet demand that arises during the consultation if possible.	In reply to comment ref 130a: refer to comment ref 49a.	
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 digital communication tools	131	Suggest the Engagement Van is available at the face to face events this could provide positive press opportunities to promote the public engagement/communication for the scheme.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 49.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Public consultation brochure and map booklet	132	option for hard copies to be posted out on request for those without internet access - this needs to be publicised through non digital methods plus publicise tel enquiry line	Closed	Refer to comment ref 5 for information on hard copies.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Public consultation brochure and map booklet	133	worth reiterating here that the brochure will be sent to all residents within 500m of the route	Closed	Refer to comment ref 22.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Public consultation brochure and map booklet	134	EDC Comment: Documents including the brochure and hard copy consultation response form should be made available in other languages and formats on request.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 50.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 PEIR	135	Expand acronym	Closed	The acronym is explained in Para 3.9					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Flyer	136	EDC Comment Reiterate that 2.5 km is not that wide a consultation in a rural context. The big point here is that if there are impacts (i.e. HGV diversion or road closures) that are more than 2.5 km away then the consultation needs to include the communities that are impacted. Not just a case of using a standard 2.5 buffer.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.					
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Flyer	137	See comment on 5.12 above on extension of buffer zone	Closed	Refer to comment ref 21.					

Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 letter email notification	138	EDC Comment Letter—who will the letter go out to, who are the S42 consultees? This will be the main way of engaging with people who do not have internet access, also use of parish council newsletters for this? Will letter have details of face to face sessions and how people without internet access can respond? Letter should publicise dedicated telephone enquiry line	Closed	We propose to hold a workshop with all host local authorities on one call to share our publicity approach. The details of these groups will not be provided within the SoCC. The SoCC provides an overview of the approach to the community consultation. As discussed on 1 July 2021, we explained our approach to awareness-raising and a further meeting to discuss this is planned with all local authorities for 15 July 2021. The letter is not the only avenue for raising awareness as noted in Table 1. There is further awareness raising including but not limited to a flyer, a statutory notice, email notification, newspaper and media adverts and poster and flyer locations. Refer to comment ref 34 for Parish Council Newsletters. The letter invites people to visit the website or call the project phone number for further detail. Face to face events will also be published in newspaper and media adverts.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 letter email notification	139	CCC Eden Area Comment Details of other non-statutory stakeholder groups could be provided by CCC Community Team to assist with locality engagement.	Closed	We welcome any additional community group contacts. As discussed in our equality and diversity meeting on 1 July 2021, we plan to contact to any groups/individuals the Councils have provided to ask whether they will act as a conduit for sharing information wider prior to statutory consultation.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Poster and flyer locations	140	Add to poster and flyer locations: Penrith Library Kirkby Stephen Library Appley Library Appley TIC Penrith TIC Kirkby Stephen TIC	Closed	These poster locations have been added to our list of facilities to contact. It is then the decision of the facility on whether they make available the poster and flyer at their venue.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Poster and flyer locations	141	Add to poster and flyer locations: Penrith Sainsbury's specifically rather than New Squares plus add Penrith Tourist Information Centre & Brough One Stop Shop, Upper Eden Visitor Centre, Kirkby Stephen as suggested previously	Closed	These poster locations have been added to our list of facilities to contact. It is then the decision of the facility on whether they make available the poster and flyer at their venue.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Poster and flyer locations	142	Kirkby Stephen Library Brough Memorial Hall	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Poster and flyer locations	143	EDC Comment This isn't a venue, should read Warcop Village Hall?	Closed	Noted, this has been updated to read as Warcop Village Hall.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Poster and flyer locations	144	EDC Comment Have previously suggested an event in Kirkby Stephen	Closed	Refer to comment ref 3.	144a	not resolved. Therefore not closed	In reply to comment ref 144a: Note that this is now closed, please refer to comment ref 3a.
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 landowner engagement	145	S42 mentioned here. It would be good to understand the link between S42 and S47 consultations. Will they be concurrent, relying on the same information?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 110. The same consultation materials will be made available for the S42 and S47 consultations.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 CLG briefings	146	EDC Comment Use local authority members as a channel to get messages out about the consultation in their wards/to their constituents – keep them informed so they can play a role	Closed	As part of the Community Liaison Groups, which Councilors are invited to, we will ask attendees to share information about the upcoming statutory consultation within their wider communities. It is then the responsibility for the attendees to share information wider. We are also running Leader and Member sessions in the run up to statutory consultation.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 CLG briefings	147	CCC Eden Area Team Comment Information on dates for meetings of Community Liaison groups would be really useful for local authorities.	Closed	We will provide you with a list of the Community Liaison Groups and dates for the next round of meetings. We will not be providing dates of CLG meetings within the SoCC as these may be subject to change Refer to comment ref 201 for update on this.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Focus Groups	148	CCC Eden Area Team Comment Are businesses as a target focus group? Impact to their service and offer will be impacted by the scheme. Engagement could be facilitated through Chamber of Trades, BIDs and other business associations.	Closed	We welcome any additional contacts you may have to disseminate information to the wider business community. As discussed in our equality and diversity meeting on 1 July 2021, we have contacted any groups/individuals the Councils have provided to ask whether they will act as a conduit for sharing information.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Hard to Reach groups	149	EDC Comment Need to identify which groups and how they will be reached (info supplied previously) See note above regarding supplying docs in alternative languages and formats on request	Closed	Refer to Comment Ref 88.	149a		Refer to comment ref 88 and 33 - HE to clarify how groups are identified 'seldom heard' or 'hard to reach'
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Hard to Reach groups	150	Which groups? Including those without digital access/skills	Closed	Refer to Comment Ref 88.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Hard to Reach groups	151	CCC Eden Area Team Comment Further information needed on hard to reach and how engagement will be facilitated.	Closed	Refer to Comment Ref 88.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Media adverts and press releases	152	BBC radio Cumbria, Eden FM, ITV Border, BBC Look North	Closed	We are discussing with Highways England about the possibility of using radio adverts.	152a	The use of local radio needs to be identified as a definite communication channel to be used in the SoCC. So important for those without internet access and older residents. Not just paid for adverts but free publicity too- the relevant people doing a series of interviews promoting the consultation both beforehand and during. This might be more engaging. We would have expected this issue to have been resolved before a statutory consultation on the SoCC could take place.	In reply to comment ref 152a: please refer to comment ref 208.
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Media adverts and press releases	153	Need to add local radio as a way of reaching those without internet access: BBC Radio Cumbria, Eden FM Plus Eden Local Magazine Border TV/Look North Parish Newsletters ACTION with Communities in Cumbria(ACT)/Cumbria CVS & Cumbria Assoc. Local Councils (CALC) newsletters	Closed	Refer to comment ref 152.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Media adverts and press releases	154	Do you mean the Cumberland News?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 6.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Social Media	155	EDC Comment Use local authority social media channels too and targeted Facebook campaign?	Closed	Refer to comment ref 8.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 1 Social Media	156	CCC Eden Area Team Comment Majority of residents and businesses use Facebook. The social media strategy needs to include other platforms specifically Facebook and Instagram	Closed	Refer to comment ref 8.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 2 deposit points	157	List of possible deposit locations previously supplied to maybe include EDC Town Hall Reception if open to public. (currently open by appointment only)	Closed	Refer to comment ref 44.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	Table 2 Display locations	158	Please clarify what is being requested to be updated? As will need to check with CCC digital to confirm this is ok	Closed	Refer to comment ref 4.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Informal 2nd Round	10.2	159	How and when will this Consultation Report be publicised to the public/residents and to who and how will it be made available? This info needs to be included in the consultation response form so that people responding to the consultation know what will happen as a result of their input i.e. the next steps	Closed	Refer to comment ref 112.			
North Yorkshire County Council	Informal 2nd Round	General	160	Just had a quick scan through and it all looks ok, and appreciate much of the detailed content cannot be fully established whilst we continue to consider the risks etc on opening up face-to-face contact.	Closed	Thank you for your comment. We are seeking to finalise details as early as possible and will share confirmation of venues, the Engagement Van, deposit locations, etc as soon as possible.			
North Yorkshire County Council	Informal 2nd Round	General	161	On the map on page 4 this is no scheme 10 listed?	Closed	Please note Scheme 10 was removed from the programme of works in summer 2020.			
North Yorkshire County Council	Informal 2nd Round	General	162	I agree with the 2.5km – the plan could be in more detail to show that 2.5km isn't cutting off any villages. 2.5 is fine as long as all the people don't live 3km away (I'm not suggesting that the case). You don't want complaints that villages were cut in half etc.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 21, which explains that we are proposing to extend the buffer to 5km.			
North Yorkshire County Council	Informal 2nd Round	General	163	The stat notices say they will be published in papers 'such as' and I think you need to be clear on what newspapers they will be published in. If you can't be at this stage perhaps that could be explained.	Closed	Note the wording for this has changed from "such as" to "including". These newspapers will be used for newspaper adverts so doesn't need to say "such as".			
North Yorkshire County Council	Informal 2nd Round	General	164	Other than that it's very comprehensive.	Closed	Thank you and noted.			
Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Email	165	1. We believe that the proposed consultation period is too short to allow the proper consideration of detailed technical information that will accompany the proposals, questions to be asked at events and full responses prepared, (and where necessary approved) and submitted to you. The justification you give for the limited consultation period relies on the amount of previous engagement with stakeholder groups that has already taken place. However, section 47 is primarily aimed at wider public engagement and the majority of the wider public it targets will not have had the benefit of the engagement you justification refers to.	Closed	We note your comments regarding the consultation period. We have given careful consideration to ensure there is a full opportunity to engage with the project and the environmental information, in a way that allows people to understand, influence and contribute to its development. We understand the need to allow an appropriate length of time for the public to consider the consultation material and respond and therefore to address this comment we have agreed to extend the consultation period from 30 days to 6 weeks. The consultation period is a formal opportunity to respond and is part of a wider engagement and consultation process that has taken place over many years. The project team have been extensively engaging with a wide range of stakeholder groups in order to share evolving designs, understand feedback and amend the emerging design. The designs brought forward to this statutory consultation are the culmination of many months of proactive engagement with landowners, communities and stakeholders who have been actively involved in their development. When considered in the wider context, we believe that this 6 week period is an appropriate period for the formal statutory consultation. With respect to public engagement there have been a number of events and one to one meetings that have taken place including: 1) drop in events with the public for those schemes where we have been evaluating alignment and junction options 2. Regular community liaison meetings where we have presented the emerging designs to representatives of the public. 3. One to one meetings with landowners whose land could be affected by the project.			
Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Email	166	2. We are concerned that the draft SoCC that we have received is not complete. The accompanying schedule identified a number of areas where the nature of the consultation has yet to be determined. As such it is difficult for us to be sure that the consultation will be adequate. One example of this is consideration of an event at Kirkby Stephen. We would expect to have information on whether this will happen, where it will take place and for how long it will take place for, and what its opening times are. Without this we cannot judge whether the consultation provides adequate opportunity for local residents in that area to familiarise themselves with the proposals, the impacts and the mitigations insofar as they are affected, and then make whatever representations they feel are appropriate.	Closed	We note your comments about the draft SoCC and note that this is a draft when issued to local authorities. We will seek to issue a final version prior to statutory consultation commencing. Statutory consultation would not be held if sufficient information was not available to be able to inform the local community and allow them to provide an informed feedback response to the consultation. As noted, we are holding events at the Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social Club. The early awareness raising leaflet lists the confirmed event venues and was sent to host authorities on 13 August.			
Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Email	167	3. We do not believe that sufficient time is being allowed between the close of the consultation and the submission of the DCO. The consultation responses will need to be analysed and subsequent adjustments made to proposals which could result in further impact assessment and mitigation development. Changes to the red line boundary may be triggered and further consultation required. We need this project to be built in the best possible manner to minimise the negative impacts to the local communities that will live with it. To achieve this we believe there needs to be a full and effective design and project development process that fully takes into account local needs as well as those using the road to pass through the area.	Closed	The period between the close of the consultation and the submission of the DCO is realistic if no major changes are required to our proposals. Refer to comment ref 165 for more information about the wider programme of engagement being undertaken up to statutory consultation. Through this engagement prior to the consultation we are being made aware of stakeholder's issues and the potential for the need to change the design and potentially the red line boundary. We can therefore commence the process of further design and mitigation development before statutory consultation commences and continue developing the design through the statutory consultation period. We will not make a decision on whether to make any changes until statutory consultation has concluded and we can assess all the feedback in the round (both from the engagement and from the consultation). If these changes are minor and can be accommodated within the DCO boundary or require minor adjustments to the boundary then we believe this can be accommodated within the time allowed between close of the consultation and the submission of the DCO. If there is the need for major design changes and/or extensions to the DCO boundary then more time is likely to be required to make these changes and to undertake any additional consultation that may be required.			
Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Email	168	The position of Eden District Council is that if there are changes to the Scheme design in future then we would expect further consultations to be carried out. As Host Authority we would be happy to discuss the scope of any future consultation with Highways England.	Closed	As set out in response to comment 167 above if there is a need for major design change and/or extensions to the DCO boundary then further engagement and possibly consultation with the Council will be undertaken (depending on the location of any changes).			
Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Email	169	We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed Statement of Community Consultation. We understand that Highways England, as the Applicant, is obliged to take appropriate account of the comments raised during the consultation process in accordance with Planning Act 2008, (Section 45) 'Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity' and we are happy to continue to liaise with you throughout the course of this application.	Closed	Your comments are noted and we welcome the opportunity to continue working with you throughout the course of this application			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Para 1.3	170	Is the 'or' needed? Don't both aspects apply to all councils?	Closed	Agreed, deleted 'or'.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Project timeline image	171	It may be useful to have a paragraph 2.6, saying that the public consultation is expected to take place in Autumn 2021 (and provide exact dates - recognise that it is outlined in para 5.7 but it is important that it is stated early in the document) and that the timeline for project up to the start of construction in 2024/25 is shown in the diagram below. (Should the diagram have a figure number?)	Closed	A sentence has been added into Para 2.2 to refer to the timeline image below. This project timeline provides the dates for DCO application submission and construction starting. As you have mentioned, paragraph 5.7 refers to the exact dates for Autumn 2021.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Para 3.2	172	Better to just say 'countryside'. It seems very odd to identify the NPA AONB in the context of road connectivity. The tourism aspect is covered sufficiently in para 3.3.	Closed	Agreed, this sentence has been updated.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Para 3.5	173	Could this heading and the labelling on the plan be made larger? Need to think about those with limited vision. Ideally the text on the plans should be no smaller than the standard text in the rest of the document. Please bear this in mind also when providing large print versions upon request (i.e. the plans and diagrams need to be much larger). Figure 2 needs a north point.	Closed	Images have been made bigger and headings also have been made bigger. Figure 2 has been provided with a North point			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Figure 2	174	Figure 2 Previous comment suggested that the map would benefit from being more explicit, to ensure members of the public fully understand how the design of each scheme will affect their community. Though the maps have been split into eastern and western sides of the project, there is still limited detail to show the proposed layout of each scheme in locality.	Closed	Note that these maps provide an indication of the project - the detail of each scheme is covered in the statutory consultation documents and the consultation brochure, which is identified in Table 1. The Statement of Community Consultation describes how we propose to consult the local community about the project, it does not provide the detail of which we are consulting on.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Figure 3	175	Figure 3 needs a key	Closed	A key has been added to Figure 3.			
Cumbria County Council / Eden District Council	Formal consultation	Para 3.6	176	To be a complete, safe and modern highway, any substandard junctions or turning arrangements on the existing dualled sections should be considered at the same time. Otherwise, those elements become comparatively more hazardous and accident prone. To state that it is outside of the project scope is insufficient.	Closed	We note your comments on the merits of the proposals and project design and scope. We welcome this feedback during the statutory consultation period to ensure it is captured formally.			

Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	3.1	221	Para 3.10 sets out the objectives of the project. The second bullet refers to the reuse of the 'old' A66 as part of the local road network. It is important to recognise that further consideration needs to be given to understand how the 'old' A66 could be utilised in the future. The County Council cannot reach a view until it understands what part of the network is proposed to be transferred and presently this would be recorded as a significant matter not agreed with HE. There is therefore a pressing need to further explore the most appropriate use for the 'old' A66.	Closed	We note your comments on the merits of the proposals and project design and scope. We welcome this feedback during the statutory consultation period to ensure it is captured formally.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	5.1	222	Para 5.1. Any alteration to redline boundary and/or significant changes to the scheme design may trigger additional section 42 and section 47 consultation requirements.	Closed	Your comments are noted.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	5.2	223	Para 5.2 first bullet. It is noted that consultation will commence on 24 September for 30 days, with submission of the DCO in Spring 2022. Given the short timescale, it is appropriate to explain how all comments can be effectively considered to ensure that changes can be made to the design.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 111 and 112.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	5.3	224	Para 5.3 refers to how comments received from the consultation will be considered within the Consultation Report. The primary role of the feedback from the consultation is to help shape the project. Reporting how this has been done (in the Consultation Report) is secondary, i.e. demonstrating HE's specific actions in response to the feedback is more important to demonstrate adequacy of consultation.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 111 and 112. Also refer to comment ref 182.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	5.4 and 5.5	225	Para 5.4 and 5.5 refers to the consultation period (30 days) and lists the particular elements of the project which will be consulted upon. The range of information for this complex and large project is extensive and will be technical in nature. Whilst the proposed consultation period meets the statutory requirement, this is a minimum requirement. It is good practice to allow for sufficient time for consultees to digest the detailed information provided and be able to have time to respond accordingly to provide feedback useful to HE. We would therefore strongly recommend a longer consultation period above the statutory minimum in order to provide the best inputs.	Closed	We note your comments regarding the consultation period. We have given careful consideration to ensure there is a full opportunity to engage with the project and the environmental information, in a way that allows people to understand, influence and contribute to its development. We understand the need to allow an appropriate length of time for the public to consider the consultation material and respond and therefore to address this comment we have agreed to extend the consultation period from 30 days to 6 weeks. The consultation period is a formal opportunity to respond and is part of a wider engagement and consultation process that has taken place over many years. The project team have been extensively engaging with a wide range of stakeholder groups in order to share evolving designs, understand feedback and amend the emerging design. The designs brought forward to this statutory consultation are the culmination of many months of proactive engagement with landowners, communities and stakeholders who have been actively involved in their development. When considered in the wider context, we believe that this 6 week period is an appropriate period for the formal statutory consultation. With respect to public engagement there have been a number of events and one to one meetings that have taken place including: 1) drop in events with the public for those schemes where we have been evaluating alignment and junction options 2. Regular community liaison meetings where we have presented the emerging designs to representatives of the public 3. One to one meetings with landowners whose land could be affected by the project.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Para 5.7	226	Para 5.7 refers to engagement with stakeholders who have been actively involved in the development of the project. This statement needs to be clearer about the current level of input and development and not to infer any position which the County Council would wish to take in relation to the project.	Closed	We note your comments and the wording of the paragraph has been softened. We do not agree that this paragraph infers the position of the County Council, it describes the engagement that has taken place over the last few years.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Para 5.8	227	Para 5.8 refers to ongoing engagement running up to the consultation period which allows for feedback from stakeholders. The County Council would question whether this applies to the community. There may be an expectation from the community that they can continue to engage and give feedback to the proposals.	Closed	With respect to community engagement there have been a number of events and one to one meetings that have taken place including: 1) drop in events with the public for those schemes where we have been evaluating alignment and junction options 2. Regular community liaison meetings where we have presented the emerging designs to representatives of the public 3. One to one meetings with landowners whose land could be affected by the project. We will continue to engage with the community after the close of statutory consultation. Note, the local community will be able to take part in the DCO Examination process as interested or registered parties, so they can continue to engage with the project.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Para 5.12	228	Para 5.12. The groups identified has changed from 'hard to reach' to 'seldom heard'. These are two quite different groups. Seldom heard are those who receive information but choose not to respond or engage. Those who are hard to reach have limitations (either because of location and travel to consultation events, limited access to technology, or language or literacy barriers) which prevents them from engaging in the process. The SoCC should be amended to provide consistency of terminology.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 186.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Public Consultation in Events	229	The County Council consider that a venue in Kirby Stephen should be identified and named before the finalisation of the SoCC to ensure the local community have the opportunity to be engaged.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 3/3a.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Digital engagement tools	230	Table 1: Digital engagement tools. This section notes that HE plan to visit communities in the Engagement Van. As well as advertising in advance the route of the Engagement Van, with dates and times, it is important that the Engagement Van visits as many of the outlying villages/hamlets as possible, particularly where these are located far away from consultation events.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 49/49a. We agree that the Engagement Van will be used to raise awareness with local communities not included in the face to face events, as much as possible. We will seek to visit outlying villages where possible.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Flyer notification.	231	Table 1: Flyer notification. Whilst the buffer in which to send flyers to raise awareness of the consultation to the local community along the A66 has been extended to 5km, there is still a need to raise awareness in communities affected by diversion and construction routes, notably Kirby Stephen.	Closed	Please refer to comment ref 21/21a.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Statutory notice letter notification.	232	Table 1: Statutory notice letter notification. States that letters will be sent to those land interests within category 3 as set out in Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008. This should be defined or explained in plain English.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 193.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Poster and Flyer locations	233	o Centre Parcs o Penrith Rugby Club o Brough Memorial Hall o Kirby Stephen Library o All doctors surgeries within the vicinity of the route have not been captured. A full scoping of relevant locations needs to be undertaken. A link to Eden Primary Care Network has previously been provided to HE. The link includes all GP surgeries along the route. Suggested locations include: o Upper Eden Medical Practice o Appleby Medical Practice o The Lakes Medical Practice o Birbeck Medical Practice o Temple Sovereign Medical Practice	Closed	Refer to comment ref 194-198.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: CLG	234	Table 1: Community liaison group briefings. The County Council require that Officers from our Eden Local Area Team are informed of the Community liaison group briefings. The Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) has a regular e newsletter and this should be used & named as a tool for promotion of the consultation.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 200 and email to David Haughan on 10 August 2021. Note that Officers have been added to the invite list for relevant CLGs.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Stakeholder focus groups	235	There are two Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Penrith - Town Centre and Employment Area. There is also a Penrith Chamber of Trade. These should be included.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 202.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Seldom heard group engagement	236	Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) have a variety of good community contacts and their regular e newsletter should be used & named in the SoCC as a channel for promotion of the consultation. It is also suggested that schools could provide a good channel to engage with young people. In respect of tourists, the relevant visitor websites that will be used to promote the consultation need to be named e.g. Visit Lake District, Cumbria Tourism, Visit Eden.	Closed	Refer to comments 204-206.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: statutory notices	237	It is necessary that the Cumberland news is used for both notices and media adverts.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 207.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 1: Media adverts and press releases	238	Local radio stations should be named and confirmed as publicity channels in the final SoCC. Details have been previously provided. Paid for radio advertising and a series of interviews with HE's A66 NTP Project Team before and during the consultation promoting it would be a good mix. Press releases should be issued to radio stations too. Local radio stations are a good channel for those without internet access and older residents. Eden Local is a free local magazine not a newspaper.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 208.			
Cumbria County Council	Formal consultation	Table 2: Public information deposit points	239	The County Council request that the final list of deposit locations is provided before the SoCC is submitted. These are important for people without internet access. The SoCC should also state the opening times.	Closed	Refer to comment ref 44. The SoCC states the hours of operation.			
North Yorkshire County Council	Formal consultation	General	240	Thank you for the SoCC and for the comments schedule which was very helpful. We have no further comments to make on the consultation strategy and fully support it. The consultation appears to us to be very comprehensive.	Closed	Thank you, your comments are noted.			