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TR010062**

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Annex E relates to Chapter 4: Statement of Community Consultation of the Consultation Report.

1 Communication with host local authorities about the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

1.1 Informal SoCC engagement, January 2021

1.1.1 Communication with attached draft SoCC, sent to Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council, sent on 18 January 2021

A66 SoCC Informal Draft

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Dear all

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Kind regards

[Redacted]

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1.1.2 Communication with attached draft SoCC, sent to Durham County Council, sent on 21 January 2021

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1.1.3 Communication with attached draft SoCC, sent to Richmondshire District Council and North Yorkshire County Council, sent on 18 January 2021

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1.2 Informal SoCC engagement, June 2021

1.2.1 Communication with all host local authorities, sent on 11 June 2021

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 June 2021 17:42
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: A66NTP - SoCC

Good Evening

Please find below the link to the draft SoCC for informal review. As discussed on the call, the green highlighted text shows where the changes have been made since the last version that you saw in January 2021.

Can I please ask for any comments back within 14 days (25 June) and that comments be sent to Katy Sutton, Hannah Smith and Sean Smith?

<https://ameygroup.sharepoint.com/:f/r/sites/A66NTP-IPT/CollaborativeReview/SoCC%20-%20Informal%20Consultation?csf=1&web=1&e=SqNRfU>

Regards,

[REDACTED]
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Thanks

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1.3 Formal consultation on the SoCC, July 2021

1.3.1 Email with attached letter, sent to Richmondshire District Council, sent on 12 July 2021

Request for comments on the SoCC from Richmondshire District Council



To [Redacted]
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Dear [Redacted]

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Regards

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12 July 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

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Please respond to this letter with your comments on the draft SoCC by 11.59pm on **Thursday 12 August 2021**.

To aid the process of providing your comments, please find attached a draft SoCC for you to review. Please provide any comments and suggested amendments in track changes, doing this will assist us in ensuring these are recorded and considered.

Please confirm receipt of this email and the accompanying draft SoCC. If you wish to discuss the content of this letter, please do not hesitate in contacting me using the contact details provided as soon as possible to support provision of your comments by **12 August 2021**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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1.3.1.1 Reminder email, sent to Richmondshire District Council, sent on 16 August 2021

Highways England A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project SoCC



A66 NTP <A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk>

To [redacted] :planningenquiries@richmondshire.gov.uk

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Hi Bart

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Thank you,

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1.3.2 Email with attached letter, sent to North Yorkshire County Council, sent on 12 July 2021

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2 Draft SoCC provided in July 2021

Statement of Community Consultation



A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

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1 About us

- 1.1 We (Highways England) operate, maintain and improve England's motorways and major A-roads, known as the strategic road network. The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project ("the project") is a critical part of our ongoing investment and will improve journeys between M6 junction 40 at Penrith and the A1(M) junction 53 at Scotch Corner by dualling the remaining single carriageway sections of the A66.
- 1.2 We are publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to outline our approach to consulting with the local community for these proposals. It provides details about how you (the local community) can take part and how your feedback may be used to influence our proposed design.
- 1.3 To make sure we approach our consultation in the very best way for the local community, we've consulted on this document with Eden District Council, Richmondshire District Council, Cumbria County Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Durham County Council (the host local authorities), which are the local authorities in the areas in which the project is proposed to be built and/or the proposals may significantly impact.
- 1.4 This document also provides gives you the background to the project and how our application will progress.

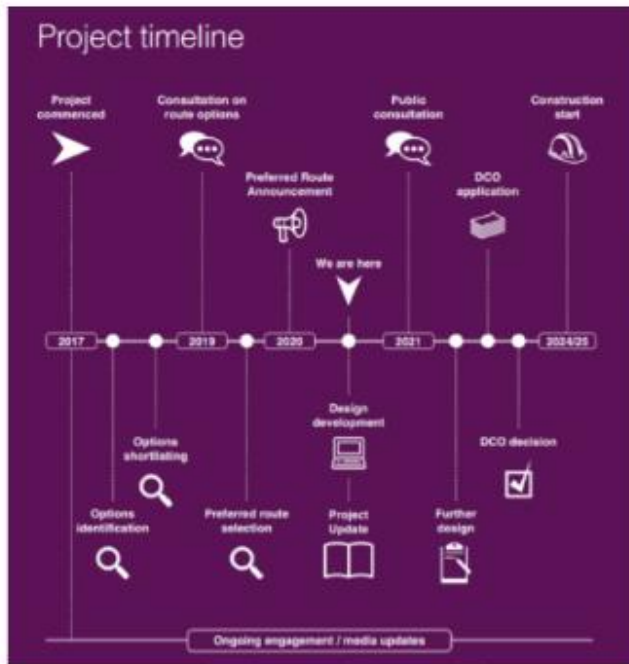
2 Our application

- 2.1 The project is being developed under the Planning Act 2008 and we are publishing this statement under Section 47 (duty to consult local community) of that Act.
- 2.2 Under the Planning Act 2008, we are required to make an application to the Secretary of State for the project. The application is known as a Development Consent Order (DCO). An examining panel, called the Examining Authority, are appointed by the Planning Inspectorate and will examine our application and the Secretary of State will decide on whether the project should go ahead based on a recommendation made by the Examining Authority. We anticipate that our DCO application for the project will be submitted in spring 2022.
- 2.3 A key consideration for the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State when assessing our DCO application is the National Networks National Policy Statement (NNNPS). The NNNPS sets out the need for development of road projects on the national networks and is the policy against which decisions on major road projects will be made.
- 2.4 You'll be able to have your say and inform our final design by taking part in our Section 47 consultation. This will be carried out in accordance with the SoCC. When we submit our DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate must then consider whether our consultation to date was adequate.
- 2.5 You can find more information about the Planning Inspectorate and the Planning Act 2008 on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

Figure 1 Steps showing the journey from this consultation to a DCO decision

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on [REDACTED]

Note to local authorities. This diagram will be updated prior to SoCC finalisation.



3 The project

- 3.1 The A66 project covers the length of the A66 between M6 junction 40 at Penrith to the A1(M) junction 53 at Scotch Corner, which is approximately 50 miles long (see Location Plan in Figure 2). This project has been identified as a pathfinder for the Government Project Speed initiative to facilitate an accelerated delivery schedule for the project.
- 3.2 The A66 plays an integral role for journeys across the north of England and connects the wider road network with surrounding communities, businesses, and the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The route affords businesses and hauliers a direct link between the east and west coasts of England and the central belt of Scotland, connecting Leeds, Sheffield, and Norwich, with Edinburgh and Glasgow. This means it is an essential route to help keep the nation's goods and services moving. More than 28,000 journeys are made using the A66 every day, a quarter of which are in heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) – much higher than the national average.
- 3.3 The A66 is also an important route for tourism, providing access to the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District National Park.

- 3.4 Sections of the A66 have been upgraded from single carriageway to dual in a number of stages since the 1970s. However, more than 18 miles of single carriageway remain, making the route accident-prone and unreliable. Drivers face congestion, delays at key junctions and substandard access to jobs and leisure locations.
- 3.5 Investment through this project is essential to the continued development of the economy in the north of the country. Dualling between the M6 junction 40 and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner and making other improvements along its length will support local and national economic growth and development.

Figure 2: Map showing the western side of the project



Warcop, the preferred route encroaches on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB).

- 3.8 As work has progressed on our design of the proposals, our work has identified potential opportunities to enhance the preferred routes at Kirkby Thore and Warcop and the Cross Lanes to Rokeby scheme to further reduce the environmental and ecological impact of the project.
- 3.9 In the Kirkby Thore and Warcop areas, the project team has been engaging with affected landowners and local authorities to share details of alternative routes alignments that we have been exploring. In addition to the direct engagement with landowners, two leaflets have been distributed in May 2021 - one at Kirkby Thore and one at Warcop - to update the wider community on project progress and to explain the additional assessment work that we will be undertaking and the reasons for it. We will be consulting on alternative route alignments in these two areas as part of the statutory consultation.
- 3.10 The objectives for the project are:
- By introducing a consistent standard of dual carriageway with the same speed limit throughout, we aim to reduce the number of accidents
 - Use of the 'old' A66 as part of the local road network will deliver safer, more enjoyable journeys for cyclists and pedestrians.
 - The preferred route also re-connects communities and links villages along the route. It improves connections for local people living and working nearby providing better access to services such as healthcare, jobs and education.
 - Dualling of all the single carriageway sections will reduce congestion and improve the reliability of people's journeys between the M6 at Penrith and the A1(M) Scotch Corner and nationwide.
 - The dualling will improve strategic regional and national connectivity, particularly for hauliers. Heavy goods vehicles account for a quarter of all traffic on the road and any delays to journeys can have an extremely negative effect on business, including lost working time and missed shipment slots.
 - The improvement works will also reduce delays and queues during busy periods and improve the performance of key junctions such as the A66/A6 and the M6 junction 40.
 - Having a dual carriageway enables us to close lanes where required due to accidents or break downs and keep traffic moving.
 - By making the route more reliable we can improve connectivity between the key employment areas of Cumbria, Tees Valley and Tyne and Wear and improve access to key tourist destinations such as the North Pennines, Lake District and North Yorkshire.
 - Better road standards and consistent speeds will minimise noise levels for people living and working near the route and the preferred route aims to reduce the visual impact of the new A66.
 - Our preferred route has been chosen to minimise negative impacts on the natural environment and landscapes of the North Pennines and Lake District.
 - It is also the best option for reducing the impact on nearby homes and minimising the number of properties which will need to be acquired or demolished.
- 3.11 This project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development (under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017) and

therefore an environmental impact assessment is being carried out to assess the potential environmental effects within the proposed project area. We will evaluate the likely impacts the project could have on the existing environment. Measures to reduce negative impacts, such as landscape screening and noise barriers, will be identified where possible and we will investigate opportunities to improve existing environmental conditions. This information will be published in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) as part of the consultation material, and this SoCC details how the PEIR and other consultation materials will be publicised. A full Environmental Statement will be submitted and published as part of the DCO application.

- 3.12 Additional information about the project, including detailed maps/plans and associated benefits, will be included in our public consultation brochure. Copies of the brochure will be available as detailed in this SoCC during the consultation period.

4 Previous consultation and engagement with the community

- 4.1 The following consultation and engagement activities have taken place to date:

- Consultation on the options for the upgrading of sections of the A66 was held between 16 May and 11 July 2019. More information is contained within the [Options Consultation Report](#).
- We announced the [Preferred Route](#) in spring 2020, having considered various factors including the response to the consultation on options.
- We held engagement activities in winter 2020 providing a [project update](#) to show how the design has evolved.
- We have continued to pro-actively engage with key stakeholders, communities and landowners throughout the period up to statutory consultation.

- 4.2 During the options consultation we asked consultees for their views on the proposals generally and on route options. In total, we presented 15 different options for the 8 sections of single carriageway remaining and consultees were asked to share any concerns, ideas and local knowledge that they may have. We held 21 events in local areas along the route during the consultation and engaged with key stakeholders, such as local authorities, parish councils, ward representatives, landowners, local residents and road users.

- 4.3 In assessing the route options and deciding on a preferred route, we considered a number of criteria. Part of this decision-making were the preferences expressed through the consultation process by members of the public, organisations and statutory bodies. Consultation feedback was used to understand views on each of the options; this feedback is presented in the [Options Consultation Report](#). Following the options consultation, we announced the preferred route for the upgrades in Spring 2020 and shared the Preferred Route Announcement (PRA) brochure. Although this wasn't a formal consultation where we invited feedback, we kept the conversation open and continued to talk to parties who contacted us with an interest in the project.

- 4.4 More details, including the results of these consultation and engagement activities and how we decided to progress the preferred route are included in the Options Consultation Report, and the PRA brochure leaflet, available to download from <http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP> on request or will be available to view for the duration of the consultation period at local deposit locations (subject to any circumstances outside of our control).
- 4.5 Having listened to your comments, we issued a project update in November and December 2020 to provide further information about the emerging design and, especially, the new junctions along the route. Due to COVID-19 and Government social distance guidelines, we were not able to hold traditional public events in community spaces. We published the update brochure, plans and information videos, online and our virtual consultation room was available for communities to ask questions to our project team. Copies of the brochure were posted to households within 500m of the proposed new sections and a flyer publicising the update was sent to households within 2.5km of the whole route. We also had a phone number for those who wanted to speak to the project team and posted hard copies of the brochure on request to those without internet access who requested a copy.

5 Next consultation - why and when

- 5.1 We are now consulting with the public on the project, ahead of submitting the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate, as required by section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the proposals set out in this SoCC. Note the section 42 (Planning Act 2008) consultation for statutory consultees is aligned to this section 47 consultation.
- 5.2 The objectives of our consultation are to:
- Share our latest proposals to enable members of the public to feedback – in order that we can consider the feedback as we work towards finalising the design for submission of the DCO application
 - Provide the opportunity to give feedback on alternative routes proposed in certain areas – in order that we can consider views on the route options in deciding which routes to take forward for the DCO application
 - Encourage the community and other stakeholders to help shape our proposals for the DCO application in order that we can seek to maximise local benefits and minimise any downsides
 - Help local people understand the potential nature and local impact of our proposals – to enable people to provide informed feedback which we can have regard to in seeking to address these impacts and when designing appropriate mitigation measures
 - Enable our proposed mitigation measures to be considered by local people so we can consider feedback when seeking to design measures that respond to local needs and requirements
 - Identify ways in which our proposals could support local or wider strategic ambitions as well as meeting our project objectives
- 5.3 Your comments will help us achieve these objectives. We will listen to everyone's views and we will consider your feedback within 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.

5.4 The consultation will run for 30 days from 24 September until 23 October 2021.

During the consultation period, in addition to the project generally, we will be consulting on the following particular elements of the project:

- Route alignment and preliminary design – including route alignment options within specific areas
- Junction layouts – including junction location options within specific areas
- Construction compounds and other land potentially required for construction
- Proposed red line boundary
- Proposals for walking, cycling and horse riding including the diversion of routes
- Permanent and temporary land take
- Environmental assessments and potential environmental impacts
- Environmental mitigation measures and associated land requirements
- Arrangements to mitigate the impact on any communities, farms or businesses

5.5 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 planned statutory consultation activities set out in this SoCC, allow for a comprehensive and meaningful 30-day consultation period.

5.6 As part of this consultation period, we are providing a number of avenues to share information with and listen to and gather feedback from the local community including but not limited to digital consultation and face-to-face events, virtual Q&A events and local community visits. More information about the ways you can take part in the consultation are in Table 1.

5.7 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.

5.8 The ongoing engagement running up to the consultation period allows for feedback from stakeholders on our proposals as they are being prepared. Where possible and appropriate we will make changes to our proposals to respond to this feedback in advance of our formal consultation. Where it has not been possible to address this feedback in our proposals for consultation, we will describe within our consultation material the feedback and give an indication of the kind of project changes that may on further consideration, alongside the outcome of the consultation, flow from it.

5.9 If, 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, this will be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC, to the extent they are relevant to the targeted consultation.

- 5.10 If the proposed consultation dates or methods of consultation need to be changed in order to move or extend the consultation period due to events outside of our control, those changes will be discussed with the host local authorities. Changes to the consultation dates and/or methods of consultation will be publicised in line with methods proposed in Section 7 of this SoCC.
- 5.11 We will be notifying stakeholders and the local community about the consultation and providing them with the opportunity to request electronic copies or hard copies to be delivered to their home address. More information on awareness-raising activities including a flyer, letter and email notifications and statutory notice letter notifications can be found in Table 1.
- 5.12 We also worked with local authorities to identify groups who are traditionally seldom heard to ensure that we consult with as many people as possible who could be affected by our proposals. These people are unlikely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation techniques. They may find it harder to get involved in consultation and need additional support to access materials. Examples include gypsy and traveller communities, the ageing population and the younger population. For more information, please refer to Table 1.
- 5.13 Working with the host local authorities, we have developed a flyer notification area to raise awareness about the consultation. Refer to Table 1: **Consultation and awareness-raising activities** for further information on how we will publicise the statutory consultation.

6 Who can take part?

- 6.1 Anyone who is interested in this project is welcome to take part. We welcome all views and will take them into account before we submit our DCO application.

7 How will we consult?

- 7.1 In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for us to continue with project delivery but equally important to ensure consultations are safe and accessible in line with Government guidelines. Our consultation approach will be continually reviewed and revised to ensure we have a robust consultation strategy that also adheres to COVID-19 rules and regulations that apply at the time of consulting and ensure our staff and the public are kept safe.
- 7.2 Any activities that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control will, where possible, be substituted with similar activity(s) and advertised in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of project, through the project webpage and on A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Twitter account: @A66NTP.
- 7.3 We will use the following methods to promote our public consultation:

Table 1: Consultation and awareness-raising activities

Method	Detail
Appointment only public consultation events	<p>As a result of Government guidance and regulations in relation to COVID-19, people may not be willing or able to attend face-to-face public events and returning to public events within community spaces may not be possible in the traditional format that we are used to delivering.</p> <p>Where possible, we will hold a series of public consultation events (currently planned to be appointment only but this may change if COVID-19 restrictions change), following COVID-19 safety protocols, where members of the team will be available to answer questions about the proposals. Anyone wishing to attend one of these public consultation events must book an appointment through any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling [REDACTED] • Emailing A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk • Using our booking form on the A66 virtual consultation room http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP <p>Visitors to the events will be able to submit their consultation responses at these events if they choose to.</p> <p>The face-to-face events are proposed to take place at the following locations, but may have to be moved/cancelled as a result of unforeseen circumstances or because of COVID-19 Government guidance and regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penrith Methodist Church • Llama Karma / A66 Hub • Bowes Village Hall • Warcop Village Hall • Gilling West Village Hall • Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall • Penrith Parish Centre • Appleby Hub • The Witham, Barnard Castle • Dalton & Gayles Village Hall <p>Note to LOCAL AUTHORITIES: We are investigating the potential for another venue at Kirkby Stephen, this is subject to availability and timings based on currently booked events.</p> <p>Alternatives for cancelled events: It is our intention, at this time, to hold appointment-only consultation events in community venues; however prevailing Government guidance and regulations at that time may prevent this. It is important to note that all materials will also be available online (see digital engagement section below) for those who do not wish to travel or may be self-isolating. We will inform people if we have to cancel our consultation events for any reason using the website and as per paragraph 7.2. Anyone who wishes to will be able to request a call back from a specialist in the area or subject which they are interested in by phone or filling out a form on the virtual consultation room. Hard copies of materials are also available, see Section 9 for details on such requests.</p>

Method	Detail
Digital engagement	<p>We will continue to use digital engagement to ensure dialogue with consultees and offer additional ways for people to engage regardless of whether face-to-face consultation events take place.</p> <p>We will use a virtual consultation room (accessible via http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP), open throughout the consultation period, as an alternative to face-to-face events, which mimics a face-to-face event online allowing users to source information interactively at a time that suits them. This online platform is planned to be shared with local authorities for access to wider audiences.</p> <p>Visitors to the platform can also request a call back from a specialist in the area or subject which they are interested in by phone or filling out a form.</p>
Digital communication tools	<p>We will also provide other digital communication tools including a fly-through animation of the project; various design and environmental constraints animations; and talking head videos on the Highways England website.</p> <p>A visualisation/ flythrough of the project will be available at the consultation events for visitors to watch on a screen.</p> <p>We plan to visit local communities with the Engagement Van, subject to COVID-19 restrictions, bringing consultation materials such as videos, SoundLab and/or Driver Experience Simulation to these areas. The SoundLab tool allows users to understand potential noise impacts from a set location and then experience the noise with proposed mitigation in place. The Driver Experience Simulation provides users with the ability to see what driving on the new road will be like.</p> <p>If possible, we plan to advertise these community visits in the early awareness-raising materials, on the project webpage and/or mentioned at Community Liaison Groups.</p>
Virtual Q&A events	<p>We will hold several virtual Q&A events on Microsoft Teams (an online meeting format), where members of the project team will present our consultation material and answer any questions from the public.</p>
Project webpage	<p>A full summary of the project; this SoCC; the consultation brochure; status of events information; feedback form; the PEIR and non-technical summary; and the map booklet showing the extent of the project (including the proposed red line boundary) will be available at: http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP</p>
Exhibition boards	<p>Panels explaining what we're consulting on. Physical and digital versions of these to be created. These will appear at face-to-face consultation events, on the project webpage and in the virtual consultation room.</p>
Public consultation brochure and map booklet	<p>This brochure will provide a summary of the proposals including the potential benefits and impacts of the project, and how we propose to mitigate the potential impacts. Detailed maps will be available for each section within the project.</p>

Method	Detail
	Copies of the brochure and map booklets will be available to view at deposit locations detailed in Section 9 of this SoCC during the consultation period.
PEIR and Technical Reports	The PEIR and non-technical summary will set out environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures – all of which we'd like your views on. Technical reports will provide further explanation of the findings of the PEIR and provide background to the design and engineering of the project. These will be available to view as set out in Section 9.
Flyer notification	Flyers will be sent to those within a consultation target area to inform the local community about the consultation. This is based on those in the local area who we think will be most affected by our proposals and advice from local authorities. The consultation target area is shown in Appendix A (note to local authorities – the map/buffer zone will be shared at the awareness-raising meeting on 15 July but is currently proposed as a 5km buffer zone). The flyer will publicise this consultation and highlight the website where materials will be available. If possible, the flyers will include provide dates and locations for the face-to-face consultation events and Engagement Van visits.
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 about three weeks before the start of this statutory consultation inviting people to visit the website for further details. This notification will also invite people without internet access to contact us to pre-order hard copies or electronic versions on memory sticks of the materials. This is also an opportunity for those requiring materials in an alternative format, such as other languages, large print, braille etc. to request them.
Statutory notice letter notification	Statutory letters will be issued to arrive to relevant S42 consultees before the start of this statutory consultation. This letter identifies stakeholders as prescribed consultees, informs them about this upcoming statutory consultation and requests feedback. This includes sending letters to all land interests within the extent of the project (red line boundary) and those that fall within category 3 as set out by section 44 of the Planning Act 2008.
Email alert	An email alert will be issued before the start of this statutory consultation to non-statutory stakeholders and stakeholder groups such as the Community Liaison Groups and Stakeholder Focus Groups. This alert will remind stakeholders about the start of this statutory consultation.
Poster and flyer locations	Posters and flyers will be shared with local community facilities. Through further discussions with the host local authorities, we have added public buildings, relevant Parish Councils (as prescribed within S42(a)) and potential venues for awareness raising to the list for sharing posters and flyers. The list we plan to share posters and flyers includes (subject to their agreement and availability):

Method	Detail
	Appleby Co-op, CA16 6XN
	Appleby Golf Club, CA16 6LP
	Appleby Leisure Centre, CA16 6QR
	Appleby Library, CA16 6QP
	Appleby Old Hall Veterinary Centre, CA16 6HX
	Appleby Sports Centre, CA16 6XU
	Appleby Tourist Information Centre, CA16 6XE
	Barnard Castle, Lowfield Gardens, DL12 8UW
	Barnard Castle Co-op, DL12 8HL
	Barnard Castle Doctors Surgery, DL12 8HT
	Barnard Castle Morrisons, DL12 8EJ
	Barnard Castle TCR Hub Community Centre, DL12 8TD
	Boldron The Pinfold Club, DL12 9RF
	Bowes Post Office, DL12 9HU
	Brough Castle Ice Cream Parlour and Tearoom, CA17 4EJ
	Brough Community Primary School, CA17 4EY
	Brough One-Stop Shop, CA17 4BL
	Café Sixty-Six, CA16 6LN
	Cross Lanes Organic Farm, DL12 9RT
	Gilling West, The White Swan Pub, DL10 5JG
	Kirkby Stephen Co-op, CA17 4RL
	Kirkby Stephen Library, CA17 4QX
	Kirkby Stephen, Eden Cottage Nursery, CA17 4AP
	Kirkby Thore Post Office, CA10 1UD
	Mainsgill Farm, DL11 7PN
	Melkinthorpe, Larch Cottage Nurseries, CA10 2DR
	Middleton Tyas Village Shop, DL10 6QY
	Middleton Tyas Lodge, DL10 5QY
	Penrith Booths, CA11 7JU
	Penrith B&M Store, CA11 8JB
	Penrith Cricket Sports and Social Club, CA11 8PE
	Penrith Hospital, CA11 8HX
	Penrith Library, CA11 7YA
	Penrith Morrisons, CA11 7JU
	Penrith Sainsburys, CA11 7FG
	Penrith Tourist Information Centre, CA11 7PT
	Ravensworth, Bay Horse Inn, DL11 7ET
	Richmond (Yorks) Golf Club, DL10 5EX
	Richmond Co-op, S13 8LU
	Richmond Georgian Theatre Royal, DL10 4DW
	Richmond Library, DL10 4AE
	Richmond Lidl, DL10 4AJ
	Richmond Post Office, DL10 4QB
	Richmond Town Hall, DL10 4QL
	Ravensworth Nurseries, DL11 7HA
	Rokeby Park, DL12 9RZ
	Scotch Corner Services, DL10 6PQ
	Stainmore Café, CA17 4EU
	Temple Sowerby Medical Practice, CA10 1RW
	The Haybergill Centre, CA16 6NP
	Upper Eden Visitor Centre, CA17 4QT
	Warcop Eden Valley Railway, CA16 6PR
	Warcop C of E Primary School, CA16 6NX
	West Layton Nurseries, DL11 7PP

Method	Detail
	<p>In addition, venues where appointment-only events are being held (subject to availability) will be sent a specific poster related to that venue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penrith Methodist Church • Llama Karma / A66 Hub • Bowes Village Hall • Warcop Village Hall • Gilling West Village Hall • Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall • Penrith Parish Centre • Appleby Hub • The Witham, Barnard Castle • Dalton & Gayles Village Hall
Landowner engagement	Engagement is ongoing with impacted landowners. Landowners affected by the proposals will be sent notification of the statutory consultation as required by Section 42.
Community liaison group briefings	We will brief community representatives such as local authority Councillors and relevant Parish and Town Councils about the upcoming statutory consultation through the Community Liaison Groups. All attendees will be encouraged to share information about the upcoming consultation within their wider communities. Attendees will be encouraged submit their feedback via the formal channels set out in Section 8.
Stakeholder focus groups	We currently hold a number of focus group meetings online throughout the year. These groups are categorised and target groups such as local authorities, emergency services, walkers, pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders and others. Where timing allows, we will use these groups to promote the consultation. All attendees will be encouraged to submit their feedback via the formal channels set out in Section 8.
Seldom heard group engagement	<p>Through working with the host local authorities, we have identified a range of seldom heard groups and individuals, including representatives of local seldom heard groups. Examples include gypsy and traveller communities, the ageing population, the younger population, the disabled and tourists.</p> <p>To encourage these groups to get involved in the consultation, materials will be prepared to be accessible and clear. Our consultation will also include measures, so we communicate effectively with these groups and provide an opportunity for them to have their say. Some of our proposed methods include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising a range of awareness-raising methods such as newspapers, social media, posters and flyers and radio. • Using posters and flyers publicity at community facilities and hubs that seldom heard groups may frequent. For example, we will share posters and flyers with several tourist attractions. • We will also be contacting key community group representatives for them to share information about the consultation with their wider network.

Method	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We also will ensure our phone number and email address are available and prominent on materials for those who may find have questions or find it difficult to submit comments. Consultation materials can be made available in alternative formats on requests including large print and languages other than English. Venues that are accessible and face to face events that are inclusive considering appropriate timings and locations.
Statutory notices	<p>Statutory notices to publicise the proposed DCO application and the SoCC will be issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S48 notice: Proposed DCO application - once in a national newspaper and the London Gazette and twice in local circulating newspapers (including the Northern Echo, Gazette Live and Cumberland and Westmorland Herald, Teesdale Mercury and Richmondshire Today) S47 notice: Publicising the SoCC - in local circulating newspapers (including the Northern Echo, Gazette Live and Cumberland and Westmorland Herald, Teesdale Mercury and Richmondshire Today)
Media adverts & press releases	<p>We will advertise the public consultation in local newspapers, including the Eden Local, the Northern Echo, Gazette Live, Cumberland and Westmorland Herald, Teesdale Mercury and Richmondshire Today.</p> <p>Adverts will be placed in local newspapers to promote the launch of the consultation and reminders will be placed ahead of the events. Press releases detailing the public consultation period and how the community and road users can get involved will be issued.</p>
Social media	<p>The public consultation will be advertised using the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highways England's Northwest Facebook page Twitter: @HighwaysNWest, @HighwaysNEast and @A66NTP.

8 How to respond to the consultation

8.1 A consultation feedback form will be produced to help you provide comments on the project design. All consultation responses must be made in writing by:

- Completing the feedback form on the project webpage or virtual consultation room at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP.
- Attending a consultation event where you can meet the project team and complete a paper copy.
- Picking up a hard copy feedback form and freepost envelope at one of our deposit locations detailed in Table 3, subject to COVID-19 restrictions, which can be posted via freepost.
- Requesting a hard copy of the feedback form via telephone on [REDACTED] and sending it to us using the Freepost address below.
- Alternatively, you can: email A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk, or write to us Freepost A66 NORTHERN TRANS-PENNINE PROJECT.

8.2 **All responses must be received by 23.59pm on 23 October 2021.** Responses received after that date may not be considered.

9 Information available at and details of local deposit locations

9.1 The below list, in addition to this SoCC, will be made available for your information to help inform your consultation response:

- Public consultation brochure and map booklet
- Consultation feedback form
- Preliminary Environmental Impact Report, non-technical summary and Technical Reports

9.2 We will make these consultation documents available to view as set out in Table 2 (referred to elsewhere in this SoCC as deposit locations).

9.3 Note dates, locations and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances and are subject to COVID-19 restrictions. In response to COVID-19 related Government guidance and regulations, venues may be unable to open or may have to implement certain measures (for example, scheduling appointments to view documents to maintain social distancing) and we may be unable to make information available for inspection at public information points.

9.4 Should this be the case, upon request, paper copies of the consultation brochure, map booklet, this SoCC and feedback form and electronic copies (such as via USB) of the consultation materials can be provided free of charge, however there may be a charge for paper copies of other consultation materials. Requests can be made to the A66 NTP Project Team before the end of the consultation period using one of the contact methods below:

- Email: A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Telephone: [REDACTED]

9.5 Up to date information about the status of events and venues will be made available on the project webpage and in advertisements as set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc) (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020.

Table 2: Methods to make consultation documents available

Method	Detail
Project webpage and virtual consultation room	All consultation documents will be published on the project webpage and in the virtual consultation room, both of which can be accessed via: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine/
Public information deposit points	We have agreed with local authorities a list of deposit points most relevant and convenient for their constituents on which to provide hard copies of the list in 9.1 to view. This list will be publicised as part of consultation materials, in advertisements and on the project webpage. Readers should note that hard copies of materials will only be available to view if the deposit point is open; deposit points may be closed due to unforeseen circumstances or Covid-19 regulations.

	<p>Note to local authorities: We are currently investigating the use of the below options as deposit points. Not all options listed below will be used as a deposit point. Note that the final list of deposit points will be publicised in this SoCC, within the Section 47 and Section 48 notices and on the website. Those highlighted in green have confirmed they would be willing to host consultation materials.</p> <p>Highways England office at Penrith Eden District Council Town Hall reception, CA11 7QF Penrith Library, St Andrews Churchyard, Penrith CA11 7YA North Stainmore Parish Hall, Heavens View, Kirkby Stephen, CA17 4ET Kirkby Stephen Library, Vicarage Dr, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4QX Appleby Library, Low Wiend, Appleby-in-Westmorland CA16 6QP Brough Memorial Hall, New Road, Brough, Kirkby Stephen, CA17 4AS Barnard Castle Library, Witham Building, 2 Hall St, Barnard Castle DL12 8JB Cross Lanes Organic Farm, DL12 9RT Mainsgill Farm Shop, East Layton, DL11 7PN Bowes Post Office, The Village Hall, Bowes, DL12 9HU Bowes Social Club, Arch House, The Wynd, DL12 9HR Richmond Library, 10 Queens Rd, Richmond DL10 4AE Clayport Library, 8 Millennium Place, Durham, DH1 1WA</p> <p>We advise those interested in viewing documents in person at a deposit point should phone the deposit point to ensure it is open, materials are available prior to visiting and whether an appointment is required.</p> <p>Brochures and feedback forms will be available to take away from these deposit points.</p>
<p>Appointment only consultation events</p>	<p>All consultation documents will be available to view at face-to-face consultation events. Dates and times for these events will be publicised in advertisements and on the project webpage.</p>
<p>Additional display locations</p>	<p>Project information and weblinks to consultation material will be shared with the following local authorities, as agreed, who may/ may not choose to upload the material to their website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eden District Council • Richmondshire District Council • Durham County Council

10 Next steps

10.1 All responses received during the public consultation will be recorded and considered. The content of each response will be categorised and broken down by themes and respondent profile – helping us to understand your comments and why you have made them. Where it is possible to do so, we will use your feedback to help influence the project design or to help identify ways to address concerns about the impacts of the project. The consultation responses, along with our detailed area

research such as ground investigation surveys and traffic assessments, will help us refine our final design, as part of finalising our DCO application.

- 10.2 We will summarise our findings in a Consultation Report which will include a description of how our application was informed by the responses received, and outline any changes made as a result of consultation. The Consultation Report forms part of the DCO application we will submit to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 10.3 The Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards and whether our consultation has been adequate before it can proceed to examination. Once the DCO application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate, we will advertise the application and make the submitted DCO application documents available to the public.
- 10.4 For more information, please visit our project webpage where you can also sign up for email alerts whenever the webpage is updated. If you have any queries about this project, need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please contact the project team directly by calling [REDACTED] or emailing A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk

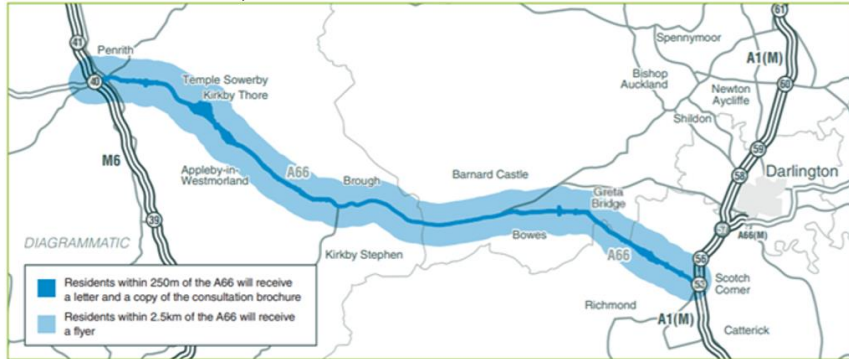
11 Your data, your rights

- 11.1 On 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) became law. The law requires Highways England to explain to you – consultees, stakeholders and customers – how your personal data will be used and stored. Highways England adheres to the government’s consultation principles, the Planning Act 2008 as required, and may collect personal data to help shape development of highways schemes. Personal data collected by the project team will be processed and retained by Highways England and its appointed contractors until the project is complete. Under the GDPR regulations you have the following rights:
- Right of access to the data (Subject Access Request)
 - Right for the rectification of errors
 - Right to erasure of personal data – this is not an absolute right under the legislation
 - Right to restrict processing or to object to processing
 - Right to data portability
- 11.2 If, at any point, Highways England plans to process the personal data we hold for a purpose other than that for which it was originally collected, we will tell you what that other purpose is. We will do this prior to any further processing taking place and we will include any relevant additional information, including your right to object to that further processing.
- 11.3 You have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority, the Information Commissioners Office.
- 11.4 If you’d like more information about how we manage data, or a copy of our privacy notice, please contact: DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk

Appendix A – Consultation Target Area


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Figure 1: Area within 500m and 2.5km buffer of the route (FIGURE TO BE UPDATED TO SHOW 500M BUFFER)




3 Communication with host local authorities informing covid-19 measures taken for public consultation events

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 To 
Cc 

General

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Hi all

Quick update – we have now made the decision to hold drop-in events, which means booking appointments for the events **will not be** required. Events will follow Covid-19 guidance & protocols for the safety of staff and people in attendance.

This comes following the Warcop and Kirkby Thore community drop-in events that were held recently – these were both well attended by the public.

All materials will now be updated to remove reference to appointment only, including the SoCC.

Regards,


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Tue 27/07/2021 13:10

4 Communication with host local authorities about the final Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

4.1 Communication with Cumbria County Council about the final SoCC, sent on 15 September

A66NTP: Final Statement of Community Consultation

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4.1.1 SoCC letter to Cumbria County Council



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4.2 Communication with Durham County Council about the final SoCC, sent on 15 September

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4.2.1 SoCC letter to Durham County Council



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4.3 Communication with Eden District Council about the final SoCC, sent on 15 September

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4.3.1 SoCC letter to Eden District Council



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4.4 Communication with North Yorkshire County Council about the final SoCC, sent on 15 September

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4.4.1 SoCC letter to North Yorkshire County Council



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