

I suggest that the land north of the A66 on the Appleby-Brough section (06) merits an ASI, as this was not visited in the USI visits. This may need to take place at a number of locations as it is not all publicly accessible; one possible access point is the public right of way on the north of the A66 opposite the existing Langrigg junction, but other access points would need to be identified as some of this section is farmland as well as being utilised by the MOD.

As provision of an alternative route in this location merits an ISH, presumably due to a number of representations including from the Traveller/Gypsy community, a visit seems advisable.

Issues to be observed include the impact or otherwise of a northern route on the quality of the landscape, the location of the AONB boundary, further observations about whether the northern route has been fully considered as an alternative to the heavy over-engineering required on the southern route, and potential environmental impacts of the alternative route suggestion set against those of the current suggested route. At the time of consultation the southern route was the only one offered so some of these issues have not been fully explored, and can only be fully considered by physically visiting this section north of the A66.