

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project – Rule 6: Accompanied Site Visits – Suggested Locations

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Site Location	Issues to be Observed	Reason for Suggestion	Access
Wetheriggs Country Park Clifford Road, Penrith (adjacent the A66 at the M6 J40 roundabout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland belt along boundary with A66 • Proximity to residential dwellings on Clifford Road including The Crescent care home. • Traffic noise 	The DCO scheme will result in the removal of the woodland belt which provides significant visual screening of the A66 from residential dwellings, primarily to accommodate the new WCH path. There are better options including rerouting the path through the country park which will negate the need for tree removal and provide a safer route for WCH.	The country park is public open space.
M6 Junction 40 & Kemplay Bank roundabouts & surrounding roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion and how this will be affected by proposed works. • Diversion routes especially along Clifford Road where there are already speed humps. • Accessibility of Cumbria Fire and Rescue HQ 	There will be significant diversions in place during the works at Kemplay Roundabout. These have potential to create significant congestion and safety issues particularly along Clifford Road. At CCC depot site there are potential issues with access/egress using the slip road only and impacts on the operation of the depot during construction works.	Accessible via public highway
Center Parcs Holiday Resort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of new grade separated junction • The soil storage area overlaps the proposed route, junction, earthworks and attenuation pond east of Lane End School House adjacent to the new GS junction for Centre Parcs. 	Access to the resort during construction and general disruption to traffic.	Accessible via public highway
Kirkby Thore: Priest Lane and Main Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priest Lane – proximity of new section of road to Kirkby Thore Primary School and proposed new housing • Main Street – Blocking up and diversion to new junction for British Gypsum works 	Kirkby Thore will be heavily impacted by the new road with a significant new interchange on the edge of the village. Changes to road layouts, including sealing off Main Street will affect the character of the area. New housing proposed to the North on Cross Street may also be impacted.	Accessible via public highway
Cross Fell to Kirkby Thore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View from Cross Fell looking SSW towards the gap between British Gypsum and Kirkby Thore. 	Potential for vehicles using the by-pass to be prominently visible passing Kirkby Thore. Noted the route is to be cut into the landscape so visual harm may be minimised but some roadside tree planting may be necessary to screen views. Harm may exist during evenings when some walkers are still on the hill but car headlights are being used.	Views from public highway

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Long Marton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New interchange and section of road alongside Roman Road • Setting of interchange in the wider landscape 	<p>Potential landscape and visual impacts on the AONB as well as cultural heritage with respect to the Roman Road and Redlands Bank SM.</p> <p>Potential impacts on Trout Beck</p>	Views from Long Marton and A66
Warcop MoD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New interchange location and proximity to Warcop MoD facility 	Impacts on the MoD facilities at Warcop	Some views from A66 and local roads
Brough Hill Fair Site Grid ref. 54.529131, -2.331234	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed site for relocation of Brough Hill Fair • Size of site and access 	The proposed Brough Hill Fair site is considerably smaller than the existing site and is further reduced as a result of a large balancing pond and service area within it, as well as combined bridleway and private means of access running across it. Concerns also about traffic management during the event.	Via access road adjacent to A66.
Kirkby Stephen town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion route along A685 • Pinch point and congestion at Victoria Square traffic lights • Constrained width due to parking on South Road 	The potential diversion route from the A66 to the M6 via Kirkby Stephen is severely constrained and impacts on the town from additional through traffic would be significant.	Accessible via public highway
Skirsgill Depot, adjacent M6 J40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of compound adjacent to Cumbria County Council depot • Potential impacts on depot operations • Suitability of junction design 	At CCC depot site there are potential issues with junction design, access/egress using the slip road only and impacts on the operation of the depot during construction works.	Accessible via public highway
Appleby Horse Fair and Appleby West A66 junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of Appleby Horse Fair and access • Suitability of junction design (potential for additional access/egress from A66) 	There is significant traffic congestion in Appleby, during the week-long annual horse fair which attracts many thousand of travellers and visitors. Improving accessibility to and from the A66 at the junction to the west of Appleby would help to alleviate this impact	Accessible via public highway