

Brough Hill Fair Community Association

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**TR010062: Application by National Highways England A66 Trans-Pennine Dualling Project
The Examining Authority's Written Questions and requests for information
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Response to questions.

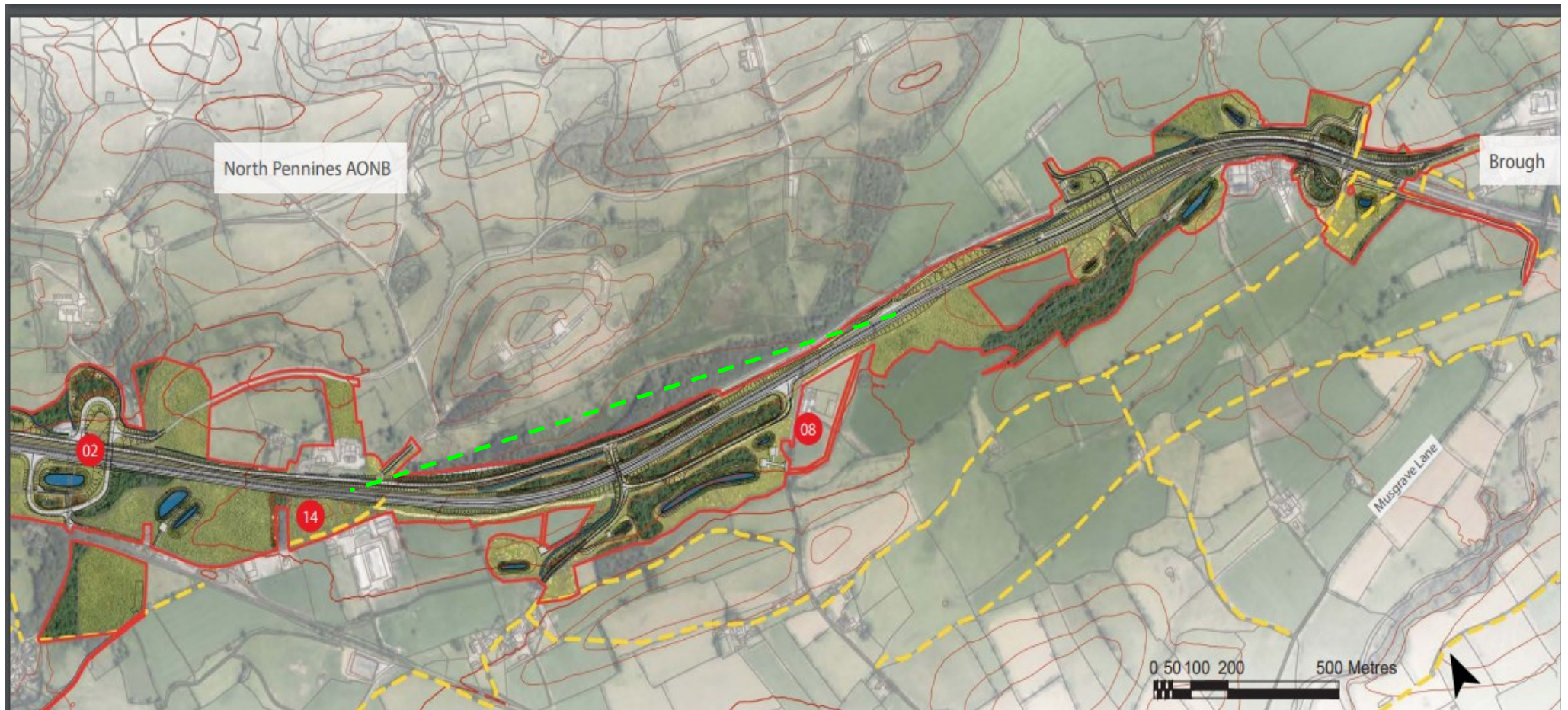
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Several Interested Parties (IPs) make mention of the "Billy Welch straight line route" to the north of the existing A66 that avoids the current Brough Hill Fair site. Provide a plan showing the approximate location of this option.

See attached plan document, and notes.

Plan below taken from National Highways TR010062-000227-2.3 Project Design Report.pdf Figure 5.37

The dashed green line is intended as a schematic diagram to illustrate the broad concept. We have not surveyed the route, or discussed in detail with National Highways. NH state that the straight line route is not feasible because of the AONB. However the A66 passes through the AONB for long sections to the east of Brough and the route of the Billy Welch Straight Line is at the extreme southern edge of the AONB, which borders the existing A66. The route of the green dashed line is clearly underused rough scrubland with no obvious special landscape value. The currently proposed route is well managed farmland.



The straight line route is slightly shorter than the proposed route, with fewer slip roads and it avoids the problems associated with re-locating the site of the Fair. Construction along the straight line route would require less major disruption to traffic along that stretch of existing road, and would improve the amenity of the area by taking the road away from the village. It would also significantly reduce the noise and air pollution affecting Brough Hill Fair.

Billy Welch
Straight Line

Scrub land.
Further away
from dwellings.

Existing site of
Brough Hill Fair

