

# **A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project**

**TR010062**

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# 1. Consultation Notification Letter



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Dear Sir or Madam

## A66 NORTHERN TRANS-PENNINE PROJECT

### NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO AN ACCEPTED DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION The INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 ('the EIA Regulations')

I am writing to you regarding the proposed A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project, which involves dualling the remaining single carriageway sections of the A66 between the M6 junction 40 at Penrith and the A1(M) junction 53 at Scotch Corner ('the project').

An application for a development consent order ('the DCO application') to authorise the project was submitted by National Highways ('the applicant') to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 21 June 2022 and was accepted for examination on 19 July 2022. The DCO application reference number is TR010062.

We are now considering some potential changes to the preliminary design of the project, as presented in the DCO application. We are holding a public consultation on these proposed changes and we enclose, with this letter, notice of that consultation, which will be held from **Saturday 28 January to Monday 27 February 2023**.

Following careful consideration of the responses to this public consultation, we will decide:  
(i) whether to submit a request to the Examining Authority to accept all, some or none of the proposed design changes for inclusion in the DCO application currently being examined, and  
(ii) what form the proposed changes will take. The inclusion of the proposed changes in the DCO will be subject to the acceptance of the changes by the Examining Authority.

The enclosed Notice is issued in accordance with Regulation 20 of the EIA Regulations, and provides a summary of the project and a list of the proposed changes. It also explains where you can view our Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure and the accompanying Appendix of environmental information, and how you can make representations on the proposed changes.

You should have received a leaflet from us explaining our intention to hold a consultation on the proposed design changes. We are now notifying all prescribed persons, including the consultation bodies prescribed under the EIA Regulations, on the schemes where we are proposing changes. Please refer to the summary of the proposed changes and the proposed

changes location map, which we enclose with this letter to help you decide whether you may want to find out more about a proposed change.

We are consulting on 32 proposed changes. We consider the majority of them to be minor and non-material in nature, with a small number potentially being material. Please note that:

- The environmental information which we are consulting on at this time, is set out in the Appendix to the Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure. This reports where we consider, whether evaluated individually or collectively, the proposed changes could result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects beyond those already assessed and reported in the Environmental Statement submitted with the DCO application.
- Some of the proposed changes would involve changes to the land requirements in the submitted DCO application. Where this is the case, the Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure indicates where amendments would be needed to the land required for each relevant proposed change. Where additional land is proposed to be used or acquired compulsorily for any of the proposed changes, a request for the authorisation of compulsory acquisition powers may be necessary.

For further details on this consultation please visit the project website at

[REDACTED] where the consultation documents will be available from 28 January 2023).

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to access the consultation documents via this link.

Please note that this is a consultation on the proposed changes only. We will not be considering feedback on other aspects of the project and its design as these are currently being examined by the Examining Authority as part of the Examination process.

The attached Notice provides information on how to make representations on the proposed changes. Representations must be received by National Highways no later than 23:59hrs on Monday 27 February 2023. Please note that all representations successfully submitted will be included in our Consultation Report on the proposed changes, which will be published in due course.

If you require further information about the consultation, you can use the following contact details:

Email: [changeconsultationA66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:changeconsultationA66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk)

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Yours sincerely

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Enclosed:

- A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project – Proposed Changes Summary
- Notice of consultation on proposed changes to an accepted development consent order application (including consultation under Regulation 20 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017)



## 2. Enclosure - Notice

**National Highways  
A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project – Application for Development Consent  
(Planning Inspectorate Reference TR010062)**

**Planning Act 2008**

**Notice of public consultation on proposed changes to an accepted application for a  
Development Consent Order**

**Regulation 20 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)  
Regulations 2017**

An application for a development consent order (“the DCO application”) was submitted by National Highways to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 21 June 2022 and was accepted for examination on 19 July 2022. The reference number applied to the DCO application is TR010062.

Notice is hereby given that National Highways Limited of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (“the Applicant”) is holding a public consultation on potential changes (“the proposed changes”), before making an application for some or all of the proposed changes to be included in the examination of the DCO application as submitted.

The consultation includes environmental information arising from the proposed changes that relates to the Environmental Statement submitted in support of the DCO application. National Highways is treating this environmental information as if it were “further information” as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Some of the proposed changes on which National Highways is now consulting would involve changes to the land requirements in the DCO application as submitted. Where additional land is proposed to be used or acquired compulsorily for any of the proposed changes, a request for the authorisation of compulsory acquisition powers may be necessary.

### **Summary of the Project**

The DCO application is for an order which would authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the dualling of all the remaining single lengths of carriageway of the A66 to create a continuous 70mph dual carriageway (with the exception of a short length of 50mph dualling between M6 Junction 40 and east of Kemplay Bank) across the North Pennines, between the M6 motorway and A1(M) junctions, including improvement of these two junctions (“the Project”). In summary the Project comprises eight schemes with the following main features:

- Online widening (adjacent to the existing road) of the carriageway and improvement to junctions within these lengths of the widened route
- Offline construction (new lengths of road following different routes but reconnecting into existing lengths of the A66 that are already dualled) including new junctions to connect to the local road network
- Improvement to and the construction of new cycleways, footpaths and bridleways
- Ancillary or related development, including works associated with the tie-in of the authorised development; street works, relocation of new road traffic signs, signals, street lighting, road restraints and carriageway markings; works to alter, remove or maintain street furniture or apparatus; works to facilitate traffic management, provide vehicle recovery services and to deliver information relating to the authorised development; and works to stop up, provide or re-provide private means of access to land or premises
- All schemes (with the exception of the A1(M) Junction 53 Scotch Corner scheme) include lengths of de-trunked A66 as a result of the Project

The DCO would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.

The DCO would make provisions in connection with several ancillary matters, including the permanent construction and alteration of streets, the temporary interference with and the permanent stopping up of streets, public rights of way and private means of access in the vicinity of the Project and the classification of roads all included within the Project, the de-trunking (i.e. removal of trunk road status) of part of the existing A66, along with the amendment, disapplication and modification of relevant legislation.

The works proposed to be authorised by the DCO are environmental impact assessment development for the purpose of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanied the DCO application.

#### Summary of the Proposed Changes

National Highways considers that the majority of the proposed changes on which it is consulting are minor in the context of the Project as a whole and are non-material, with a small number of the proposed changes potentially being material. National Highways is of the view that collectively the proposed changes would not materially change the substance of the relevant scheme (within the Project) to which they relate, and which has previously been consulted on; and nor would they materially change the nature of the Project as a whole.

The Applicant is consulting on the following proposed changes to the DCO application:

Ref.	Proposed Change
<b>Scheme 0102. M6 Junction 40 to Kemplay Bank</b>	
DC-01	Change in speed limit west of M6 Junction 40
DC-02	Realignment of walking and cycling route at Skirsgill
DC-03	Reorientation of Kemplay Bank Junction
<b>Scheme 03. Penrith to Temple Sowerby</b>	
DC-04	Separation of, and greater flexibility for, shared public rights of way and private means of access provision along the length of Scheme 03
DC-05	Removal of junction for Sewage Treatment Works (and private residence) from A66, and provision of an alternative access from B6262
DC-06	Increase in vertical Limits of Deviation local to Shell Pipeline
DC-07	Retention of Lightwater Cottages
DC-08	Inversion of the mainline alignment at the junction at Center Parcs
DC-09	Flexibility to reuse the existing A66 carriageway along the length of Scheme 03
<b>Scheme 0405. Temple Sowerby to Appleby</b>	
DC-10	Removal of Priest Lane Underpass
DC-11	Earlier tie-in of Cross Street to the existing road
DC-12	Green Lane Bridge realignment
DC-13	Realignment of Main Street
DC-14	Realignment of Sleastonhow Lane
DC-15	Realignment of Crackenthorpe Underpass
DC-16	Removal of Roger Head Farm Overbridge
<b>Scheme 06. Appleby to Brough</b>	
DC-17	Cafe Sixty Six - Revised Land Plan
DC-18	Revision to access for New Hall Farm and Far Bank End
DC-19	Realignment of cycleway local to Cringle and Moor Becks
DC-20	Update to Limits of Deviation on eastbound connection to local road (immediately west of Hayber Lane)
DC-21	Amendments to Order Limits within Ministry of Defence land
DC-22	Realignment of Warcop Westbound Junction



DC-23	Realignment of de-trunked A66 to be closer to new dual carriageway at Warcop
DC-24	Reuse of existing A66 (north of Flitholme)
DC-25	Removal of Langrigg Westbound Junction, revision to Langrigg Lane link, and shortening of Flitholme Road
DC-26	Revision to West View Farm Accommodation Bridge and Removal of West View Farm Underpass
DC-27	Construction of noise barrier south of Brough
<b>Scheme 07. Bowes Bypass</b>	
DC-28	Realignment of local access road to be closer to new dual carriageway east of Bowes
<b>Scheme 09. Stephen Bank to Carkin Moor</b>	
DC-29	Realignment of A66 Mainline and Collier Lane
DC-30	Realignment of maintenance/footway adjacent to Waitlands Lane
DC-31	Realignment of Warrener Lane
DC-32	Lower the A66 mainline levels east of Carkin Moor and change an underpass to an overbridge

Full descriptions of each of the proposed changes, together with explanations of why they are proposed, are provided in the Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure.

#### Environmental Information

National Highways has reviewed and appraised each of the proposed changes in the context of the likely significant environmental effects previously reported in the Environmental Statement submitted in support of the DCO application, to ascertain whether any of the proposed changes, either individually or cumulatively, would give rise to any new or different likely significant effects, beyond those previously reported in the Environmental Statement.

The outcome of this work for each proposed change, and therefore the environmental information which National Highways is consulting on at this time, is summarised in the Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure, with further details set out in an Appendix to the brochure, which reports where National Highways considers, whether evaluated individually or collectively, the proposed changes could result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects beyond those already assessed and reported in the Environmental Statement submitted in support of the DCO application.

#### Copies of Documents

The Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure and its Appendix containing environmental information about the proposed changes will be available for inspection free of charge from Saturday 28 January 2023 until Monday 27 February 2023 at the following location(s) and times:

Location:	Opening Hours:
<b>Deposit Points</b>	
Penrith Library, St Andrew's Churchyard, Penrith CA11 7YA (Telephone 01768 812100)*	Monday, Tuesday 9.30am-6pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am-5pm Saturday 9.30am-4pm
The Witham, 3 Horse Market, Bamard Castle DL12 8LY (Telephone 01833 631107)*	Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm
<b>Drop-in Events</b>	
Gilling West Village Hall, High St, Gilling West, Richmond DL10 5JJ	Monday 30 January – 3pm-7pm



Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall, Kirkby Thore CA10 1UE	Tuesday 31 January – 3pm-7pm
Warcop Village Hall, Appleby-in-Westmorland CA16 6NX	Wednesday 1 February – 3pm-7pm
Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth St, Penrith CA11 7QY	Monday 6 February – 3pm-7pm

\*We advise those interested in viewing documents in person at a deposit point to phone the deposit point to confirm: it is open, materials are available prior to visiting and whether an appointment is required.

The Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure and Appendix can also be viewed online on the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project page of the National Highways website until at least the close of the consultation on Monday 27 February 2023:

If you do not have access to a computer, a printed copy of the Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure and/or Appendix can be sent to you if requested using the contact details at the end of this notice. No charge will be made for copies of the Proposed Changes Consultation Brochure and/or Appendix provided.

#### **Making Representations**

Any person may respond to the consultation to make a representation to National Highways on the proposed changes.

A feedback form will be made available online by National Highways from Saturday 28 January 2023 on the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project page of the National Highways website:

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the feedback form by using the contact details at the end of this notice. A completed hard copy feedback form should be submitted to National Highways using the address at the end of this notice.

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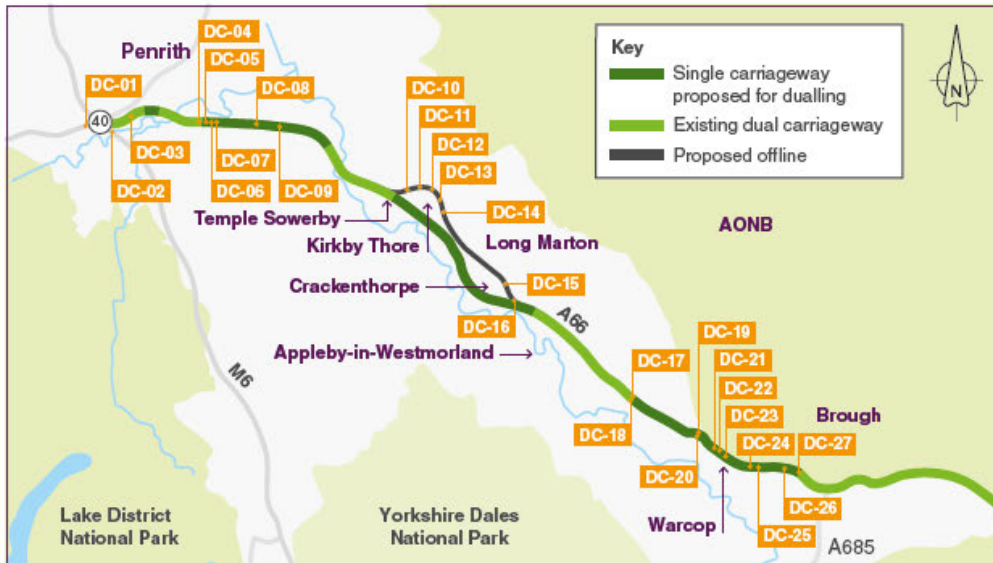
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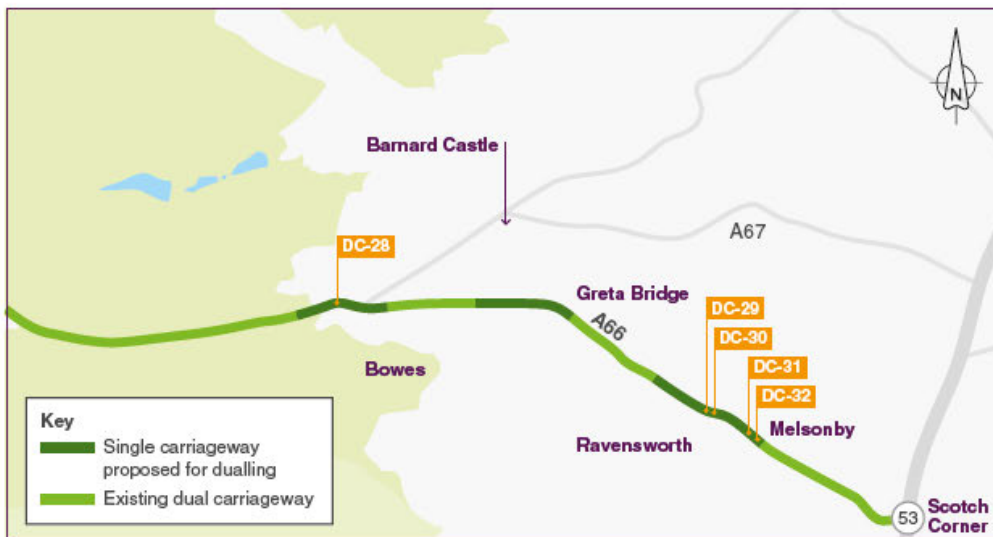
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### 3. Enclosure – Summary of Proposed Changes

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*Proposed changes in design – west*



*Proposed changes in design – east*