

Introduction

The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project is planning to dual the remaining single carriageway sections on the route between M6 junction 40 at Penrith and A1(M) at Scotch Corner. Our proposals were set out in our consultation in autumn 2021. Further details of the autumn 2021 consultation including links to the relevant information documents are set out at the end of this brochure.

We've been reviewing the feedback from this consultation and using it to help us improve the final design as well as completing surveys to gain a better understanding of the local area, including the environment, ecology and heritage. We are also exploring ways to mitigate the potential impacts on areas such as noise, drainage and views of the landscape.

This work has led to a number of opportunities, in various locations, where we felt the design could be revised to improve aspects such as community connectivity, environmental and land impacts.

At our consultation in the autumn, we were asking for feedback on our plans to relocate Brough Hill Fair onto a site owned by the Ministry of Defence (MoD), adjacent to the current site. We have received feedback from our consultation with stakeholders, including local people and representatives from the Gypsy community, that this site might not be suitable as a location for the fair and further work would be required to the site as a result.

We have therefore been exploring other sites and have identified a possible alternative location on which we would like to obtain feedback. The site is 1.6 miles east of the current site. We will now carry out a supplementary consultation to give you the opportunity to tell us your thoughts on our proposals to help us determine which of the two sites to take forward.



What we are proposing

Brough Hill Fair has a history which goes back centuries and is culturally important to the Gypsy community. The fair started in the 1300s and has been held almost every year since, for four days at the end of September. It was originally held in Brough itself but relocated to Brough Hill to the north-east of Warcop and north of the A66. Development of the MoD estate around Brough Hill meant the fair was moved again in 1947 to the present field alongside the A66.

Brough Hill was once one of the biggest horse fairs in the country but numbers attending the fair have dwindled in recent years due to a variety of reasons including, most recently, the Covid pandemic.

Our plans for the widening of the A66 at this location mean that we require part of the existing field currently used for the fair. We have been working with representatives of the Gypsy community and local landowners to explore options for the relocation of the annual fair.

The map on the left shows the impact the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project will have on the existing site. The red line shows the extent of the existing site where Brough Hill Fair is held.

At our consultation in autumn 2021, we proposed moving Brough Hill Fair to a site currently used by the MoD as a 'bivvy' or camping site and training area (Site 1: central site). The access to the site is from Station Road. The consultation feedback explained

that the proposed MoD site has challenging land levels, is close to other residential properties and near to the A66. As a result of former land uses on this site, it may also require further work.

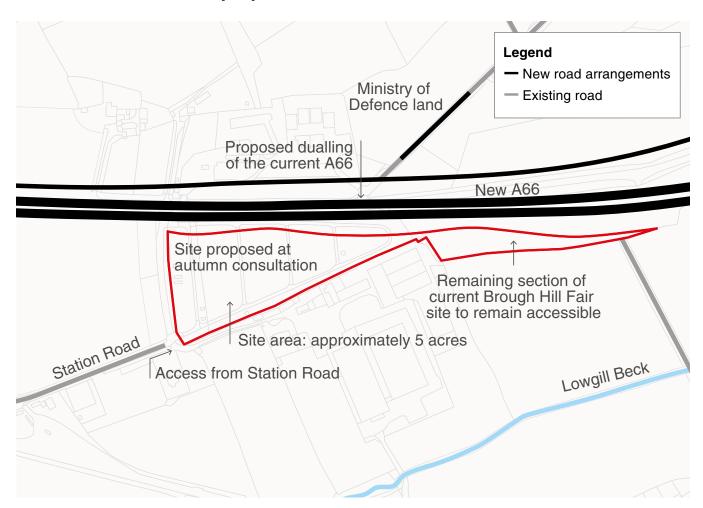
We are therefore considering whether an alternative site (Site 2: eastern site) might be more suitable. This site is to the south of the A66, approximately 1.6 miles east from the current site. This site has an access from Musgrave Lane which would allow access for horses and horse-drawn vehicles. It would also allow users of the site to park their caravans further from the road. This site is smaller than the alternative central site.

This eastern site is now being considered because the land will be purchased by National Highways for the development of the scheme.

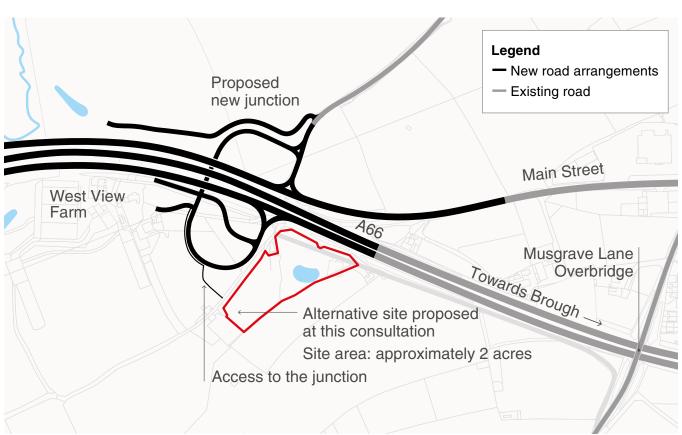
The alternative location would not lead to any new or different significant effects compared to those set out in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, which sets out the environmental effects of our proposals

The maps on the following page show the proposed new site locations.

Site 1: The central site, proposed in our autumn 2021 consultation



Site 2: Proposed alternative eastern site



How to have your say

Our consultation runs from Friday 11 March to 11.59pm on Sunday 3 April. We would welcome your thoughts on our proposals so please complete our feedback form either online or in hard copy. We are particularly keen to hear your views the suitability of each of these sites to hold the Fair and your reasons for this.

If you are looking at this document online and would like a hard copy, please visit our dropin sessions or deposit points* at St. Michael's Church, Brough CA17 4EJ and the Sandford Arms, Warcop CA16 6NR. You can also call us on the number below or email to request a copy.

If you would like to complete the feedback form online, please visit our consultation web page at highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ he/a66-tp-design-consultation-brough-hill-fair

We're also planning to host two drop-in sessions** where members of the project team will be on hand to answer your questions and receive your feedback.

- At Warcop Village Hall on Wednesday16 March from 3pm to 7pm
- At Brough Memorial Hall on Thursday17 March from 3pm to 7pm

If you would like to view the technical documents which supported our consultation in autumn 2021, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, they will be available at the drop-in events and also online at highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a66-tp-design-consultation-brough-hill-fair. They can also be viewed at The Sandford Arms, Warcop CA16 6NR.

For any questions, please contact us:

- Email: <u>A66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk</u>
- Call: 0333 090 1192 (local call rate)

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Please submit your responses by 11.59pm on Sunday 3 April 2022.

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What happens next

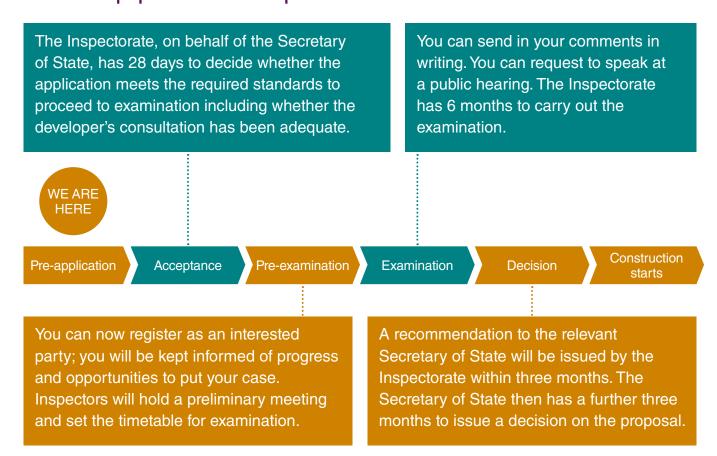
Your feedback will help us decide on which of these two sites should be used for Brough Hill Fair, before we submit our application for a Development Consent Order (which is the planning permission we need to construct the project) in the spring. If the application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate, there will be an examination of the application in which the public can participate. This examination will take a maximum of six months.

For further information on the Development Consent Order application process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/

The Planning Inspectorate's website may also provide some updates on the application process and, once the project has been formally accepted for examination, will provide access to the submitted application documents.

If our application is approved, work on the project is expected to start in 2024.

The application process



Based on information from the Planning Inspectorate website

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