

# **Trans Pennine Upgrade: Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

**February 2018**

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Section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008 states that the promoter of a proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) application must prepare a statement setting out how they propose to consult people living in the vicinity of the land about the proposed application. This template can be used by project teams preparing a SoCC to support an application for a DCO. The wording below is set text for Highways England.

## Introduction

1. Highways England is publishing this **Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)** in connection with a proposed improvement to the Trans-Pennine route between the roundabout at junction 4 of the M67 (which meets the A57 at Mottram) and junction 36 of the M1 in Tankersley. The purpose of this document is to set out how we will consult the local community about the scheme. This document also provides background to the scheme and how the application to build it will progress.

## The Application

2. Highways England is developing part of this scheme under the Planning Act 2008 and is publishing this statement under Section 47 of that Act (see further details in The Scheme section 7 below). We have liaised with the local authorities responsible for areas where we intend to build this project, about plans to consult with the local community. These Local Authorities are Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council.
3. The Planning Act 2008 requires Highways England to make an application to the Secretary of State through the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build parts of the scheme. The Secretary of State's role is to consider whether authorisation should be given for major infrastructure projects like this scheme. Highways England anticipates that a DCO application for the scheme will be submitted winter 2018/19. The Planning Inspectorate will examine the DCO application and the Secretary of State will decide on whether the scheme should go ahead.
4. Government policy relating to the development of the national road network is set out in the National Networks National Policy Statement (NNNPS). This provides the framework for DCO applications to be considered against.
5. When Highways England submits its DCO application, the Secretary of State must consider whether the consultation has been adequate. This pre-application consultation will be important in relation to the examination process that follows after an application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate. **Therefore, the best time to provide feedback on this scheme is now by taking part in this pre-application statutory consultation.**
6. You can find more information about the Planning Inspectorate and the Planning Act 2008 on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

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<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

## The Scheme

7. The existing route connecting the M67 at Mottram in Longdendale to the M1, north of Sheffield, mostly consists of single carriageway sections with steep gradients and sharp bends. The existing route currently causes a number of negative issues for local people. Sections of the route can also be badly affected by poor weather and accident rates are above the national average. The road is often closed for these reasons, which means it is not as reliable as it should be. The lack of technology in the area, such as electronic information signs, also means that there is little information available for road users to make informed decisions about their journey.
8. The elements to be developed and delivered in the Trans-Pennine Upgrade are:

### DCO Elements

- Mottram Moor Link Road – a new dual-carriageway link road from the M67 junction 4, to a new junction at A57(T) Mottram Moor and a new single carriageway connecting to the A6018 Roe Cross Road
- A57(T) to A57 Link Road – a new single carriageway link from the A57(T) at Mottram Moor to a new junction on the A57 at Wooley Bridge

### Non DCO Elements

- Safety and Technology Improvements – including safety measures focused on addressing accident clusters and the provision of electronic message signs.
- A616/A61(T) Westwood Roundabout – improvements to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic through the roundabout in Tankersley, Sheffield.

## Strategic Benefits

- **Connectivity** – by reducing congestion and improving the reliability of people's journeys between Manchester and Sheffield city regions.
- **Environmental** – by improving air quality and reducing noise levels in certain areas, through reduced congestion and removal of traffic from residential areas. The scheme is also being designed to avoid unacceptable impacts on the natural environment and landscape in the Peak District National Park.
- **Societal** – by re-connecting local communities along the Trans-Pennine route.
- **Capacity** – by reducing delays and queues that occur during busy periods and improving the performance of junctions on the route.
- **Reliability** – by reducing the number of incidents and by the use of technology to advise drivers of incidents along the route.
- **Safety** – by reducing the number of accidents along the route through targeted improvement

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## Local benefits

The scheme will:

- Remove through traffic from a number of the existing main roads in Mottram and Hollingworth, which will reduce noise levels and pollution to properties (including residential) for people living nearby.
- Create better conditions for pedestrians and cyclists in Mottram and on a number of existing main roads in Hollingworth.
- Reduce congestion and delays affecting residents and businesses in the area.
- Help public transport to be more reliable where it currently gets delayed.
- Reduce congestion and improve traffic flows on the Westwood roundabout so that it is no longer a bottleneck.

## Consulting the community

9. In accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Highways England is consulting with residents and businesses in the vicinity of the proposed scheme.
10. We have already undertaken two public information exhibition events. Public awareness events were held in autumn 2016 and a four week non-statutory period with public consultation events were held in spring 2017. We asked consultees for their views on proposed route options and Option A, their preferred option for improvements to the Mottram link road has become the preferred route. Though not proposed at the time, there were many comments regarding improvements to Westwood Roundabout, and therefore we are taking forward a scheme to improve congestion and traffic flows at the junction. There was broad agreement on which safety measures would be preferred which will influence the final design. We have gained more information on how the scheme will affect local people.
11. More details, including the outcomes of the spring 2017 consultation, are available to download from [www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/](http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/), on request from Highways England, or to view for the duration of the consultation period at the deposit locations detailed in this SoCC.
12. We want to make sure that the local community, residents, local interest groups, businesses, visitors and road users, have the opportunity to fully understand the scheme and comment on our proposals. To do this we will hold a six weeks statutory consultation from 12 February 2018 to 25 March 2018, where we will consult on:

DCO Elements:

- Mottram Moor and A57(T) to A57 link roads.
- Works to the existing A57 road.
- Land above the Mottram underpass.

Non DCO Elements:

- Improved facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians and walkers.
- Safety and technology improvements.
- A616/A61(T) Westwood roundabout.

13. We have carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment for the scheme. The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development, and therefore we are publishing a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) report. The PEI report will be available as part of the consultation materials. This gives information about the potential environmental effects of the scheme and the measures proposed to reduce those effects to assist well-informed responses to the consultation. The PEI report has been developed based on assessment work done to date. The PEI report and a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will be available at consultation events. A copy of the PEI report and the NTS are also available online or to view at the deposit locations listed.

14. All comments received will be considered and will influence, where possible, any further refinements to the Project and our approach to environmental mitigation.

Our statutory public consultation will involve:

Method			Detail
<b>Staffed Events</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Here, you will be able to discuss the scheme. These exhibitions will be held at:</p> <p><b>Saturday 17 February 2018</b> Between midday -18:00 at Mottram CofE Primary School, Warhill, Mottram, Hyde, SK14 6JL</p> <p><b>Wednesday 28 February 2018</b> Between 14:00 -20:00 at Bradbury Community House Market Street Glossop Derbyshire, SK13 8AR</p> <p><b>Saturday 03 March 2018</b> Between 11:00 -17:00 at Tesco, Stockport Rd, Hattersley Hyde, SK14 6QA</p> <p><b>Monday 05 March 2018</b> Between midday -18:00 at Tankersley Welfare Hall, Pilley Lane, Tankersley Barnsley, S75 3AP</p> <p><b>Friday 09 March 2018</b> Between 11:00 -17:00 at St Mary's Church, Market Street, Hollingworth</p>

	<p>Hyde, SK14 8NE</p> <p><b>Saturday 10 March 2018</b>          Between 11:00 -17:00          Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow          Mottram, Hyde, SK14 6JJ</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> apart from the first event being the Saturday before half term, there are no events during school holidays.</p> <p>The exhibitions will give people an opportunity to view scheme proposals, talk to the project team and provide comments.</p> <p>Public consultation questionnaire response forms will be available at the exhibitions for members of the public to record their comments and these can either be left with the project team and/or sent back separately via the freepost envelopes provided.</p> <p>VIP previews will be given for the events in Mottram and Tankersley for statutory consultees to attend by invitation.</p>
<b>Scheme webpage</b>	<p>A full summary of the project, copies of the supporting project documents and a consultation questionnaire response form will be provided on a dedicated website: <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/">www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/</a>.</p>
<b>Public consultation Materials</b>	<p>A public consultation leaflet and details of the planned exhibitions were delivered to homes and businesses in the consultation zone seven days before the start of the consultation period, shown at Appendix 1</p>
<b>Council and community / area forum briefings</b>	<p>Where appropriate, meetings with local councils will be offered to discuss the proposal. Local Authorities affected by the scheme or neighbouring the scheme are detailed at Appendix 2.</p>
<b>Stakeholder briefings</b>	<p>When invited, and where it is possible to do so, the project team will attend meetings of local community groups affected by the proposal. A Steering Group has been established with Local Authorities with meetings.</p>
<b>Establishing stakeholder groups</b>	<p>Having built a relationship with the local community, we will consider, in consultation</p>

	with relevant town and parish councils and community / area forums, whether there is benefit in establishing a stakeholder group, to which we would invite local community nominated representatives to discuss our proposals. If a similar stakeholder group is already in existence or established by the relevant local authorities, we will participate when invited.
<b>Scheme updates</b>	Scheme updates will be produced during the course of the project. These will be made available on the following scheme webpage <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/">www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/</a>
<b>Consultation feedback</b>	Written comments can be made either online at <a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/">www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/</a> or in writing to the following address: Freepost TRANS-PENNINE UPGRADE
<b>Media</b>	The public will be informed of the exhibition through various channels including; via our website, direct communications and project updates. The public consultation has been advertised in the Barnsley Chronicle, Guardian, London Gazette, Manchester Evening News, Sheffield Star, Tameside Reporter
<b>Social media</b>	The public consultation will be advertised on Highways England's North West Twitter feed @highwaysNWEST

### Documents available for inspection

15. The public consultation brochure, this SoCC, and other relevant technical documents listed in Appendix 3 will be available online at [www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/](http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/) and will be available to view, free of charge during the consultation, at the deposit locations listed below. There will be a charge of 10p per A4 side (Black and White) and 60p per side (Colour) for any materials that are requested. This is including postage and packaging and 20% VAT.

Deposit Locations	Opening times
<b>Tameside</b>	
<b>Broadbottom Community Centre, Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, Hyde, SK14 6AA</b>	Monday to Friday  Please call the community centre for opening hours



<b>Hattersley Hub, Stockport Road, Hattersley, SK14 6NT</b>	Monday-Friday 09:00-16:00
<b>Hattersley Library, Stockport Road, Hattersley, SK14 6NT</b>	Monday-Friday 09:00-20:00 Saturday 09:00-13:00
<b>Hollingworth Post Office, 33 Market Street, Hollingworth, Hyde, SK14 8NE</b>	Monday to Saturday 05:30-20:00 Sunday 6:30-20:00
<b>Magdalene Centre, Mottram Road, Broadbottom, SK14 6BB</b>	Monday to Friday 18:00-21:00 (Term Time)
<b>Mottram Post Office, 1 Mottram Moor, Mottram in Longdendale, Hyde, SK14 6LA</b>	Monday to Friday 08:30-17:30 Saturday 08:30-12:30
<b>St. Mary's Church, Market Street, Hollingworth, Tameside, SK14 8NE</b>	Open for events, usually every day
Brochures will also be available at additional Tameside Libraries.	
<b>Derbyshire</b>	
<b>Bradbury Community House, 10 Market Street, Glossop, SK13 8AR</b>	Monday 09:00-22:30 Tuesday 09:00-21:00 Wednesday 09:00-22:30 Thursday 09:00-21:00 Friday 09:00-18:00 Saturday 09:00-13:00
<b>Gamesley Community and Sports Centre, Melandra Castle Rd, Glossop, SK13 6UQ</b>	Monday to Friday 09:00-17:00
<b>Glossop Leisure Centre, High Street East, Glossop, SK13 8PN</b>	Monday to Thursday 06:30-22:30 Friday 06:30-21:30 Saturday and Sunday 09:00-19:00
<b>Glossop Library, Victoria Hall, Talbot Street, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 7DQ</b>	Monday 09:00-19:00 Tuesday 09:00-17:00 Wednesday 09:00-19:00 Thursday 09:00-17:00 Friday 09:00-19:00 Saturday 09:00-16:00



<b>Hadfield Library, Station Rd, Glossop, SK13 1AA</b>	Tuesday: 14:00 – 19:00 Thursday: 10:00- 13:00 and 14:00-17:00 Friday: 14:00-17:00 Saturday: 09:30-13:00
<b>High Peak Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Market Place, Glossop, SK13 8AF</b>	Monday – Friday 09:00-16:30
<b>Peak District National Park Authority, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, DE45 1AE</b>	Monday – Friday 08:45-16:30
<b>Barnsley</b>	
<b>Barnsley Central Library, Wellington House, 36 Wellington St, Barnsley, S70 1WA</b>	Monday and Wednesday 09:30-19:00 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09:30-17:30 Saturday 09:30-16:00
<b>Penistone Library, High St, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6BR</b>	Monday 09:00-18:00 Tuesday 09:00-17:00 Wednesday 09:00-12:00 Thursday 09:00-19:00 Friday 09:00-17:00 Saturday 09:30-12:00
<b>Tankersley Post Office, 12 Worsborough View, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3AH</b>	Monday – Friday 07:00-18:00 Saturday 07:00-13:00 Sunday 09:00-12:00
<b>Tankersley Welfare Hall, Pilley Lane, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3AP</b>	Open for events usually every day
<b>Sheffield</b>	
<b>Stocksbridge Library, Manchester Rd, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 1DH</b>	Monday and Tuesday 10:00-17:30 Thursday: 12:30-18:30 Friday: 10:00-14:00 Saturday: 10:00-16:00

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## Next steps

16. Comments made during the public consultation will be recorded and carefully considered by Highways England and will be taken into account in developing the scheme proposal. An explanation of how comments received have shaped and influenced our proposals including feedback received at previous consultation events, will be reported in a Consultation Report prepared by Highways England which will accompany the DCO application as required by Section 37(3) (c) of the Planning Act 2008. The Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination, and will determine whether Highways England's pre-application consultation has been adequate.

17. Highways England needs to collect and assess all responses to consultation before compiling the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. To allow time to do this, we must receive feedback by 23:59 on the 25 March 2018.

18. If you want to contact us or find out more about this scheme, you can:

- Visit the scheme webpage: [www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/](http://www.highways.gov.uk/trans-pennine-upgrade/)
- E-mail us: [Trans\\_Pennine\\_Scheme@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Trans_Pennine_Scheme@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- Call us: 0300 470 5103 (during working hours Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm)
- Write to us:

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- Visit the appropriate local authority website:
  - Derbyshire County Council [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)
  - High Peak Borough Council [www.highpeak.gov.uk](http://www.highpeak.gov.uk)
  - Tameside MBC [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)

(Sheffield City Council will be sharing updates on their Twitter account)

Date: February 2018

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 – Consultation zone

The consultation hopes to attract feedback from residents, organisations and businesses from the areas surrounding the proposed route.





Rev	Issue	Rev. Date	Program of Review	Drawn	Checked	Approved
001	01	08/10/17	MINOR CHANGES TO BOUNDARY	AR	WIS	WIS
002	02	17/03/17	MINOR CHANGES TO BOUNDARY	AR	WIS	WIS
003	03	04/01/17	ISSUES FOR INFORMATION	AR	WIS	WIS

Client: <b>A57/A628, TRANS-PENNINE UPGRADE PROGRAMME</b>		Drawing title: <b>2018 Consultation Zone</b>	
Project: <b>A57/A628, TRANS-PENNINE UPGRADE PROGRAMME</b>		Scale: <b>1:10000 @ A1</b>	
Drawing No: <b>LAK000848</b>		Issue / Location: <b>HE551473-ARC-LLO-ZZZ-DR-CH-2003</b>	

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**Appendix 2 – Local Authorities**

Host Local Authorities affected by the scheme:

Derbyshire County Council  
High Peak Borough Council  
Tameside MBC

Peak District National Park Authority (the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for those sections of the roads within the National Park but not the Highway Authority.)

Neighbouring Local Authorities:

Barnsley MBC  
Kirklees MBC  
Rotherham MBC  
Sheffield City Council

**Appendix 3 - Documents to be made available for inspection at inspection locations listed:**

Map of route showing proposed improvements  
February/March 2018 Public consultation brochure (including questionnaire response form)  
Statement of Community Consultation (This document)  
Public Consultation Report (Outcomes of Non-Statutory Consultation October 2017  
Highways England Development Consent Order Leaflet  
Preliminary Environmental Impact Report and Non-Technical Summary, date?  
Section 48 Notice, Planning Act 2008