

# A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Statement of Community Consultation



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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Highways England is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in connection with a proposed improvement to the A30 Trunk Road between Chiverton and Carland Cross in Cornwall. The purpose of this document is to set out how we will consult the local community about our proposal. The document also provides background to the project and how the application to build it will progress.

## 2 The application

- 2.1.1 Highways England is developing this scheme under the Planning Act 2008 and is publishing this statement under Section 47 of that Act. It has consulted Cornwall Council, the local authority responsible for the area where the scheme will be built, about its plans to consult the local community and the content of this statement.
- 2.1.2 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 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 later in 2018. The Planning Inspectorate will examine the DCO application and the Secretary of State will decide on whether the scheme should go ahead.
- 2.1.3 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 policy framework for the DCO application to be considered against.
- 2.1.4 When Highways England submits its DCO application, Cornwall Council and the Secretary of State must consider whether our consultation has been adequate. Highways England will carefully consider all comments it receives during the consultation and will take them into account in further developing the scheme. Therefore, the best way to provide feedback on this scheme is by taking part in this pre-application consultation. You can find more information about the Planning Inspectorate and the Planning Act 2008 on the Gov.uk website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000. You can view more information about the scheme proposals on the Highways England website: [www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton)

## 3 The scheme

- 3.1.1 The A30 connects Penzance in west Cornwall with the M5 in Exeter. The section of the A30 between the Chiverton and Carland Cross is the last remaining single carriageway on the A30, between the M5 at Exeter and Camborne in Cornwall. The proposed scheme includes the construction of a new, 70mph dual carriageway between Chiverton and Carland Cross. The existing A30 will be de-trunked and retained as a local road.
- 3.1.2 The current road is associated with regular delays and congestion. As well as improving journey time and reliability on the strategic road network, the proposed scheme will provide new and improved connectivity for minor roads leading north to Newquay and south to Truro. This will create a consistent, high quality dual-carriageway connecting Cornwall to the M5. The improvements delivered by the A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross scheme will support development and regeneration in Cornwall and the south west.
- 3.1.3 The proposed scheme consists of:
- A 8.7 mile, high quality 70mph dual carriageway, connecting to existing A30 dual carriageways at either end;
  - The replacement of Chiverton Cross roundabout with a new 2 level motorway style roundabout;
  - A new 2 level partial junction at Chybucca, with west-facing slip roads connecting to the new dual carriageway;
  - Replacement of the existing roundabout at Carland Cross with a 2 level motorway style junction;
  - New bridges and accesses across the new road and the old road; and
  - Retention of the existing A30 including the construction of further local road to maintain connectivity.

## Scheme location



## 4 Previous consultation

- 4.1.1 Two rounds of consultation on the A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross scheme have already been undertaken.
- 4.1.2 In 2015, Cornwall Council, on behalf of Highways England, held public engagement events to gauge support and seek feedback on the need for improvements to the existing A30. The engagement showed overwhelming support, from 94.5% of respondents, for an improvement to this section of the A30, both locally and from across Cornwall.
- 4.1.3 In autumn 2016, Highways England held a consultation on options for improvements to the A30 between Chiverton and Carland Cross. The consultation provided local communities and stakeholders the opportunity to view, discuss and help shape the proposals prior to the selection of a preferred route. Further engagement took place between this consultation and the preferred route announcement, the outcome of which is presented in the Report on Public Consultation published on 3 July 2017.
- 4.1.4 Reports on these consultations are available to download from [www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton). The reports are also available in hard copy on request from Highways England.

## 5 Statutory Consultation

- 5.1.1 We want to make sure that local communities, residents, landowners, local interest groups, businesses, visitors and road users all have the opportunity to fully understand the scheme and comment on our proposals before we submit our DCO application.
- 5.1.2 Statutory consultation under the Planning Act 2008 will take place between 29 January and 12 March 2018. This covers a period of six weeks (42 days). The minimum time period required under the Act is 28 days. This will be the final stage of consultation before we submit our DCO application.
- 5.1.3 During the consultation we will provide information on various topics including:
- The alignment of the main dual carriageway;
  - Junction layouts;
  - Preliminary environmental assessments and potential environmental impacts;
  - Preliminary environmental mitigation measures;
  - Arrangements for the construction stage of the scheme; and
  - Arrangements to mitigate the severance of any communities, farms, or businesses.
- 5.1.4 We are preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the scheme. As the scheme is an EIA development, we are publishing a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) as part of the consultation material. This gives preliminary information about how each EIA topic is being assessed, the potential environmental effects of the scheme and the measures currently proposed to reduce those effects, so to assist well-informed responses to the consultation.

## 6 Publicity

6.1.1 We have engaged with Cornwall Council and local councillors through attendance at Council meetings prior to the consultation to promote awareness of the consultation. We have also formally consulted Cornwall Council about arrangements for the consultation as required by the Section 47.

6.1.2 We will also promote the consultation in a number of different ways, including:

- Writing to all residential and business addresses within at least 1.5km of the proposed route. These addresses will be drawn from the Royal Mail database;
- Advertising in local and regional press outlets in advance of the consultation;
- Sending emails to those who have previously expressed an interest in the scheme and provided us with an email address;
- Sending letters and/or emails to elected representatives in the area including MPs, MEPs, and Cornwall Council members;
- Sending letters and/or emails to local community groups and organisations who we are aware are active in the area and for whom we have contact details
- Providing information about the consultation on our website: [www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton);
- Issuing press notices to local press. This will be done once at the start of consultation and once later in the consultation to encourage people to get involved. Media outlets sent the press will include:
  - Falmouth Packet
  - West Briton
  - Western Morning News
  - Pirate FM
  - Heart Cornwall
  - Cornwall Live
  - Newquay Voice
  - St Austell Voice
- Using Twitter, @HighwaysSWEST to send out updates during the consultation period. Please note, feedback will not be accepted through social media.

6.1.3 More details of how to provide feedback can be found in section 10 of this SoCC.

## 7 Consultation Documents

7.1.1 The suite of consultation documents will include:

- A **consultation booklet** giving a summary of the proposals including the potential benefits and impacts of the scheme, and how we propose to mitigate against potential impacts;
- A **response form** in order to collect responses to the consultation (available in hard copy and online – details in section 10 below);
- A **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**; containing preliminary information on the likely environmental effects of our proposals as we have ascertained them so far, including noise, transport and air quality, and how we propose to minimise these effects, as well as how we propose to maximise the benefits of the scheme – this will include a **non-technical summary** of the PEIR;
- A **map of the route**;
- A **set of plans of the scheme**;
- A **notice of application**; and
- This **Statement of Community Consultation**.

## 8 How we will make the documents available

8.1.1 The consultation documents will be made available in the following ways:

- Published on our website, [www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton), for the duration of the consultation, 29 January to 12 March 2018
- Printed copies will be available at consultation events to review and copies of the feedback form and consultation booklet will be available to take away at the consultation events.
- Copies of all consultation documents will also be placed in the locations listed in the table below, for review, for the duration of the consultation period. We will check, by telephone, on a regular basis that the full suite of consultation documentation remains available and intact at each of these locations.

**Table 1. Table showing location of consultation documents**

<b>Locations with consultation documents</b>		
All local libraries can be reached via the main switchboard by calling 0300 1234 111, emailing <a href="mailto:libraries@cornwall.gov.uk">libraries@cornwall.gov.uk</a> or visiting the Cornwall Council website <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/your-local-library/">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/your-local-library/</a>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Opening times</b>
Newquay Library	Marcus Hill Newquay TR7 1BD	Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9.30am – 5pm Sat: 10am – 1pm Mon, Wed, Sun: Closed
Perranporth Library	Oddfellows Hall Ponsmere Road Perranporth TR6 0BW	Tues: 9.30am – 5pm Thurs: 1pm – 5pm Fri: 10am – 1pm Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun: Closed
Redruth Library	Clinton Road Redruth TR15 2QE	Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9.30am – 5pm Sat: 10am – 1pm Mon, Wed, Sun: Closed
St Agnes Library	Trelawney Road St Agnes TR5 0TP	Mon: 9.30am – 5pm Wed: 1pm – 5pm Sat: 10am – 1pm Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sun: Closed
Truro, County Hall	Cornwall Council County Hall Treyew Road Truro TR1 3AY	Mon to Fri: 9am – 5pm
Truro Community	Union Place	Mon to Fri: 9.30am – 5pm

Library	Truro TR1 1EP	Sat: 10.30am – 4pm Sun: Closed
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- Paper copies of the consultation booklet, response form and Statement of Community Consultation will be supplied free of charge. A CD/DVD of these items together with scheme plans, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and associated Non-Technical Summary will be supplied free of charge.

## 9 Consultation events

9.1.1 During the consultation period we will hold a series of events, which anyone who is interested in the scheme can attend, read the consultation documents, see visual displays of our proposals, talk to our professional team, and leave feedback. These events will be staffed by members of the Highways England team and their professional advisors.

9.1.2 The events will take place as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates and times</b>
St Erme Community Centre	Castle Field Trispen Truro TR4 9BD	Friday 2 February 2018  2pm – 8pm
Blackwater Village Hall	Blackwater Cornwall TR4 8ET	Wednesday 7 February 2018  2pm – 8pm
Perranporth Methodist Chapel	4 Boscawen Road Perranporth TR6 0EW	Thursday 8 February 2018 10am – 4pm
Cornwall Council, County Hall	Treyew Road Truro TR1 3AY	Saturday 10 February 2018 11am – 5pm
Victory Hall, Indian Queens	Saint Francis Road St Columb TR9 6PP	Monday 12 February 2018  2pm – 8pm
Shortlanesend Village Hall	Roseworthy Road Shortlanesend Truro TR4 9DU	Tuesday 13 February 2018  2pm – 8pm
St Michael the Archangel	St Michael's Road Newquay TR7 1RA	Wednesday 14 February 2018 2pm – 8pm

## 10 How to respond to the consultation

10.1.1 There are various ways that you can respond to the consultation. All consultation responses must be received by 11.59pm on 12 March 2018, or we may not be able to take them into account.

- **By post:** feedback forms and any other consultation responses can be posted to: **FREEPOST A30 C-CC**
- **Online:** A copy of the feedback form will be available to fill in on our website, [www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton)
- **By email:** Consultation responses can be emailed to: [A30ChivertontoCarlandCross@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A30ChivertontoCarlandCross@highwaysengland.co.uk); and
- **At the consultation events:** Feedback Forms will be available at the consultation events referred to in Section 9 and can be left at the event or returned by post.

10.1.2 Please note that unless there are exceptional circumstances, the project team will not accept oral feedback given either at events or via our helpline. All feedback must be provided in writing as set out above.

10.1.3 We will provide an acknowledgement for consultation responses that include an email address or postal address.

10.1.4 Please note that all consultation responses will be publicly available and may be published in the Consultation Report. If you would prefer not to include your name in your response, please include your postcode.

# 11 Hard to reach

11.1.1 We have identified a range of community organisations with a potential interest in the scheme, including representatives of local 'hard to reach' groups. To ensure these 'hard to reach' groups are encouraged to get involved in the consultation, the materials will be prepared to be accessible and clear.

11.1.2 In addition, we will ensure that:

- The contact telephone number and email address are prominent on all published material (including this SoCC) and enable individuals to contact the team with questions or requests;
- The consultation booklet and feedback form can be made available in alternative forms on request – large print, Braille, languages other than English;
- Information about the consultation is sent directly to addresses within at least 1.5km of the scheme; and
- Representatives of 'hard to reach groups' will be contacted directly with details about the consultation.

11.1.3 We have sought to ensure that venues are accessible and can be reached by public as well as private transport. For anyone with specific additional requirements in relation to consultation events, please email [A30ChivertontoCarlandCross@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A30ChivertontoCarlandCross@highwaysengland.co.uk) or call 0300 123 5000.

## 12 Next steps

- 12.1.1 Comments made during the consultation will be recorded, carefully considered by Highways England and will be taken into account in further developing the scheme proposal.
- 12.1.2 An explanation of how comments received have shaped and influenced our proposals, including feedback received at the two previous stages of consultation, 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.
- 12.1.3 The Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination, and in consultation with Cornwall Council will determine whether Highways England's pre-application consultation has been adequate.
- 12.1.4 If you want to contact us or find out more about this scheme, you can:
- **Visit the scheme webpage:** [www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a30Chiverton)
  - **Email us:** [A30ChivertontoCarlandCross@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A30ChivertontoCarlandCross@highwaysengland.co.uk)
  - **Call us:** 0300 123 5000
  - **Write to us:** FREEPOST A30 C-CC

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

