

A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton Cross

Public Engagement Report



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'Other' Comments Analysis

The 'Other' comments listed below contain text that could not be attributed to any of the main themes.

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route?

Out of date for current traffic

Accident diversions

Road junctions, especially Chybucca. Poor access into Truro

Chiverton cross roundabout is hazardous. Traffic congestion and jams. No pedestrian access at Chiverton. Traffic speeding at the roundabout

Obviously, on my size of bike (50cc moped) I sometimes feel threatened by large lorries crowding me. Also, I don't like vehicles building up behind me as there is no room for them to overtake.

Apart from being too narrow by far, for its current purpose. Too winding around country side. Chybucca does not work, what so ever. Visitors queuing to go home on A30!

Having to cross the A30 at Chiverton cross, going from St Agnes to Truro is a PAIN!!

The Zelah bypass created a "death trap" to the access to our family farm at Marazanvose, we now have to turn right where two lanes go into three, facing 2 lanes of fast traffic heading east - not nice!!

Traffic jams, uneven road surface

Chiverton Cross roundabout is so dangerous and congesting particularly for visitors to the county. Many cars change lanes at the last minute travel to east (there should be a max 30 miles limit & create making on the road). There are times lengthy traffic congestion both on the roundabout and particularly the access from Perranporth in the summer. Access into the A30 at Chybucca is also difficult of volume of traffic in both directions, which in turn unmakes crossing the junction to go to Truro & return.

The roundabout at both ends showing the flow of traffic . Hills slowing traffic & hazard when snow & ice.

High levels of congestion, especially in the summer. Slow-moving tractors, especially during peak times (often these tractors don't pull-over to let people pass); surely lorries and not tractors should be used for medium/long-distance haulage? Chiverton Cross Roundabout (opened in 1974) is now under-capacity and is a notorious bottleneck and accident blackspot on the A30 and should be grade-separated. Chybucca junction suffers from heavy congestion and a busy right-turn on a trunk road poses accident risks. The junction is also under-capacity and needs to be grade separated. With the upgrading of the A30 on Bodmin Moor from Temple to Higher Carblake, this will be the remaining weak link on the A30.

Day to Day use out of holiday seasons the routes from Chiverton Cross to Truro, Redruth, Newquay have constant queuing especially at peak times. The roundabout layout is very confusing for some people and is extremely dangerous with lane crossing.

The undoubted best route into Truro is the A39 but few villagers actually use it largely for the reason stated above in point #1. In parts also the Mitchell Road is rather narrow. The current Zelah route via Shortlanesend, although relatively direct. is less than ideal because several junctions are in play i.e. via Allet Common. The more direct route via Ashley Road into Shortlanesend is hilly, narrow in places and poorly surfaced.

Predominance of wind farms & solar farms - an unwelcome entry to Cornwall for tourists

I) Idles Valley road is very muddy and difficult to write down. II) The Shortlanesend needs to be resurfaced

Proximity to our house. Draw a straight line between Carland & Chiverton roundabouts and follow it. Zelah bypass should not be a deciding factor.

Having to cross 3 lanes of traffic to walk to the church. Volume of traffic through Zelah.

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route? (Continued...)

Going out of business

When traffic leaves the dual carriageway north of Carland cross and enter the single carriageway on the south side there should be a restriction down to 40 miles an hour and cameras to make this happen, this should be done now.

Traffic can still go to Zelah (if it has never been probably by passed) using it as a shortcut to Truro.

Ups and downs blind areas you drive into oncoming traffic sometimes overtaking hazardous.

Continual queues spring/summer. Will use side roads to avoid the road.

Always queueing from Carland Cross to Chiverton at weekends and in summer. Chiverton roundabout is a nightmare. No one knows where the hell they are going! Especially tourists.

Traffic congestion. Farm vehicles with trailers. Too much traffic on single carriageway. Impatient drivers trying to overtake. Holiday season traffic.

as before

This is the final stretch which needs improvement

Avoid route in summer holidays

Congestion. Stuck behind slow traffic (tractor). Lack of overtaking opportunities

Due to the gradient along the route slow moving vehicles cause very long queues. Lorries, tractors, bicycles.

Very heavy congestion on Chiverton Roundabout. Road Marking confusions. Congestion on west bound A30 partly caused at Chybucca with Truro traffic meeting. Very few places to pass numerous lorries and tractors.

Places impossible pressure on Chiverton Cross. Bottleneck at peak season/Day times. Will always get worse.

Nothing: its terrible, main artery in the county. During the 6 weeks of summer it can be at virtual standstill.

Traffic queues up to Chiverton roundabout. Traffic build up in summer.

Funnelling of traffic off dual carriageway

The whole road, dangerous the whole length

Chiverton roundabout and Carland roundabout and all the junctions in between them gradients.

Wind Turbines are distracting and downright ugly.

Traffic delays - unsafe for overtaking

Single lane for 90% of route.

Too narrow, bad vertical curves and in bad weather the blind rises are dangerous when overtaking. Too many side entrances on to the main road.

Bends and dips in road.

Too narrow central lines (double) there should be more of them, especially approaching a hill. Swear accidents the last few years.

Friday & Saturday in Summer season

FM over

See Overleaf

Absolutely in 2015 the A30 should be dualled we are not living in the 1950s!! It's simply a question of modernising the road network.

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route? (Continued...)

The road needs improving

Variability in journey times especially if going further west. Constant queueing

See above (Q2)

Chiverton roundabout is always difficult to enter. A30 backed up eastbound in mornings due to volume of traffic and often tractors not using laybys. Westbound always backed up for miles early morning. During summer on Friday and Saturday it becomes a car park as holiday makers queue on A30 to leave.

I agree that, with the much increased volume of traffic, huge modern lorries and increased speeds, foreign drivers etc., it is time to dual this section.

Narrow winding and uneven. Difficult to join or leave it on by roads.

My driveway pulls out straight onto the A30. Its on a slight bend so you can't see what's coming around the corner, plus in the summer the constant traffic congestion.

There are 3 places along the existing route in need improvement: 1) Chiverton roundabout, 2) Turn off to Truro via Allet & Shortlanesend, 3) turn off/exit to Zelah.

Outdated, could take 10 mins or more in summertime to cross, needs to be better access.

Everything OK

Road works at peak times

Narrow, twisting, single carriageway

Narrow, windy, too many junctions, bloody tractors

Hold up on the A30 after Hayle through built up areas.

Difficult to cross the A30 at Junction East of Zelah & unsafe

Junctions are dangerous. I have seen lots of accidents at the Callestock turning. You take your life in your hands when crossing this junction.

Not enough passing places. Too many bottlenecks

Too narrow. Too much traffic for size of road. Congestion, Tailbacks, traffic jams. Stress inducing. Totally overloaded.

The twisty nature of the route. The undulating nature of the route. The difficulty in overtaking, particularly when behind large agricultural harvesting equipment. The large queues that can build up.

Can clog up too easily and dangerous with many people in a hurry. Absolutely disastrous in the summer months.

see letter

Flooding when wet - tight on corners (dangerous when wet)

Layout of lanes at Chiverton Cross roundabout. Narrow bends. Manic drivers

Traffic congestion at commuter times, dangerous for cyclists, very busy route which can make drivers do dangerous manoeuvres.

The bottle neck at West and South bound - Chiverton Cross. Chiverton Cross roundabout is very confusing especially to tourists - dangerous volume of traffic.

Dangerous. Daughter in law crashed into on a single carriageway at end of dual carriageway section at Marazanavose. Many other dangerous bends and stretches - inevitable delays after accidents and in the tourist season.

The congestion/slow progress between the Carland Cross & Chiverton Cross roundabouts. Taking your life in your hands at Chiverton Cross; it is a particularly dangerous roundabout.

Out of date road. Slow travel and accident prone. Often queues

Bottlenecks caused by going from single to dual and back.

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route? (Continued...)

Too congested to cope with existing traffic-dualling of Temple section will exacerbate this. Need alternative route to Falmouth-not through Truro.

The three lane section at Zelah is dangerous. The Shortlanesend to Perranporth crossing is very dangerous.

Chiverton Cross roundabout. Traffic build up A3076 towards Chiverton .Also A30 & exit to Truro

The A30 from Chiverton to Carland isn't suitable for the volume of traffic in summer months, it affects my work badly as I drive up the country weekly in my work.

Too much congestion from Truro to Carland in the Summer.

Chiverton roundabout layout exiting from no road into roundabout to Truro A30 from west uses same lane causing A30 traffic cutting across local traffic several incidents caused by traffic coming from right not signalling intention to use A30 to Bodmin in need of flyover for A30.

Do not want a concrete flyover at Chiverton

Easily congested e.g. with lorries and agricultural vehicles, few passing places-difficult access at Chybucca in busy times

Narrow twisting road with poor visibility

R/about approaches are confusing

Single lane, difficult to overtake when appropriate

Congestion, Few places to safely overtake. Perranporth crossing difficult to navigate. Chiverton Cross roundabout terrible since improvements

Main one for us is congestion. No provision for cyclists. Time related issues

Personally avoid A30 at peak times summertime especially change over days

Traffic delays lead to dangerous overtaking

What is REALLY needed is a Truro By pass -North or South of city

Chiverton roundabout is dangerous. Single lane is impacted by increased no of tractors. Piece at Marazanvose increases speed

In season very unpredictable

Could do with being dual carriageway like most of A30

Conflict with wildlife near Carland Cross. Loss of good farmland.

Tail backs in the summer, three lanes at Zelah encourage higher speeds.

Congestion. Frequent roadworks/accidents block the route. Chiverton Cross roundabout is difficult

Entering & exiting Chiverton Cross at peak times A 'FAST' roundabout with too many vehicles shifting lanes. Turning right onto B3284. Very dangerous to cycle.

The road is single track, it is narrow and winding. A good deal of the present problem is caused by the Chiverton roundabout thus affecting all roads at that junction.

At Chacewater its full of traffic. Cars park on either side. Bus has to juggle around car park.

Congestion / accident potential

No improvements made to the route from Truro to Cubert/Crantoek/Newquay via Scotland Road. Routes which cross the A30 not considered.

tourism on Saturday mornings/afternoon - A30 gridlock.

Cycling - all A30 crossovers and junctions. Motor vehicle - road junctions (joining A30), traffic hold ups, road closures due to accidents.

Most junctions awkward/dangerous, especially for cycles. Lack of continuous double line very dangerous, have seen far too many near misses with people taking chances.

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route? (Continued...)

Cyclists - No dedicated route, some exit/entry slips too short i.e. turning off Highgate hill Summercourt.

I thought we were short of money & trying to save money? (cuts to NHS & essential services). How will it save £3m pa? Who is saved that money? Why don't they fund the scheme? How much will it cost?

Time consuming exit & Access to our farm, extremely dangerous access. Chiverton roundabout a total disaster should have had a flyover built ten years ago.

Speed of vehicles, road not up to it.

Summer - rarely use Chiverton in tourist peaks some minor improvements with "encouragement" 2013-14.

Dangerous - vehicles trying to overtake slow traffic. Poor visibility.

Very little work well, summer time it can be very frustrating.

Chiverton cross in every direction except westbound out of Truro. Most junctions onto A30. Dangerous 3 lane butts at Marazanvose

Nothing

Poor / inconsistent junction layouts causing unexpected manoeuvres. Poor horizontal and vertical alignment creating blind areas with potential for increased collisions

It is VERY close to Home!

Disadvantage for visitors from outside Cornwall

minor collisions at Chiverton roundabout - uses back lanes to visit family.

The A30 has got to stop at Chiverton

list is endless and soon wont be able to go across Truro as too many houses being built

no designated cycle path and not many areas where traffic could pull in to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

potentially dangerous in darkness

heaver lane to be closed to through traffic to make village speeds safer

slow bends

no passing places/too many dangerous bends for a trunk route

Twists and turns - difficult to overtake and encourages dodgy overtakes

Two lanes not enough for volume of traffic.

A30 to any other or from any other roads

1. Congestion at Chiverton Cross; 2. Low average speed on this section; 3. Several poor junctions

We have difficulty entering and exiting our entrance. The dips in the road restricting visitors and the speed of traffic and volume of traffic

Holiday time - mid morning at weekends stretch comes to a standstill - road cant cope with volume of traffic leaving county. Chiverton Cross roundabout at busy times, often standing traffic on roundabout in mornings. Avoid in summer on Saturdays going east.

Regular congestion/closure with accidents. Access to A3075 is a nightmare when busy especially turning right and in summer.

as Q2

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route? (Continued...)

Leaving Cubert from Highlanes turning right to join the 3075 is always dangerous - traffic not always slowing down coming up the hill from Rejerrah. Some attempting to overtake vehicles turning left into Highlanes.

Single carriageway. Only short overtaking areas and road used by a lot of slow/farm traffic.

Quite close to property

You can give on this section but wont it just bottleneck somewhere else

Congestion when busy, potential for head-on collisions on the undulating bends

Nothing really

Traffic/Congestion/Poor accident record

The congestion, Accidents, Bad journey times, Delays

No way to pass tractors who do not pull over, therefore long tailbacks ensue. High volume of traffic on the twisty sections of the road. To slow generally. Night time travel -poorly lit on twisty sections.

No stock proofing of junction access to A30 for animals. Poor/dangerous pedestrian crossing to Zelah village, Chiverton cross and Boxheater junction design and Chybucca junction.

Nothing / No objections No left filter from A30 to Truro at Chiverton roundabout-ridiculous. No consideration as to the massive use the road gets these days, what happened to the underpass idea at Chiverton roundabout, that's even more important now

As mentioned perranporth road should be closed i.e. Shortlanesend to Truro

Wasted a lot of money trying to improve the roundabouts which do not work.

Carland Cross roundabout Chiverton roundabout. Also route in between

Chiverton Cross roundabout always slow traffic in rush hour which is quite useful as a cyclist to cross. But scares many other cyclists & prevents them cycling to work. Cycling along the route is scary-many big lorries overtaking a cyclist.

No realistic opportunities to overtake (except on one small section) Chiverton roundabout is tricky (busy)

Single carriageway makes it slow, getting stuck behind lorries etc. is annoying. It can be quite dangerous when people overtake.

Always traffic queues, frequented by tractors, many accidents and congestion.

To congested - Slow moving in summer with farm vehicles. Too many accidents poor response for 999 vehicles.

Holiday makers. Keep them out they don't know how to use the double roundabout.

We only have one main road in Cornwall going North, it's a disgrace this road is not dualled all the way to Penzance.

To many cars looking to avoid the A30.Got to get the Newquay traffic on to the A30 asap.

difficult traffic conditions

The queue of traffic leading into Truro, this road dualling will probably make it worse.

1) Chiverton Cross dominated by A30 Traffic. 2) Boxheater junction very dangerous in the middle of the road.3) Crossing from Callestock to Truro. 4) B3284 crossing A30 not quite as bad but difficult in the summer

Too much traffic-access at Zelah going west-awful!

burgeoning number of solar farms & wind turbines adjacent. Cuts through four Burrows ancient Tumuli

What doesn't work so well/do you NOT like about the existing route? (Continued...)

As the main road through Cornwall, it is totally outdated and has far too much traffic to cope with. Its vital for this improvement to happen.

The route is hugely unpredictable with journey times from Redruth to Bodmin ranging between 30 minutes and 80 minutes. As a result of the unpredictability, I have to allow extra time, even when it is not needed. This costs my business significantly. Traffic problems associated with Truro in the AM rush cause people to divert along the A30 to Chybucca. This causes significant queues as the junction is completely inadequate. There are times of the year where the route is used by a very high volume of tractors. The restricted ability for overtaking can result in significant delays to a journey. As a frequent night-time user of the route, the increasingly frequent night-time closures are incredibly frustrating as there is no appropriate diversionary route.