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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As part of the Stage 3 Assessment Process, DfI is undertaking community consultation to seek the views of the local community and other stakeholders to inform design approach as well as the preparation of the associated Environmental Statement.

Consultation will consist of a variety of avenues including manned community consultation events, unmanned exhibition displays, the DfI website, as well as via email and telephone exchange. Feedback forms will be available at each venue.

This community consultation process offers an opportunity to engage directly with representatives of DfI as well as members of the project team.

THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT WILL BE HELD AT 3 LOCATIONS:

Banbridge Old Town Hall

Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 11am to 8pm

Hillsborough Court House

Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 11am to 8pm

Dromore Town Hall

Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 11am to 8pm

Unmanned exhibition displays will be located at the following locations from 5th June 2017 to 14th July 2017

Dromore Town Hall, 38 Market Square, Dromore, BT25 1AW

Hillsborough Village Centre, 7 Ballynahinch Road, Hillsborough, BT26 6AR

Banbridge Old Town Hall, 1 Scarva Street, Banbridge, BT32 3DA

You can submit all queries via the following:



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SRI Team, DfI Roads, Southern Division, Marlborough House, Craigavon, BT64 1AD



(028) 3832 0188

All project information will be available at:



<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a1-junctions-phase-2-overview>

If you require this document in an accessible format please contact us at the above number or email address.

It is important to note any comments you make to us during this consultation process will not affect your statutory rights to make further subsequent representations upon publication of the Environmental Statement, Draft Direction and Vesting Orders.



A1 Junctions Phase 2

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INTRODUCTION

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is developing plans for further improvements to the A1 carriageway from Sprucefield to the border. The A1, which links Belfast and Dublin, is part of the Eastern Seaboard Key Transport Corridor, with some sections at the Northern end carrying approximately 40,000 vehicles per day.

In recent years the southern section of the route, from Beech Hill (North of Newry) to the border, has been upgraded to a fully grade-separated high standard dual carriageway. A number of new flyover-type junctions have also been provided at strategic locations between Hillsborough and Loughbrickland.

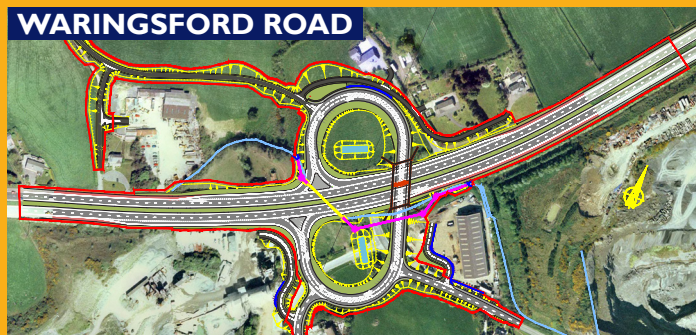
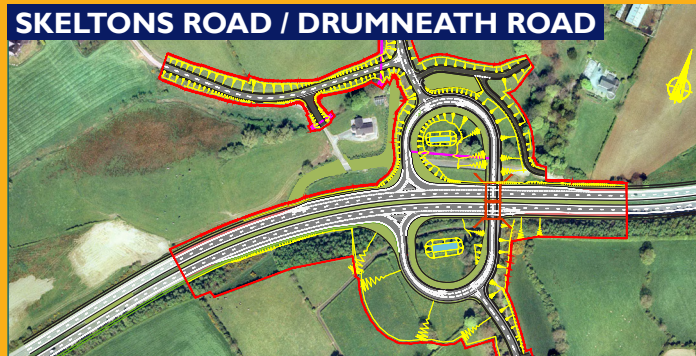
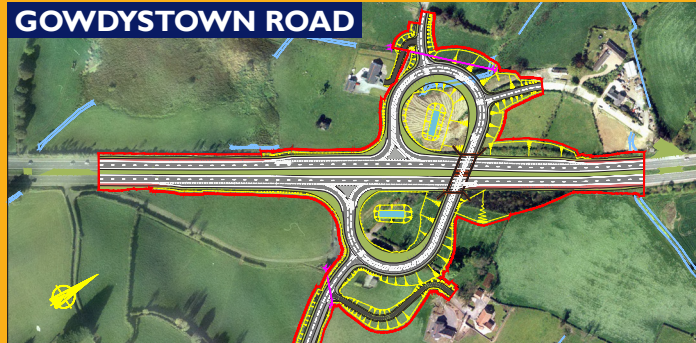
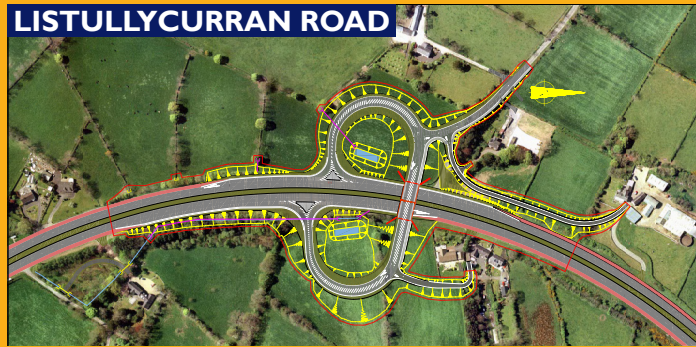
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The primary purpose of this project is to consider safety concerns and propose further road improvements along the A1 between Hillsborough Roundabout and Loughbrickland.

Proposals include:

- Closure of all gaps in the central reserve and the provision of continuous central reserve safety barrier;
- The grade separation of 4 junctions (Listullycurran Road, Gowdystown Road, Skeltons Road/ Drumneath Road, and Waringsford Road)(see images overleaf);
- A northbound on-slip to the A1 from Castlewellan Road, Banbridge;
- Closure of 8 selected side roads with the remainder of side roads and private accesses operating as left-in / left-out;
- A link road between Milebush Road and the Hillsborough Road, Dromore; and
- Rationalisation / relocation of existing bus-stops from mainline to adjacent junction locations.

PROPOSED GRADE SEPARATED JUNCTIONS (INDICATIVE LAYOUTS ARE SHOWN BELOW)



CURRENT STATUS - STAGE 3 SCHEME ASSESSMENT

This improvement scheme for the A1 dual carriageway is being developed in three stages as outlined in the leaflet "Planning New Roads in Northern Ireland" (available on the DfI website <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/>). The project is now at Stage 3 of the Scheme Assessment process. DfI have previously consulted on Stage 2 of the Project development in November 2013.

The aim of Stage 3 is to develop the design of the preferred option and carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment to produce a Stage 3 Scheme Assessment Report, Environmental Statement and Draft Statutory Orders.

DfI is carrying out these works under the powers granted by Article 3 of the Roads (NI) Order 1993. It must be noted that there is no planning application required for this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process of compiling, evaluating and presenting all the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed road improvements. An Environmental Statement, which reports all the findings of the environmental assessments, will be produced as part of the EIA Process.

Environmental impacts and assessment of the road improvements will include Landscape and Visual, Noise & Vibration, Air Quality, Soils Geology & Contaminated Land, Water Quality, Ecology, Socio Economic, Cultural Heritage, and Flooding.