

## Designing a safer A66

Throughout the design of this project, we have worked with local authorities, landowners and local people to balance the impact of our design on both people and places.

The old A66 has an outdated design and no longer meets modern standards. It is frequently congested, has many dangerous turnings and junctions, varying speed limits and inconsistent standards. As well as these factors, the current A66 carries double the national average of HGVs. This creates accident hotspots and unreliable journeys for everyone who relies on this road.

We want the design of the new A66 to improve connectivity to key employment areas, reduce the number of accidents and keep traffic moving. As well as increasing investment across the north and strengthening local and regional economies, our design approach seeks to protect the environment and boost local connectivity.

We've completed a traffic modelling exercise, which looks at value for money and environmental impact to inform the design. Once the new design is operational, it is anticipated that users will save between 11 and 13 minutes (20-23%) when travelling along the A66 corridor in future years.

We have also prioritised maintaining local connectivity – every junction has been tailored to meet the needs of individual communities.

