

Temple Sowerby to Appleby

The Temple Sowerby to Appleby stretch of the A66 passes close to the villages of Kirkby Thore and Crackenthorpe. For just over two miles a single carriageway, varying in width, skirts the village of Kirkby Thore with local roads connected by several junctions and private access points.

Since our Preferred Route Announcement in 2020 we have carried out extensive local surveys. This has led to the development of alternative routes which work better with the surrounding environment, particularly at Trout Beck which is part of the River Eden Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Alternative routes in this location since our Preferred Route Announcement

The Preferred Route announced in May 2020 is no longer under consideration. However, we now have three alternative routes in this location. You can find details of all three of these alternative routes in our consultation brochure.

Our preferred route

Our analysis shows that the Blue Route is the most suitable for the surrounding environment, having the least impact on the scheduled monument at Kirkby Thore.

If you would like further information about our sifting process to determine the route preference, please read our Route Development report and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), both of which can be found online via the A66 webpage or in deposit points and at event locations.

As part of this route, we would provide:

- A short section of road from the Temple Sowerby Bypass junction, improving connections between the old A66 and the local road network
- A new bridge at Main Street, enabling traffic to pass over the proposed A66 alignment
- New bridges at both Station Road and Sleastonhowe Lane to enable access over the A66; a diversion would lead from Priest Lane to Station Road to maintain local traffic access
- A bridge over the new A66 at Long Marton Road close to Powis House. This will maintain connectivity between Bowdon and Long Marton and will also allow traffic to access the existing A66 to travel east or west. Traffic levels will be considerably reduced leading to a safer junction
- A new junction at Crackenthorpe on the westbound carriageway of the new A66 will allow traffic to join and leave the route in the same direction. The junction would link to the old A66 and the B6542 and provide access to both Crackenthorpe and Appleby