

Welcome to our consultation

As you know the A66 is a key local, regional and national route for journeys across the north of England, providing vital connections for freight, tourism and businesses right across the UK. However, the A66 is not up to modern standards and was not built to support current demand.

That's why we're investing around £1bn to improve journeys on the A66 by upgrading the whole route to dual carriageway standard. This investment, between the M6 junction 40 at Penrith and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner, will ease congestion, reduce delays at junctions and enable access to jobs, supporting economic growth.

We propose upgrading the following sections of the A66:

- M6 junction 40 to Kemplay Bank
- Penrith to Temple Sowerby
- Temple Sowerby to Appleby
- Appleby to Brough
- Bowes Bypass
- Cross Lanes to Rokeby
- Stephen Bank to Carkin Moor
- A1(M) junction 53 Scotch Corner

This project is about upgrading infrastructure so it can cope with the 28,000 journeys that use the A66 every day; 25% of which are heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). Since 2017, we have been working hard to deliver a safer, more connected A66 but most importantly, whether you're a driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist or horse rider, we want to deliver an A66 that works for you.

In spring 2020, we announced our Preferred Route, based on evidence from what you told us at our consultation in 2019. Since then, we have been conducting further environmental and ecological surveys and have improved our proposals in several areas.

In this consultation, we want your views on our route proposals so we can continue improving our design to provide a safer A66 for everyone. Please take a look at the materials – including maps, videos and banners – around this room for more information.

