

## Welcome to the third edition of our A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Improvement Scheme newsletter. This is designed to keep you up to date with progress on the scheme to upgrade the A30 from single to dual carriageway north of Truro.

This section of the A30 regularly sees high traffic volumes, congestion, delays and poses serious problems for the local community, tourists and businesses in Cornwall.

### Progress so far

Following our public consultation in December 2016, which set out our suggested options to solve these problems, we carefully considered all the feedback we received, reviewed all viable possibilities for the project and, after further discussions and analysis, we announced a preferred route for the improvement scheme in July 2017.

We arrived at a route which we believe will help with safety, journey times and boost the local economy, but that will also provide a legacy of easy movement and environmental responsibility in years to come.

It provides a new dual carriageway running to the north of the existing A30 between Chiverton and Chybucca and to the south between Chybucca and Carland Cross. The existing A30 will be kept to provide a convenient route for local people.

### What now?

Now that the preferred route has been confirmed, we are preparing for the next stage



- our statutory consultation, which is planned for early 2018. This consultation will also give you another chance to have your say and provide us with additional feedback on the project.

We are currently designing the route and continuing work in order to further understand the environmental and physical constraints of the area.

To inform this process, we are currently on site carrying out the following surveys:

- **Landscape:** our teams are assessing how our proposals will impact you and the views of the special landscape in Cornwall. They are doing this by taking verified photos of what the area looks like now, and then superimposing the new road on to these. Versions of these photos will be available at consultation.
- **Noise:** similarly to landscape, we are using survey equipment to gather information about the levels of noise currently, to understand how the new road will affect those near our proposals.

- **Ground investigation:** we are using boreholes and trenches to confirm our understanding of the make-up of the ground under the road and around it, in particular to inform how we will drain and engineer the road.
- **Archaeological surveys:** we have looked at whether there are any known archaeological sites in the area, and now we are checking for any unknown archaeology by doing geophysical surveys (which are like an x-ray of the ground) and physically digging some archaeological trenches.



More information on these and other surveys is available on our website.

<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a30-carland-cross-to-chiverton/>

## What next?

Once we have designed the road and have enough information about its impacts, we will carry out a consultation with the local communities and others who may be affected by our proposals. This consultation will inform us what you think about the impacts of the new road, and help us to identify whether there are further opportunities to provide benefits.

As well as being an important way to inform our proposals, we must also consult with you before we make an application for planning permission, which is known as development consent for a project of this size. We must demonstrate to The Planning Inspectorate (who we apply to for permission to build the scheme) that we have taken into account what you have said before they will consider our application.

When the Planning Inspectorate accepts our application, you will be able to register with them to make your views about the scheme known. The Inspectors will consider our application and any representations they get during the planning process, before recommending to the Secretary of State whether our scheme should be granted consent. The Secretary of State for Transport will then make their decision, and we will be able to start building the road soon after.



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