

Examination into the Calderdale Local Plan

At the Council's request, the Inspector has agreed that it would assist participants, to circulate the information contained within this document in advance of the hearing on 15 June:

The Council, having considered the agenda for next Tuesday's hearing, and have provided the observations below in advance of the session.

Strategic Road Network interventions (documents [CC122](#) and [CC123](#))

- **Smart motorways – safety issues and implications for delivery?**

The Council wish to draw the Inspector's and participants' attention to the latest position on Highway England's website: [M62 junction 20 to 25 smart motorway - Highways England](#). The Environmental Assessment Report for the report can also be downloaded from this link. This report makes reference to safety measures.

- **Cooper Bridge link to junction 25 on M62 scheme – latest timescale?**

In advance of the hearing the Council checked the current position with their Assistant Director of Strategic Infrastructure, who represents Calderdale on the relevant Kirklees programme board. He provided the programme shown below. They are aware that the 7/6 to 18/7 consultation commenced as scheduled – please see leaflet at the bottom of this page. Again, the Council felt there would be merit drawing this to the attention of the Inspector and participants in order to help structure the discussion.

Programme

Activity / Milestone	Date
Briefing with Portfolio Holder	26 May 2021
Public Consultation	7 June to 18 July 2021
Cabinet	September 2021 (date TBC)
Scrutiny	September 2021 (date TBC)
Submit OBC	1 October 2021
Appoint delivery partner	June 2022
Start of works	Spring 2024
Completion	Summer 2026

A62 to Cooper Bridge Corridor Improvement Scheme Consultation

Good morning,

In December 2018 / January 2019 we asked for your views on our plans to relieve congestion in the Cooper Bridge area by constructing a new link road between the A62 and A644 (Wakefield Road).

Since we presented our original proposals Kirklees Council has declared a climate emergency. Considering this and the feedback we received during the engagement period, we have been reviewing our options with a view to minimising the scheme's impact on the local environment.

This has resulted in us developing new options which are different from those presented in 2018. None of these options include a link road, instead they aim to enhance the existing network by improving Cooper Bridge and Bradley junctions.

We are writing to you now to seek your views on our preferred option.

What is proposed?

Our proposals aim to improve journey times and reduce congestion in the area by:

- creating a new roundabout at Cooper Bridge with left turn links to create more capacity,
- widening Cooper Bridge Road to provide two lanes in each direction between Cooper Bridge and Bradley junctions, this will include the widening of rail, river and canal bridges
- making changes to Bradley junction and roads in the nearby vicinity, including widening Colne Bridge Road on the approach to the junction, widening Leeds Road between Oak Road and Bradley junctions and changing Oak Road to one-way
- widening Wakefield Road on the approach to M62 junction 25

You can view our plans for the area and find more details at:

www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/CooperBridge

We will continue to liaise with you as our plans develop, in the meantime we would welcome your comments on our outline proposals. If you feel you would benefit from a meeting to discuss any aspects of the scheme, please email Sarah.Kearns@Kirklees.gov.uk to make the necessary arrangements.

Please send your comments to the above email address and ensure they reach us **by 18 July 2020**.

Yours faithfully,

Keith Bloomfield

Operations Manager, West Yorkshire Transport Fund

You said, we did

In the first public engagement exercise you said you wanted:

- to reduce congestion
- to avoid impacting the Ancient Woodland and local heritage assets
- to minimise the impact on the local environment and green spaces
- parking for residents on Leeds Road to be maintained
- improved cycle facilities including reduced conflicts between on-street parking and cycle lanes
- more filter lanes on the approaches to junctions

In our preferred option we have:

- enhanced Cooper Bridge and Bradley junctions and improved traffic signal timings to reduce congestion and support the improvement of local air quality
- removed the proposed link road to avoid impacting the Ancient Woodland and surrounding green space
- changed the design for Oak Road to accommodate parking outside properties and avoid removing existing trees
- retained existing on-street parking along Leeds Road on the approach to Bradley junction (from Huddersfield)
- provided segregated cycle lanes along Oak Road, Leeds Road, Cooper Bridge Road and around Cooper Bridge junction
- relocated cycling facilities away from street parking on Oak Road and Leeds Road
- provided widening and/or filter lanes in the following locations:
 - Colne Bridge Road on the approach to Bradley junction
 - Leeds Road (towards Huddersfield) at Bradley junction
 - Cooper Bridge Road at Cooper Bridge junction
 - Wakefield Road on the approach to M62 junction 25

The map overleaf shows some of the key features that are included in the preferred option. Full information, more detailed maps, and opportunity to comment can be found at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/CooperBridge.

These improvements aim to:

- Relieve congestion and improve journey times and reliability
- Improve pedestrian and cyclist facilities to encourage more use
- Improve roadsafety
- Support economic growth
- Support the improvement of air quality
- Support housing growth

Have your say

Have your say between 7 June and 18 July 2021
by completing the survey at
www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/CooperBridge

We are unable to host face-to-face drop-in events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however if you would like to hear more about the scheme you can join our virtual event to hear a presentation from the project team. Please visit www.youtube.com and search 'Kirklees Live' at 5.30pm on 23 June 2021 to watch and ask questions.

Unable to join online? Please call Metroline on **0113 245 7676** to make arrangements to join by phone.

You can also watch the video after the event has finished on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/Kirkleesvideos.



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Why we are improving the A62 and the Cooper Bridge area

Congestion, long journey times and poor air quality are experienced along the A62 and A644 in the Cooper Bridge area. Kirklees Council, in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Calderdale Council, has explored a number of options to address these issues.

A public engagement exercise was held in late 2018 / early 2019 on initial proposals to construct a new link road between the A62 at Bradley junction and the A644 Wakefield Road. Whilst there was support for those proposals, there were also a number of concerns raised about some elements of the designs, and the wider environmental impacts of the plans. Additionally, since then Kirklees Council has declared a climate emergency, putting an even greater focus on the environmental impact of any proposals.

So, since early 2019 we have been reviewing how we can develop our designs to best balance these issues and address the transport problems in this location.

This has included considering alternatives to constructing a link road. We have now developed four options which do not include a new road, but instead include various interventions aimed at enhancing the existing network to reduce congestion whilst minimising the environmental impacts.

We have completed our initial assessments and identified our preferred option. This leaflet includes a summary of the key elements of our preferred option, more details can be found at www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/CooperBridge.

West Yorkshire Transport Fund

A £1 billion transport fund has been allocated to the West Yorkshire and York region to increase housing, employment and economic growth. It is this funding that will enable transport improvements to be made in the Cooper Bridge area.

Where are improvements proposed?

