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Dear Sir or Madam

**A66 NORTHERN TRANS-PENNINE PROJECT  
STATUTORY CONSULTATION – 24 September to 6 November 2021  
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 42: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED  
APPLICATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2017 REGULATION 13: PRE-APPLICATION PUBLICITY UNDER  
SECTION 48 (DUTY TO PUBLICISE)**

I am writing to you regarding Highways England's proposed A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project which involves dualling the remaining single carriageway sections of the A66 between the M6 junction 40 at Penrith and the A1(M) junction 53 at Scotch Corner ("the project").

The proposed project is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) ('the 2008 Act'). This means we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to build the project. This application for permission to construct and operate the project will be made to the Planning Inspectorate ('the Inspectorate') who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. We intend to make our application for a DCO in spring 2022.

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about our proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act. You have been identified as a prescribed consultee for the purposes of Section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act and Regulation 3 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) ('APFP Regulations').

This letter is notice of Highways England's **statutory consultation from 24 September to 6 November 2021**.

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us through this statutory consultation, as this is intended to be the last round of consultation before submission of the DCO application. This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals in advance of submitting our DCO application to the Inspectorate.

The project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as it falls within Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations. We have therefore prepared, and provided, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to help you understand the likely significant environmental effects of our proposals.

To view the full suite of consultation documents listed below, please visit the project website at [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP). Please let us know as soon as possible using the contact details below if you are unable to access the documents via this link. These documents are listed below and provided to help you understand the proposals and inform your views:

- The consultation brochure
- The consultation feedback form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- The PEIR accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary and an Outline Environmental Management Plan
- Consultation plans and drawings as set out in the map book
- Technical Reports:
  - Local Traffic Report,
  - Project Design Report,
  - Route Development Report
  - Construction Method and Management Statement

In accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, a copy of the Section 48 Notice is enclosed which provides formal notification of the application as prescribed by Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. The notice provides details of the availability of consultation materials on the project website and free of charge in hard copy at deposit locations as well as the dates times and locations on consultation events.

If you require hard copy materials or accessible versions of consultation materials, then please **call us on 0333 090 1192 as soon as possible** to order your copy of the materials in time. Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm or leave us a message and we'll call you back (standard call rate applies). Alternatively, you can order your copy of the materials by emailing us at [A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk).

During the consultation period a series of public consultation events will be held where you can speak with the project team, these are detailed on the project website. These events may have to be moved/cancelled as a result of unforeseen circumstances or because of Covid-19 Government guidance and regulations. If an event has to be moved/cancelled, the latest information will be published on the project webpage or can be requested by phoning the project telephone number 0333 090 1192.

A consultation feedback form and Freepost envelope are available as part of the consultation materials in hard copy and online. All responses must be made in writing:

- Email: [A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- Postal address: Freepost A66 NORTHERN TRANS-PENNINE PROJECT
- Online: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A66-NTP)
- Attending a consultation event

- Requesting a hard copy of the feedback form via telephone on 0333 090 1192 and sending it to us using the Freepost address.

To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our DCO application, please ensure your response reaches us by **11.59pm on 6 November 2021**.

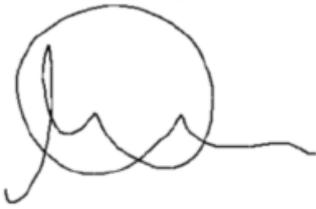
You can find out more about the 2008 Act process and Development Consent Orders on the Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Navigate to the "Guidance and Advice" tab, then "Advice Notes" from the drop down menu and scroll down to Advice Note 8: Overview of the nationally significant infrastructure planning process for members of the public and others.

Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the proposed project or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Monica Corso Griffiths', written over a circular scribble.

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**Enc.**

- Section 48 Notice

## **A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project**

### **Section 48 Planning Act 2008**

#### **Regulation 4 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

##### **Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order**

**HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (“the Applicant”) proposes to make an application (“the Application”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order.

The Application is for the proposed A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project between M6 junction 40 at Penrith and the A1(M) junction 53 at Scotch Corner.

The project’s main proposals in summary are:

- Dualling the remaining single carriageway sections of the A66 between M6 junction 40 at Penrith and the A1(M) junction 53 Scotch Corner.
- Junction improvements at each end of the 50-mile stretch at M6 junction 40 and A1(M) junction 53 Scotch Corner.
- Improvements at key junctions along the route including:
  - Center Parcs junction;
  - Sowerby Bypass junction and Main Street junction;
  - Long Marton junction, Crackenthorpe junction and Appleby Bypass junction;
  - Sandford (B6259) junction, Warcop junction and Langrigg junction;
  - A67 junction;
  - Cross Lanes junction and Rokeby junction; and
  - West Layton/Collier Lane junction, Moor Lane junction and Warrener Lane junction.

The project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as it falls within Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and as a result, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”) will be published as part of the consultation material. A full Environmental Statement will be submitted and published as part of the Application.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **Friday 24 September to Saturday 6 November 2021** (inclusive). Responses received after 23.59pm 6 November 2021 may not be considered. Copies of the consultation materials including plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development will be made available to view free of charge at the deposit locations and online during the consultation period including:

- Public consultation brochure and map booklet
- Consultation feedback form
- PEIR, non-technical summary and Technical Reports
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

The materials will be made available at the following locations and times (subject to unforeseen circumstances or Covid-19 regulations):

**Project webpage and virtual consultation room:** All consultation documents will be published on the project webpage and in the virtual consultation room, both of which can be accessed via: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine/>

**Public information deposit points:** We have agreed with local authorities a list of deposit points most relevant and convenient for their constituents at which to provide hard copies to view. Readers should note that hard copies of materials will only be available to view if the deposit point is open; deposit points may be closed due to unforeseen circumstances or Covid-19 regulations. All hours of operation were correct at the time of writing.

**Penrith Library**, St Andrews Churchyard, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7YA, 01768 812100  
*Hours of operation Monday to Friday 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-5pm*

**St Michaels Church**, 2 Church Gate, Kirkby Thore, Penrith CA10 1UR, 017683 61699  
*Hours of operation Monday to Sunday 10am-4pm*

**The former Llama Karma Kafe** Brougham, CA10 2AB  
*Hours of operation Mondays and Mondays and Fridays 12pm-6pm, Thursdays 2pm-8pm*

**Appleby Library**, Low Wiend, Appleby-in-Westmorland, CA16 6QP, 017683 51170  
*Hours of operation Monday and Friday 10am-12.30pm and 1.30-5pm*

**Kirkby Stephen Library**, Old Grammar School, Vicarage Lane, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4QX, 017683 71775  
*Hours of operation Monday and Wednesday 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm, Saturdays 10am-1pm*

**Mainsgill Farm Shop**, East Layton, Richmond, DL11 7PN, 01325 718860  
*Hours of operation Monday to Sunday 9am-5pm*

**Brough Castle Ice Cream Parlour and Tea Room**, Brough Castle Farm, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4EJ, 017683 41219  
*Hours of operation Monday to Sunday 10am-5pm*

**Barnard Castle Library**, Witham Building, 2 Hall Street, Barnard Castle, DL12 8JB, 0300 026 3409  
*Hours of operation Monday, Tuesday and Friday 09.30am-4.30pm, Wednesdays 09.30am-5.30pm, Saturdays 09.30am-12.30pm*

**Cross Lanes Organic Farm**, Cross Lanes, Barnard Castle, DL12 9RT, 01833 630619  
*Hours of operation Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-4.30pm, Tuesdays closed, Friday and Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 10am-4pm*

**Richmond Library**, 10A Queen's Road, Richmond, DL10 4AE, 01609 534580  
*Hours of operation Monday to Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm, Saturdays 10am-1pm*

**Clayport Library**, 8 Millennium Pl, Durham DH1 1WA, 0300 026 5524  
*Hours of operation Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am-5.30pm*

We advise those interested in viewing documents in person at a deposit point to phone the deposit point to confirm: it is open, materials are available prior to visiting and whether an appointment is required.

Consultation feedback forms and Freepost envelopes will be available to take away from these deposit points.

**Consultation events:** All consultation documents will be available to view at face-to-face consultation events. These events may have to be moved/cancelled as a result of unforeseen circumstances or because of Covid-19 Government guidance and regulations. If an event has to be moved/cancelled, the latest information will be published on the project webpage or can be requested by phoning the project telephone number 0333 090 1192. Dates and times for these events are listed below.

**The former Llama Karma Kafe**

Brougham, CA10 2AB  
Sunday 26 September, 2pm-6pm  
Thursday 30 September, 2pm-6pm

**Haydock Centre**

26 Drovers Lane, Penrith, CA11 9EN  
Monday 27 September, 3pm-8pm  
Tuesday 28 September, 10am-4pm  
Wednesday 29 September, 8am-2pm

**Dalton and Gayles Village Hall**

Dalton, DL11 7HS  
Monday 27 September, 3pm-8pm  
Tuesday 28 September, 10am-4pm

**Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall**

Kirkby Thore, Penrith, CA10 1UE  
Friday 1 October, Midday-8pm  
Saturday 2 October, 9am-4pm

**Bowes Village Hall**

2 The Wynd, Barnard Castle, DL12 9HR  
Friday 1 October, Midday-8pm  
Saturday 2 October, 9am-4pm

**Warcop Parish Hall**

Warcop CA16 6NX  
Monday 4 October, 3pm-8pm  
Tuesday 5 October, 10am-4pm  
Wednesday 6 October, 8am-2pm

**Appleby Hub**

Chapel Street, Appleby-in-Westmorland, CA16 6QR  
Saturday 9 October, 3pm-8pm  
Sunday 10 October, 10am-4pm  
Monday 11 October, 8am-2pm

**The Witham**

3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle DL12 8LY  
Saturday 9 October, 3pm-8pm  
Sunday 10 October, 10am-4pm  
Monday 11 October, 8am-2pm

**Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social Club**

Market Street, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4QN  
Wednesday 13 October, 3pm-8pm  
Thursday 14 October, 10am-4pm

**Gilling West Village Hall**

76 High Street, Gilling West DL10 5JJ  
Monday 4 October, 3pm-8pm  
Tuesday 5 October, 10am-4pm

Copies of the consultation materials including plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development will be available online free of charge from 24 September at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine/>. These materials will continue to be available online after the end of the consultation period on 6 November.

Paper copies of the public consultation brochure, map booklet, consultation feedback form and SoCC can be supplied free of charge on request, however, there may be a charge for paper copies of other consultation materials of up to £200. Requests for paper copies should be made as soon as possible. Please contact Highways England using the contact details listed below for further details.

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from Highways England using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided below:

- Email: [A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk)
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- Telephone number: 0333 090 1192

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received by **Saturday 6 November 2021 at 23:59**. **Responses received after this time may not be considered.**

A consultation feedback form and Freepost envelope are available as part of the consultation materials in hard copy and online. All responses must be made in writing by:

- Email: [A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk)
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- Attending a consultation event
- Requesting a hard copy of the feedback form via telephone on 0333 090 1192 and sending it to us using the Freepost address.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Planning Inspectorate when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

Any comments received will be analysed by Highways England and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by Highways England and its agents in accordance with the data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent application for the Order and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the project, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.