

# PARKSIDE LINK ROAD

## PRE PLANNING ENGAGEMENT ON A PROPOSED LINK ROAD

As part of the Parkside regeneration scheme, St Helens Council and its consultants have undertaken a review to develop a link road from the A49 Newton le Willows to Junction 22 of the M6.

The possible requirement for a link road was initially raised by local people during public consultation sessions, held earlier in the year, on phase one of the Parkside regeneration.

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## WHY DO WE NEED A LINK ROAD?

St Helens is maximising its ideal location as a centre for logistics, and the development of the Parkside site will play an important role in regenerating the local economy, both as an employer and in facilitating economic growth. It is envisaged that the development of all three phases of the Parkside site will potentially create over 7,700 new local jobs. The site will also play a strategic role in creating a M6 growth corridor and is perfectly poised to take advantage of regional developments such as the Liverpool 2 initiative and Atlantic Gateway at the Port of Liverpool, as well as opportunities that come from being part of both the Northern Powerhouse and the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

In order to sustain this growth an excellent highway network is required in order to allow quick and easy access for vehicles on to the M6 and relieve congestion on neighbouring roads.

In addition to road and sea connectivity, both the Trans Pennine and West Coast main rail line form a boundary to the Parkside site, and have led to it being identified on St Helens Council's emerging Local Plan as suitable for a potential Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) on the east side of the M6.

## WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF A NEW LINK ROAD?

A link road could deliver the following benefits;

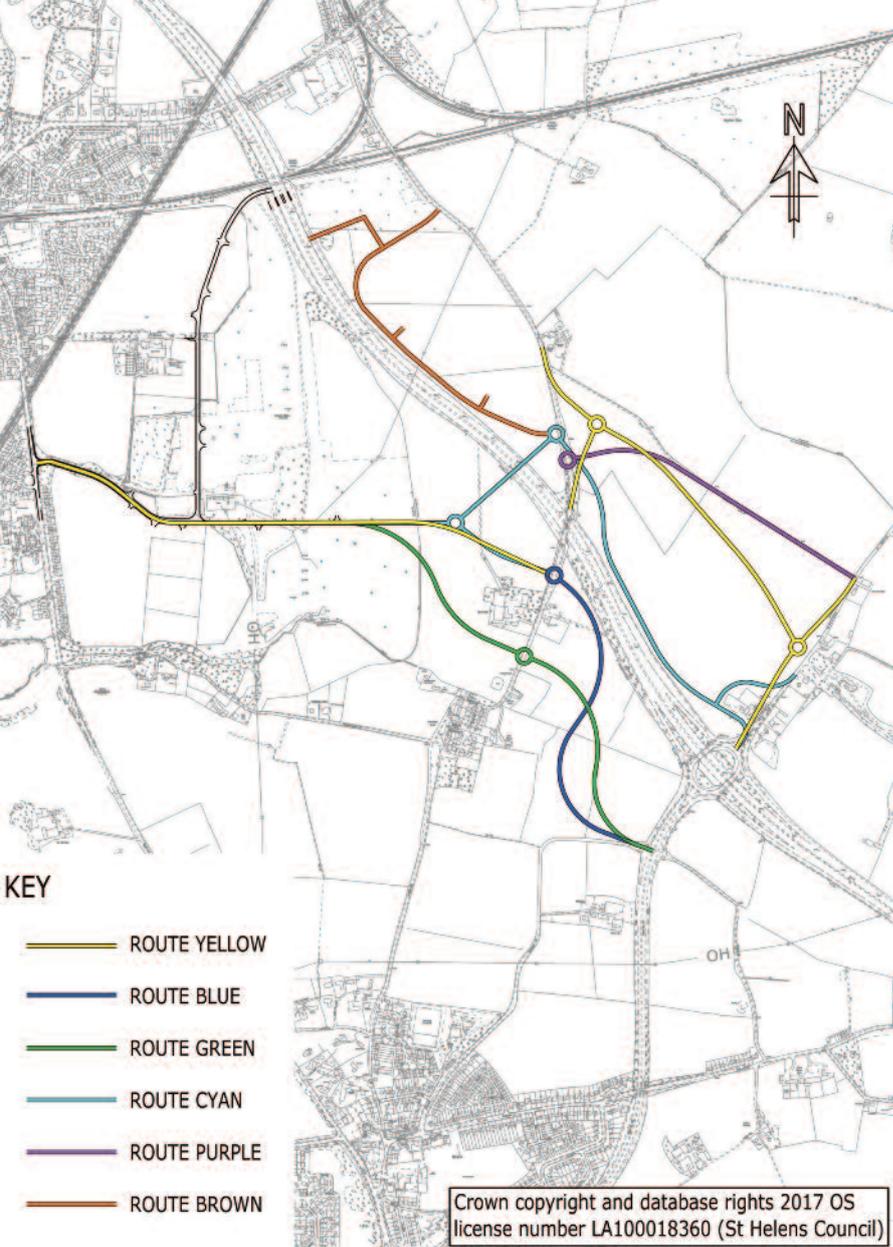
- Divert traffic away from the villages of Newton le Willows, Winwick and Hermitage Green, including potentially diverting lorries and HGVs if phase one of the Parkside regeneration were to receive planning permission. An appropriately designed link road could improve conditions for local residents.
- Improve journey times for commuters and residents by providing quicker and easier access on to the M6, avoiding congestion on the current A49 and surrounding roads
- Improve accessibility for businesses on the Parkside site to the motorway network, therefore making the site more attractive and assisting in regional growth

In addition to the above St Helens Council also has a strategic objective for a road network to allow and serve the potential development of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange, in order to enable the full growth potential of the site.

## WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR A LINK ROAD?

Consultants on behalf of St Helens Council have engaged with stakeholders in order to develop a number of route options.

After investigating the problems, opportunities and key issues of the Parkside area, transport planning objectives were developed and six route options were identified as being the best for further design development and transport appraisal. This transport appraisal was developed by the Department of Transport (WebTAG) and provides a framework assessment. Each route is assessed against the transport planning objectives, economic, environmental and social impacts. Based on the assessment the preferred route, the yellow route, is seen on balance as the best route to go forward for further detailed design and consultation with the public



**The yellow route starts at the A49 and follows an easterly direction to a junction with the A573 Parkside Road. It then follows a north easterly direction via the A573 crossing over the M6. A change to a south easterly direction follows until it meets the A579 Winwick Lane. The route turns in a south-westerly direction to connect up with M6 Junction 22.**

St Helens Council and its consultants believe the yellow route offers the best solution in order to reduce traffic levels on local roads, improve journey times, allow ease of access on to the M6 at Junction 22 and divert traffic away from local villages. In addition to this the yellow route will enable the full growth potential of the Parkside site and the facilitation of a potential strategic rail freight interchange can be achieved. A shared cycleway and footway will run along the whole of the new road, except for the existing footway on Parkside Road over the M6.

## WHAT ELSE HAVE WE TAKEN IN TO CONSIDERATION?

To date our consultants have undertaken initial steps to investigate any environmental issues. This has included consulting with the local authority and their environmental advisors together with commencing a programme of environmental surveys. Discussions have been held with the Local Planning Authority over the need for an environmental impact assessment and, in parallel with the initial studies, the scope of this is being developed.

Further studies and consultations with statutory bodies are in progress and the information gathered will be used to further inform the planning application for the link road.

## WHY WE WANT YOUR VIEWS?

We want to seek views from local people and other stakeholders on the proposed yellow route so that we can identify problems and put measures in place to address them. We want to hear what local people and groups representing the wider transportation interests think about the preferred route. This information will be taken in to consideration before any final application is submitted for planning approval.

You can use the attached questionnaire to give your views on the proposed link road. You may wish to find out more information about the details of the project before giving your views. Further information is available via the website, by attending an information open day or by dropping in to one of the locations overleaf.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to know more about the proposals for the new Parkside Link Road, you can come along to one of our information open days, to be held on;

**Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Hope Academy Newton-le-Willows, from 4pm till 8pm**  
or  
**Thursday 13th July 2017 at Winwick Leisure Centre, from 4pm till 8pm**

Representatives from St. Helens Council and its consultants will be available to answer your questions, explain the work that has been carried out to date and discuss any potential developments. A copy of the work undertaken so far will be available to view.

Alternatively, further information on the proposed preferred route and work undertaken to date is available on [www.sthelens.gov.uk/parksidelinkroad](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/parksidelinkroad) and is also available to view at the following locations:

- St. Helens Council Offices, Wesley House, Corporation Street, St. Helens WA10 1HF
- Newton-le-Willows Library, 266 Crow Lane, Newton-le-Willows WA12 9TX

You can make a comment or provide feedback on the proposed preferred route by completing the attached questionnaire and returning by Friday 15th September 2017.

You can also email comments to; [parksidelinkroad@ramboll.com](mailto:parksidelinkroad@ramboll.com) by the above date.

For all information on the proposed Parkside link road visit [www.sthelens.gov.uk/parksidelinkroad](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/parksidelinkroad)

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# PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to know your views on our public consultation on the Parkside Link Road between the A49 and the M6 Junction 22. Please complete the questionnaire below by marking the relevant boxes.

Your views will be treated in confidence and will be taken into account in making decisions about the project. Confidentiality, privacy and data protection are explained at [www.sthelens.gov.uk/parksidelinkroad](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/parksidelinkroad)

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## Question 1 - Do you agree or disagree that the below factors were correct to assess the scheme by?

	Agree	Disagree
To improve road safety		
To improve journey time		
To enhance highways access between the Parkside site and the M6 junction 22		
To enhance highways access between the Parkside site and the A49		
To facilitate economic growth by allowing better access from the Parkside site to the surrounding transport infrastructure		
To allow for the potential development of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange		
Improve pedestrian and cycling access		

If the answer to any of the above is disagree, please state why:

## Question 2 - Do you agree with the assessment that the Yellow Route is the best option?

Yes  No

If No please state why:

## Question 3 - Which best describes your interest in the Link Road:

I am a local resident of the area. Please state the area in which you live i.e. Newton-le-Willows, Winwick etc

- I own land through which one of the routes passes.
- I am a regular user of the M6, M62, A49, A573, A579
- I am a visitor
- Other please specify

**Please use the space below to tell us your views about any issues that may concern you in regards to the environment, the construction phase, noise and air pollution and the cycle/pedestrian route:**

Please print your name, address and post code in CAPITALS:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

PLEASE FOLD HERE AND MOISTEN INSIDE, THEN SEAL TOGETHER BEFORE POSTING

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