

Impact Assessment



Assessment of: A382 MRN Improvement Scheme

Service: Planning, Transportation & Environment

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1. Description of project / service / activity / policy under review

The scheme identified to improve the A382 between Drumbridges and Newton Abbot comprises a combination of road widening, junction improvements and new non-motorised provision to support the large amount of housing and employment on the A382 corridor allocated in the Teignbridge Local Plan.

2. Reason for change / review

The scheme is ready to progress to Full Business Case Preparation.

3. Aims / objectives, limitations and options going forwards (summary)

The scheme design has been through consultation and planning, with feedback incorporated as required prior to OBC submission. At this stage of scheme development, the strategic nature of the scheme is fixed.

4. People affected, diversity profile and analysis of needs

The scheme will have a positive impact on pedestrians and cyclists with the provision of a new shared pedestrian/cycle path. This will enable sustainable travel in the future to/from new employment and residential developments on the A382 corridor.

In economic terms the scheme will facilitate travel and development which will have a beneficial impact upon the local economy by enabling employment and housing development in the area to proceed with mitigated impact

5. Stakeholders, their interest and potential impacts

For the Planning Application (which was approved), environmental considerations for the whole scheme were assessed through an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The scheme will lead to positive social impacts, by benefitting all road users including bus users through improved journey time reliability and pedestrians and cyclists through the introduction of new facilities. The scheme will improve access to and from Newton Abbot resulting in a cost saving for new and existing residents. Economic, social and environmental wellbeing will be improved through better access to employment, education and recreational destinations.

Further work is being undertaken as part of the production of the FBC to fully understand the carbon implications of the scheme.

6. Additional research used to inform this assessment

None

7. Description of consultation process and outcomes

The Drumbridges to Forches Cross stretch is part of the scheme, which was included in the Teignbridge Local Plan. The scheme itself was also subject to a full public consultation. Further consultation was carried out as part of the planning application, prior to it being granted planning permission in June 2017.

The revised Jetty Marsh II section was granted planning permission in September 2019.

Proposed improvements to Exeter Road were consulted on in November 2018 and presented to Devon County Council's Cabinet in February 2019

8. Equality analysis

Giving Due Regard to Equality and Human Rights

The local authority must consider how people will be affected by the service, policy or practice. In so doing we must give due regard to the need to: eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

Where relevant, we must take into account the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, race, and religion and belief. This means considering how people with different needs get the different services they require and are not disadvantaged, and facilities are available to them on an equal basis in order to meet their needs; advancing equality of opportunity by recognising the disadvantages to which protected groups are subject and considering how they can be overcome.

We also need to ensure that human rights are protected. In particular, that people have:

- A reasonable level of choice in where and how they live their life and interact with others (this is an aspect of the human right to 'private and family life').
- An appropriate level of care which results in dignity and respect (the protection to a private and family life, protection from torture and the freedom of thought, belief and religion within the Human Rights Act and elimination of discrimination and the promotion of good relations under the Equality Act 2010).
- A right to life (ensuring that nothing we do results in unlawful or unnecessary/avoidable death).

- The Equality Act 2010 and other relevant legislation does not prevent the Council from taking difficult decisions which result in service reductions or closures for example, it does however require the Council to ensure that such decisions are:
 - Informed and properly considered with a rigorous, conscious approach and open mind, taking due regard of the effects on the protected characteristics and the general duty to eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations.
 - Proportionate (negative impacts are proportionate to the aims of the policy decision)
 - Fair
 - Necessary
 - Reasonable, and
 - Those affected have been adequately consulted.

Characteristics	Potential or actual issues for this group. [Please refer to the Diversity Guide and See RED]	How will the project / service / policy / activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eliminate or reduce the potential for direct or indirect discrimination, harassment or disadvantage, where necessary. advance equality (meet needs / ensure access, encourage participation, make adjustments for disabled people, 'close gaps'). foster good relations between groups (tackled prejudice and promoted understanding), if relevant? <p>In what way do you consider any negative consequences to be reasonable and proportionate in order to achieve a legitimate aim?</p> <p>Are you complying with the DCC Equality Policy?</p>
All residents (include generic equality provisions)	Some traffic disruption will be experienced during construction.	The improvement will benefit all road users including bus users through improved journey time reliability and pedestrians and cyclists through the introduction of new facilities.
Age	None identified	Improvements to the road will improve vehicle trips for anyone who uses private cars, motorcycles and buses. Walking and cycling improvements will also benefit those of any age.
Disability (incl. sensory, mobility, mental health, learning disability, neurodiversity, long term ill health) and carers of disabled people	None identified	The biggest benefit is to car users. The shared pedestrian and cycle path will be 3 metres wide which will provide a suitable width for disabled users.
Culture and ethnicity: nationality/national origin, ethnic origin/race, skin colour, religion and belief	None identified	None identified

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Sex, gender and gender identity (including men, women, non-binary and transgender people), and pregnancy and maternity (including women's right to breastfeed)	None identified	None identified
Sexual orientation and marriage/civil partnership	None identified	None identified
Other relevant socio-economic factors such as family size/single people/lone parents, income/deprivation, housing, education and skills, literacy, sub-cultures, 'digital exclusion', access to transport options, rural/urban	None identified	None identified

9. Human rights considerations:

None identified

10. Supporting independence, wellbeing and resilience. Give consideration to the groups listed above and how they may have different needs:

In what way can you support and create opportunities for people and communities (of place and interest) to be independent, empowered and resourceful?

The upgrades will provide better access to Newton Abbot both by better vehicular access and by new facilities for walking and cycling. These upgraded facilities will provide better opportunities for people and communities to travel and access essential goods and services

In what way can you help people to be safe, protected from harm, and with good health and wellbeing?

Many scheme elements, including increased road width, better alignment, new junction layouts and segregation of non-motorised users will have a demonstrable improvement on the poor road safety record of the existing road.

The provision of a shared pedestrian/cycle path will also encourage travel by sustainable, active modes in the future between new developments, employment sites and Newton Abbot.

In what way can you help people to be connected, and involved in community activities?

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11. Environmental analysis

An impact assessment should give due regard to the following activities in order to ensure we meet a range of environmental legal duties. The policy or practice does not require the identification of environmental impacts using this Impact Assessment process because it is subject to (please mark X in the relevant box below and proceed to the 4c, otherwise complete the environmental analysis table):

Devon County Council's Environmental Review Process	
Planning Permission	X
Environmental Impact Assessment	X
Strategic Environmental Assessment	

	Describe any actual or potential negative consequences. (Consider how to mitigate against these).	Describe any actual or potential neutral or positive outcomes. (Consider how to improve as far as possible).
Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost:		Contractor will produce a Construction Management Plan
Conserve and enhance wildlife:		Currently looking for opportunities to achieve a net gain in bio-diversity
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of Devon's landscape:		DCC has identified that the scheme may impact a listed park and building and will continue to work to minimise this
Conserve and enhance Devon's cultural and historic heritage:		N/A
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions:		Currently investigating the GHG impact of construction and operation, and opportunities to reduce where possible
Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise):		The scheme contractor will produce a Construction Management Plan
Contribute to reducing water consumption:		N/A
Ensure resilience to the future effects of climate change (warmer, wetter winters; drier, hotter summers; more intense storms; and rising sea level):		Currently investigating r carbon impact of construction and operation, and opportunities to reduce where possible
Other (please state below):		

12. Economic analysis

	Describe any actual or potential negative consequences. (Consider how to mitigate against these).	Describe any actual or potential neutral or positive outcomes. (Consider how to improve as far as possible).
Impact on knowledge and skills:	None identified	Positive impact on access to knowledge and skills.
Impact on employment levels:	None identified	Scheme construction will require additional workforce and improve access to new and existing employment areas.
Impact on local business:	Some traffic disruption will be experienced during construction.	Scheme construction will require additional workforce and improve access to new and existing employment areas

13. Describe and linkages or conflicts between social, environmental and economic impacts (Combined Impacts):

None identified

14. How will the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area be improved through what is being proposed? And how, in conducting the process of procurement, might that improvement be secured?

Economic, social and environmental wellbeing will be improved through better access to employment, education and recreational destinations.

Procurement and tendering for construction is prescribed through separate DCC procedures and frameworks.

15. How will impacts and actions be monitored?

A full monitoring and evaluation plan will be submitted as part of the Full Business Case.