



A69 Bridge End – Update Aug 2019

Scheme background

Schemes identified as part of the Northern Trans-Pennine study as areas of congestion. Dualling of the A66 was prioritised. These schemes would complement any future decision to dual the A69

- **Funding**

- The Bridge End and Styford schemes were identified as part of the £220m Congestion Relief fund announced in March 2017 by Department for Transport.
- The money within this fund is ring-fenced to the schemes announced at the time, with internal review completed.

Benefits of the scheme

- The overall aim of the scheme is to improve journey times – for those using junction at peak times, it will save up to an hour for regular commuters per week.
- Supports economic growth within the North of England – local contractors appointed as construction workers
- Improves access from the A69 into Hexham
- Makes journey time more reliable and therefore the route more attractive
- Aids the case for future dualling of the A69

Progress update & proposals

Works Timeline

- Utilities diversion – August 19 - 4 week period
- Start of main works – Oct 19
- East and West Ends Inc. Turnaround & Hermitage retaining wall – May 20 – 31 Week Period
- Extended roundabout in Operation– May 20 – 50 Week Period
- Mainline Open – by April 21
- Circulatory Open – by April 21
- Finishing and verge works on going as required following open to traffic in April 21

Communication strategy and Traffic management updates

- Database of 3000 residents who will be written to and explain how traffic management will work whilst works are ongoing
- Public drop in day – date TBC likely mid September
- Provide updates to media, parish councils, Northumberland County Council and anyone who registers for updates via the website - <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a69-junction-improvements/> - Monthly/when needed
- Website will be updated regularly
- Social media channels will be updated regularly
- Content will be provided to interested parties to share via their own channels/networks
- Dedicated email address to collate queries, comments and suggestions – a69junctions@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Use of variable message signs and traditional road signage to inform road users of the activity/progress made

Questions