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A494 River Dee Bridge improvement scheme

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview

The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent, on behalf of the Welsh Government is currently investigating options to replace the A494 River Dee Bridge.

We would like to hear your views on the proposed preferred option.

The consultation includes a set of specific questions. We would welcome your response.

How to respond

Please complete and return the 'response form questionnaire' to the address below by 4 February 2019.

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

Further information and related documents

The document is available on:

<https://beta.gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-improvement-scheme>

Contact details

For further information:

Email: enquiries@nmwtra.org.uk

Please include '**A494 River Dee Bridge Improvement Scheme**' in the subject line.

Post:

Transport, Welsh Government,
FREEPOST
Government Buildings,
Sarn Mynach,
Llandudno Junction,
LL31 9RZ

Introduction

We are working with the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent (NMWTRA) on proposals to replace the A494 River Dee bridge. We are doing this as the condition of the bridge has deteriorated.

We have reviewed a number of options to replace the bridge and have now identified a proposed solution which we are seeking your feedback on.

Why is a new bridge needed?

Due to the age of the bridge there is deterioration to some structural features. It would be difficult to maintain these in the long-term. Addressing the deterioration would result in closing the bridge for long periods. This would cause significant delays to journeys.

In addition to the structural issues, the bridge is not up to modern day standards:

- It carries almost double the level of traffic it was designed for.
- There is no hard shoulder facility. A breakdown can result in long delays causing queues on the approach to the bridge.
- The footpath on the bridge is very narrow.
- The central reserve and the protective barriers do not meet current standards.

Finding a solution

We appointed Mott MacDonald and their partners Richards, Morehead & Laing to consider potential options to replace the bridge. These options have been assessed following the Welsh Government's WelTAG guidance. The guidance ensures that the selected scheme:

- shows value for money
- provides transport, economic, social and environmental benefits
- delivers maximum benefit with minimal impact

Using this assessment, a proposed scheme has been identified. The scheme aims to improve journey times and make trips more reliable, whilst addressing air quality issues to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents. This scheme also has the least impact during construction when compared with the other options.

More information on the WelTAG process can be found on the project website

<https://beta.gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-overview>

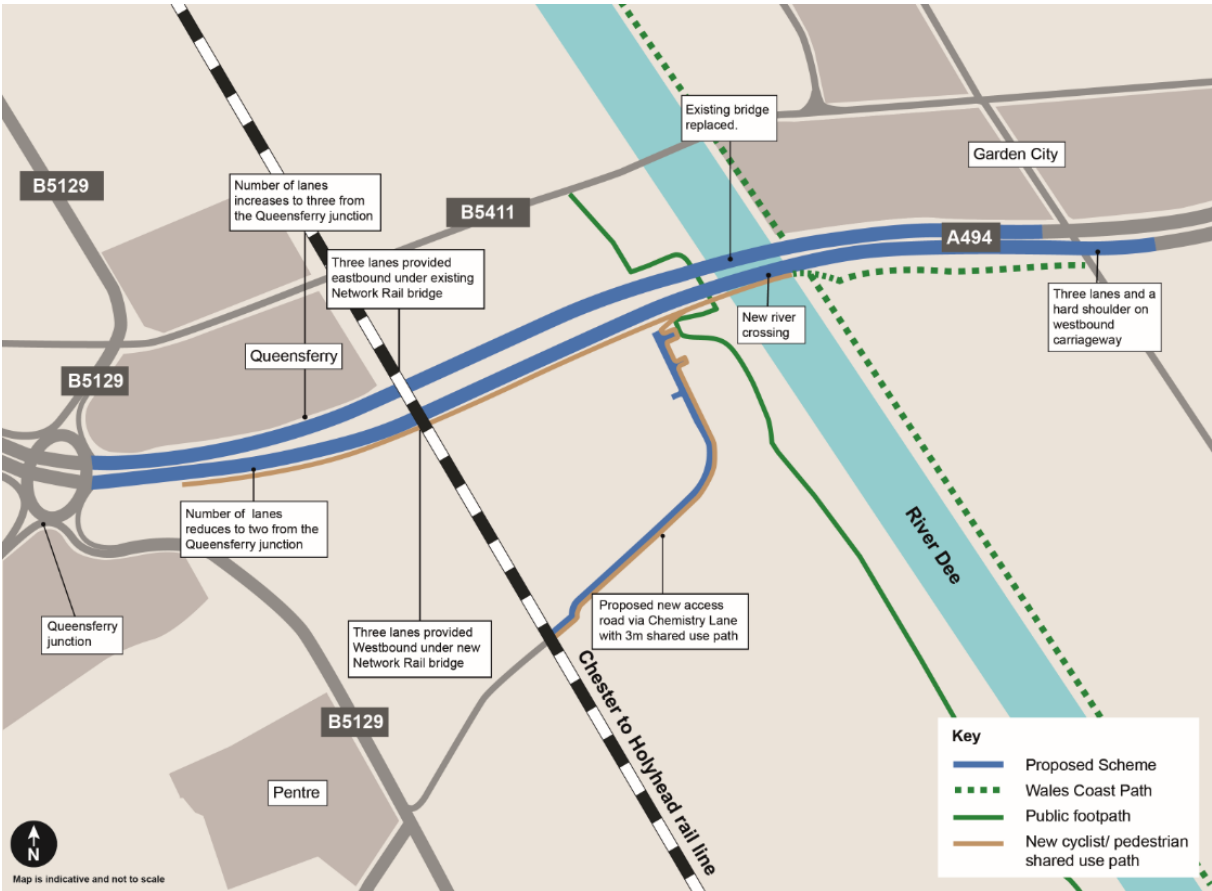
Our proposed scheme

The proposed scheme consists of:

- three lanes in each direction
- a hard shoulder in each direction
- a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists
- a new structure for westbound traffic
- a replacement of the existing bridge for eastbound traffic.

During the construction of the proposed scheme, two lanes in each direction would remain open. This would minimise disruption on the A494 and the local road network. There may be times when reductions to one lane will be required but these would be kept to an absolute minimum and would, wherever possible, be at night time.

We will conduct a statutory Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed scheme, which includes a formal assessment of the impact on habitats and designated sites. Further information on the scheme’s environmental considerations can be found on the project website <https://beta.gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-overview>.



How can I find out more?

We are holding public consultation events where you can view further information about the proposed scheme. You can meet our project team who will answer any questions you may have.

Tuesday 20 November 14:00 – 20:00	St Andrews Church, 61 Sealand Avenue, Garden City, Deeside, CH5 2HN
Saturday 24 November 10:00 – 16:00	Deeside Leisure Centre, Chester Road West, Queensferry, CH5 1SA

Further information is available on our website <https://beta.gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-overview>

How can I comment?

We want to hear what you think about our proposed scheme. We can then consider your views and comments in shaping the final design. There are several ways you can comment:

- complete the consultation response form provided at the end of this leaflet which you can return to us free of charge in the enclosed envelope.
- complete the response form online at: <https://beta.gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-improvement-scheme>.
- attend one of our consultation events where paper copies of the response form will be available.
- email NMWTRA enquiries@nmwtra.org.uk / ymholiadau@acgcc.org.uk
- write to: Transport, Welsh Government, Government Buildings, Sarn Mynach, Llandudno Junction, LL31 9RZ

To help shape our final design, please submit your response by **midnight Monday 4 February 2019**.

Next Steps

We will review all comments and suggestions once the consultation feedback window is closed. These will be analysed and considered as part of the design process. We will also produce a report to summarise the feedback responses.

Updates on the scheme's progress will be provided here:

<https://beta.gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-overview>

Consultation feedback form

We welcome your comments on the proposed scheme, along with any concerns or issues you wish to raise. Please complete the form below and return by freepost. If you require more space, please use additional paper.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide as part of your response to the consultation. Welsh Ministers have statutory powers they will rely on to process this personal data which will enable them to make informed decisions about how they exercise their public functions. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about or planning future consultations. Where the Welsh Government undertakes further analysis of consultation responses then this work may be commissioned to be carried out by an accredited third party (e.g. a research organisation or a consultancy company). Any such work will only be undertaken under contract. Welsh Government's standard terms and conditions for such contracts set out strict requirements for the processing and safekeeping of personal data.

In order to show that the consultation was carried out properly, the Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then redact them before publishing.

You should also be aware of our responsibilities under Freedom of Information legislation.

If your details are published as part of the consultation response then these published reports will be retained indefinitely. Any of your data held otherwise by Welsh Government will be kept for no more than three years.

Your rights

Under the data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data holds about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection.

For further details about the information the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you want to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer:

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

CARDIFF

CF10 3NQ

e-mail: Data.ProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745 or

0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Part 1: The proposed scheme

Q1 What is your postcode? _____


Q2 Are you an affected landholder?

Q3. Do you have any comments on our proposal for replacing the A494 River Dee bridge?

Q4. Do you have any comments relating to the construction of the scheme?

Q5. Do you have any comments relating to the proposed pedestrian and cyclist facilities?

Q6. Do you have any further comments you would like to make about the proposed scheme?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to provide their comments on the proposed scheme.