

M6 Lune Gorge Structure Renewal Scheme

Eden Locality Board – 24 April 2024
South Lakeland Locality Board – 25 April 2024

Introduction



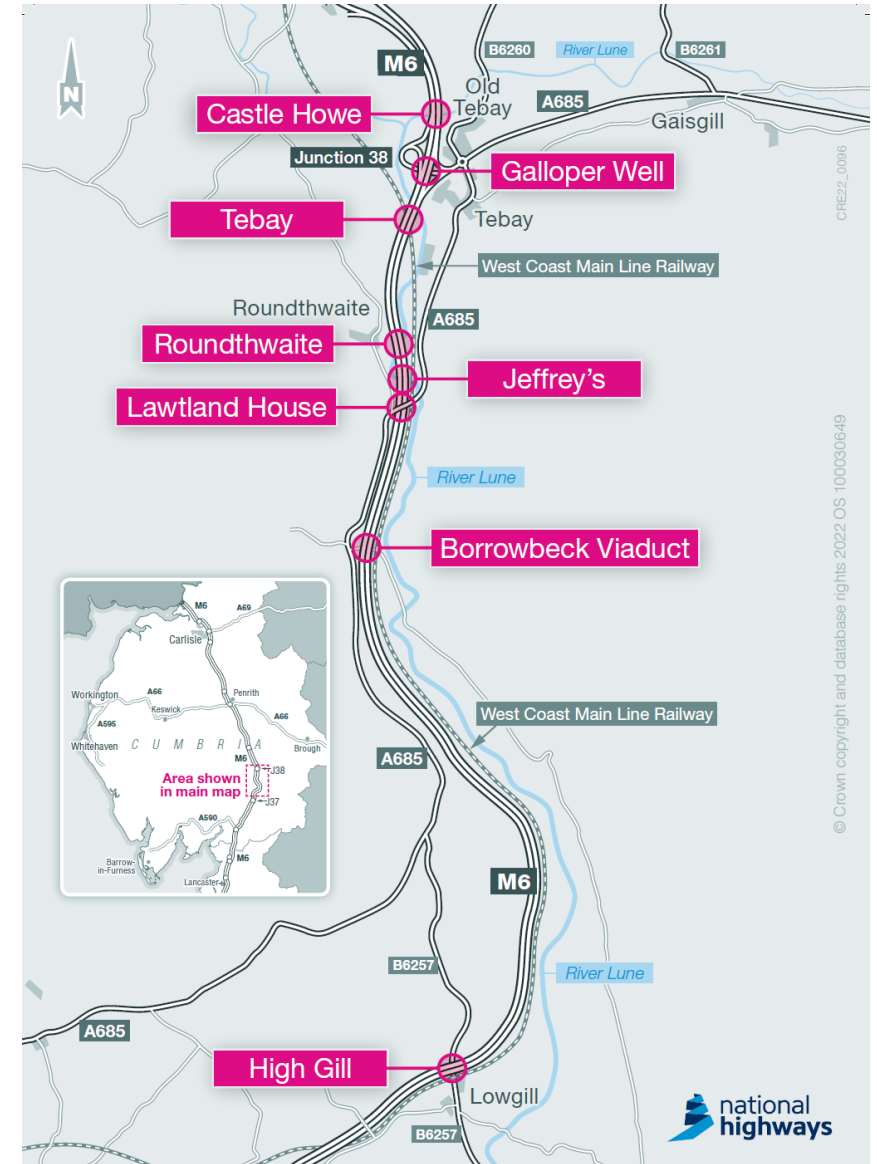
Update – what we've been up to

We have completed a round of ground investigation works to understand the area's soil types, rock formations, ground water levels and other subsurface conditions. We have been contacting landowners to provide access and tried to be good neighbours while we do this investigation work.



Update

- Completed options phase of project in October 2023
 - ✓ Original contraflow was 10km long, but we have reduced this to 5km.
 - ✓ Use of specialist gantry cranes - much easier to install and less obtrusive than standard cranes – safer for road users/workforce and reduces requirement for full closures.
 - ✓ M6 J38 closures - one side of J38 kept open to maintain access.
 - ✓ Diversion via J39 return or J37 return.



Update continued

- ✓ Identified Tebay Sidings Industrial Estate as a potential main compound.
- ✓ Exploring potential of using existing National Highways Tebay Depot as secondary compound
- ✓ Continuing engagement with local communities and introducing ourselves as a project team.
- ✓ Robust signage strategy.
- ✓ Social Value Fund

Regional Investment Programme Social Value Fund Overview

Social Value at National Highways

The benefits that we and our suppliers deliver for people, the environment, and the economy.

- The Social Value Fund was established in October 2022 and is designed to enable our project teams to be a 'good neighbour' by delivering support to local communities impacted by our work.
- It provides funding for initiatives ranging from £500 to £10,000 in value.

Applications must align with at least one of the Social Value pillars

- Economic prosperity**
Economic prosperity is all about creating economic growth. We do this by improving productivity through our strategic road network, as well as through employment and training opportunities.
- Improving the environment**
We improve the environment by reducing emissions from road use and business activities - our own and those of our suppliers. This pillar is also about reducing noise levels: improving air quality and visual amenity; and enhancing cultural and natural heritage.
- Community wellbeing**
Community wellbeing involves investing in the strategic road network to connect people together. We want to do more to improve the wellbeing of the communities we affect through our work, helping people enjoy healthier lives and leaving a legacy.
- Equality, diversity and inclusion**
Our approach to equality, diversity and inclusion includes increasing opportunities for under-represented groups. We want to create a more equal society and provide an inclusive and accessible strategic road network for everybody.

Tips

- Community engagement is key
- Proximity to scheme is important
- Apply for tangible items only
- Show the long-lasting benefits
- Build in volunteering

Got an idea?

Contact our M6 Lune Gorge team:
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Approved examples

- A66 NTP equipment for Carlisle Youth Zone
- A63 CatZero sail
- A30 Cornwall Blood Bikes charity

[View the National Highways Social Value Plan here](#)

Update – what social value we’ve been up to

- ✓ Easter Eggs – Over 50 Easter Eggs were collected from the team and was donated to Unique Kidz. This donation helped the charity to achieve their goal of ensuring all the kids and young people attending the centre received an Easter Egg.
- ✓ Bendrigg Trust - The NH SV Fund was approved for the Trust to build a new slide that enables kids of all abilities to participate in adventurous activities. Lucie and Fran visited the site to see the new installation.
- ✓ Lakes School - Careers fair – this event was used as an opportunity to inform and encourage participants to a career in our industry.
- ✓ Sharing Shed – The charity has applied for SV Fund to help purchase and build a shed which will be used by the local community to share food and clothing, including school uniforms.



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22 March 2024 12:05 pm



Galaxy S23 Ultra
27 March 2024 8:56 am



Update – what social value we’ve been up to

Cumbria T-level students receive grand tour at Lune Gorge

Recently, we were pleased to host a visit for 5 T-level civil engineering students, from the Lakes College, Workington to the M6 Lune Gorge scheme in Tebay.

The students were first given a site induction and safety brief before a project presentation from site agent, Ryan Cowburn. The presentation gave a project overview and technical details about the innovative design techniques being explored by the Lune Gorge team.



Timescales



Working in Cumbria

Collaboration between M6 Lune Gorge and A66

- Traffic Manager working across both projects to ensure clashes of road closures are avoided
- Signage strategy to cover both A66 and Lune Gorge
- Communication teams to work together to share messages effectively
- Any maintenance work or larger resurfacing schemes to look to share TM and reduce impact through multiple closures
- Shared stakeholder manager and shared engagement

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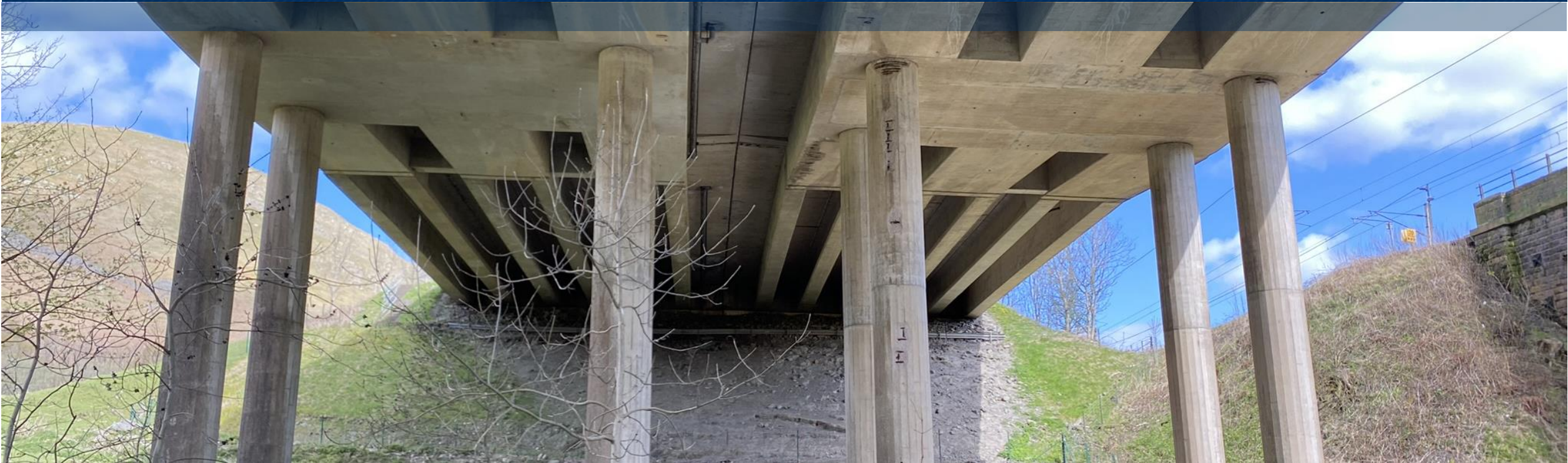
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A photograph of a road with several trucks and a car, overlaid with a blue graphic containing text. The scene is captured in a warm, golden light, likely during sunrise or sunset. The road curves to the left, and there are trees and hills in the background. In the foreground, a white van is partially visible. The blue graphic on the right side of the image contains the following text:

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A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project Update

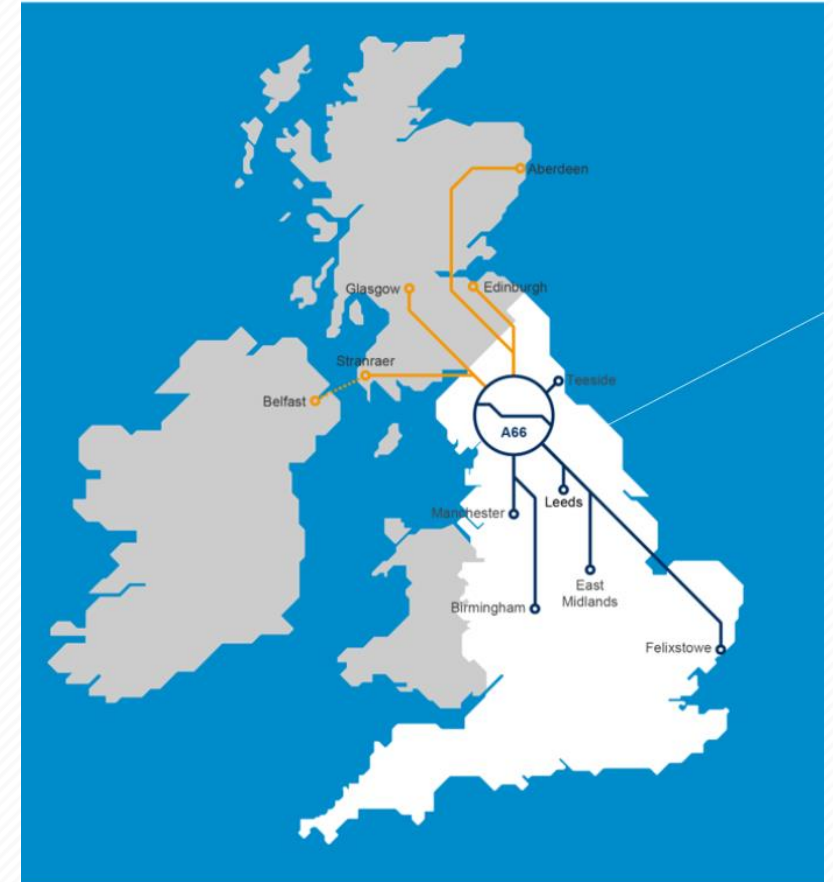
Martin Follmer & Michaela Maunder

Customer Leads for Kier and Balfour
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A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Upgrade | Project Objectives

The strategic objective of the project is to investigate the potential to create a new improved strategic corridor linking the A1(M) with the M6 by upgrading the A66 corridor and making other improvements along its length.

- **Safety** – A consistent standard of dual carriageway with the same speed limit throughout, may reduce the number of accidents. Use of the ‘old’ A66 as part of the local road network will provide better, safer routes for cyclists and pedestrians.
- **Connectivity** – Improving connectivity for people living and working nearby and creating better facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. Reducing congestion and improving the reliability of people’s journeys between the M6 at Penrith and the A1(M) Scotch Corner and nationwide. It also improves connectivity between the key employment areas of Cumbria, Tees Valley and Tyne and Wear.
- **Environmental** – Minimising noise levels for people living and working near the route and reducing the congestion currently occurring in the single carriageway sections. The project is also being designed to minimise any potential negative impacts on the natural environment and landscapes of the North Pennines and Lake District.
- **Economic** – Improving strategic regional and national connectivity, particularly for hauliers. Heavy goods vehicles account for a quarter of all traffic on the road and any delays to journeys can have an extremely negative effect on business and commerce, including lost working time and missed shipment slots.
- **Tourism** – Improving access to key tourist destinations such as the North Pennines and Lake District.
- **Community** – Re-connecting communities and providing better links between settlements along the route as well as improving access to services such as healthcare, employment areas and education.
- **Capacity** – Reducing delays and queues during busy periods and improving the performance of key junctions such as the A66/A6 and the M6 junction 40.
- **Increasing reliability** – An improved A66, with consistent speed limits, will lead to less accidents which, in turn, makes the road more reliable. Also, having a dual carriageway provides the option to close lanes where required due to accidents or break downs and still keep traffic moving.

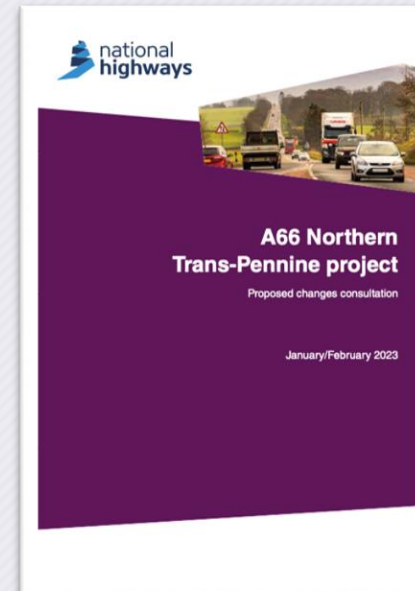


“To complete the dualling of the A66 from A1(M) J53 Scotch Corner and M6 J40 Penrith.”



Project update

- § SoS DCO decision was granted on 7 March 2024.
- § Archaeology investigations ongoing.
- § Work has started to divert a gas pipe from alongside of the A66.
- § The legal challenge period has now concluded and awaiting the outcome of that.
- § Design work is continuing and engagement with local landowners and impacted stakeholders.
- Construction start – late 2024.



Social Value – A66

- § We've got a target of £150m worth of social value which needs to be generated as part of the A66 scheme. To date we've generated over £11m worth of social value.
- § On top of this we've also successfully received money for four separate social value bids via the National Highways social value bid
 - § Carlisle youth zone
 - § Teachers Encounter
 - § Catterick Garson Veterans
 - § Newton Rigg



140 Careers Events/talks delivered



85 hours of equality, diversity and inclusion training



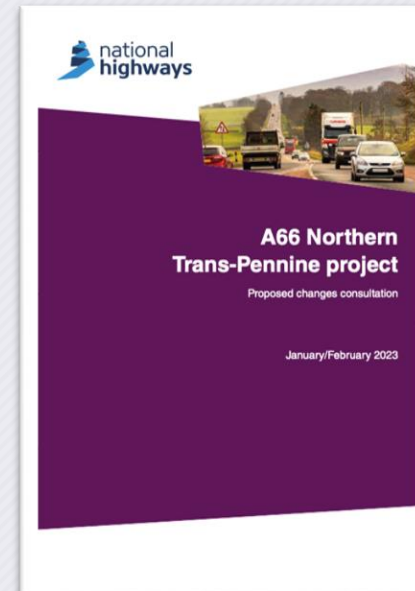
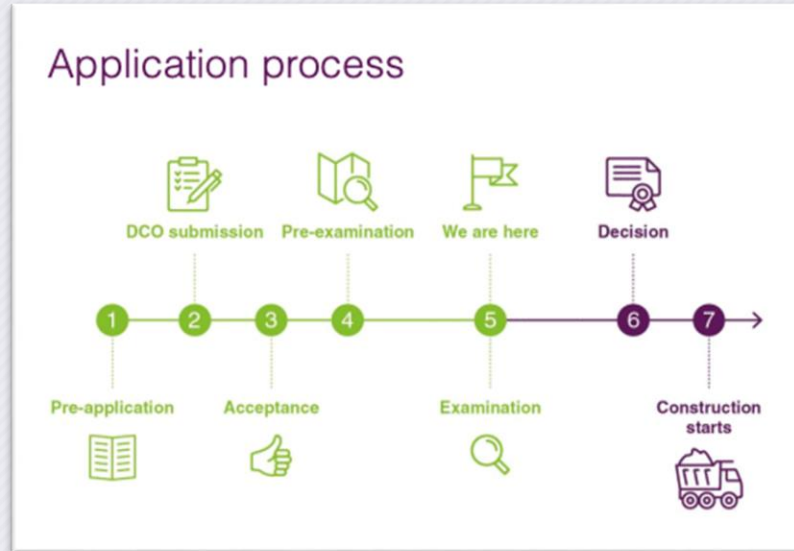
£6,376,694.27 spent with diverse and start up or micro businesses



174 hrs of Volunteering

What's next

- § Accommodation strategy is being developed.
- § Re-engaging stakeholders on the eastern side of the scheme.
- § Continued engagement with local landowners on the western side involving designs.
- § Building positive relationships with local organisations and charities to continue to leave a lasting legacy.



Find out more



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