

A5036

Port of Liverpool access

Preferred route announcement



Introduction

The A5036 Port of Liverpool access scheme is part of our continued programme of investment into motorways and major A-roads. Once completed, the scheme will improve road access to the Port of Liverpool.

The Port of Liverpool is already the busiest port in the North West and, with a new deep-sea container berth known as Liverpool2, it is set to become even busier. That's great news for jobs and the regional economy but this growth depends upon freight being able to access the port.

Why is the scheme needed?

The A5036 between the port and the M57/M58 Switch Island interchange is already congested. This situation will get worse as the area is developed.

The scheme is vital since it will reduce congestion – providing the right road system for the expansion of the port and other developments in the area. It'll also improve road safety and ensure people's journeys are more reliable.

We aim to:

- improve the traffic conditions on the main link between the Port of Liverpool and the motorway network to facilitate economic growth
- improve safety for all road users and road workers
- reduce requirements for future maintenance interventions
- minimise the detrimental environmental effects and seek to protect and enhance the environment
- improve local connectivity and the local network for all types of road user
- provide value for money

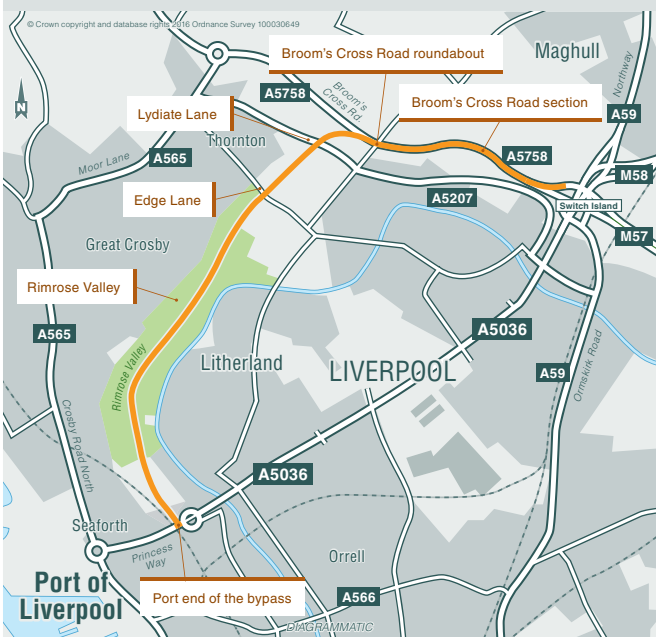
Public consultation

We held a 6 week public consultation starting Monday 16 January 2017 and closing Monday 27 February 2017 which presented two options:

Option A – upgrading the existing A5036 road with junction improvements at Hawthorne Road, Netherton Way and Copy Lane. At the Hawthorne Road and Copy Lane junctions, additional capacity will be provided by widening the existing A5036 to allow three lanes through the junction in both directions. At the Netherton Way junction, additional capacity will be provided with the construction of a new signalised roundabout with through lanes for the A5036.



Option B – a new dual carriageway bypass through the Rimrose Valley connecting Princess Way to Broom's Cross Road. A new signalised roundabout will be provided at the junction between Broom's Cross Road, Brickwall Lane and the new bypass. Broom's Cross Road will be upgraded to dual carriageway from this point to the junction with Switch Island. Edge Lane and Lydiate Lane will be diverted onto new bridges over the new bypass.



During the consultation period we held 6 public exhibition events for local residents, businesses and stakeholders where we provided more information about our proposals.

Responses to the public consultation

The exhibitions were attended by over 700 visitors. In total 2229 responses were received, including 512 postal questionnaires and 377 emails and letters. 72% of questionnaires were received online using the scheme's webpage.

Overall 44% of consultees preferred Option A, 31% of consultees preferred Option B, 9% rejected both options and 16% expressed no preference.

We also received 28 telephone calls via Sefton Communities Against Roads opposing Option B and a petition from residents of Church Road containing 779 signatures opposing Option A. As neither expressed support for an option they are not included in the figures above however, these views were considered as part of the selection process for the preferred route.

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We have selected Option B for improving road access to the Port of Liverpool.

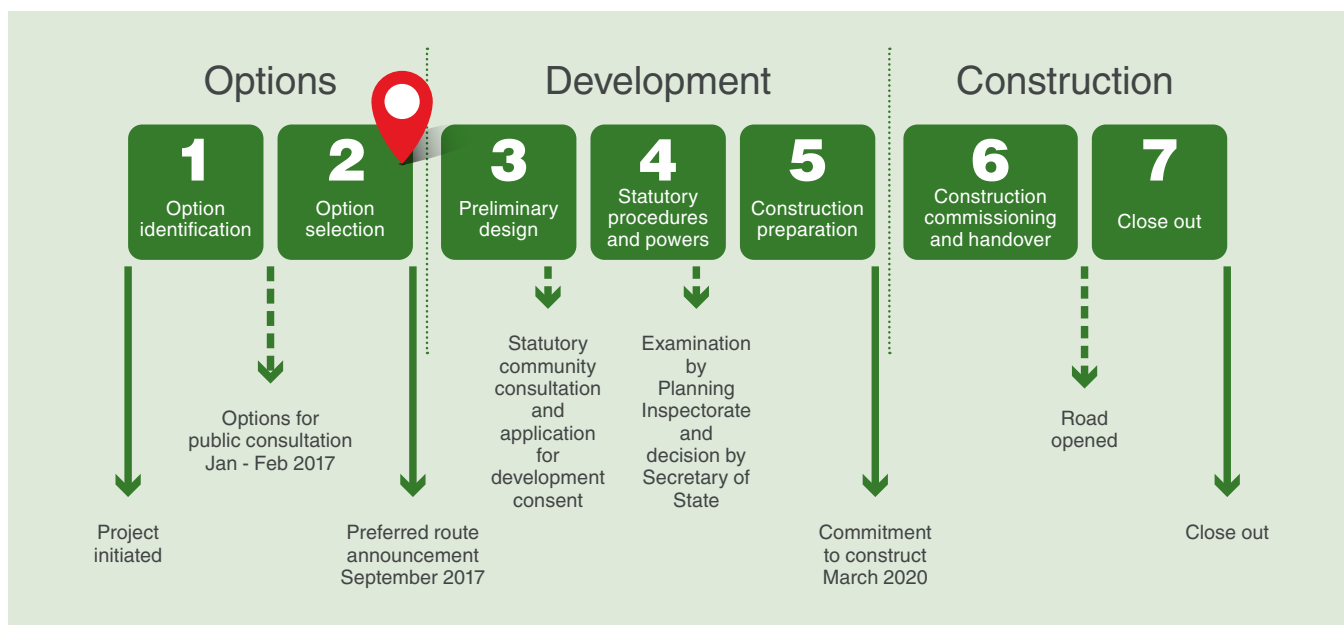
We carefully considered a number of factors when selecting this option. Public consultation responses, value for money and safety were all taken into account. Although Option B is more expensive than Option A, it will provide extra capacity needed for growth further into the future.

The proposed Option A did not solve congestion problems for the same length of time. During the consultation period further development plans for sites along the current A5036 were submitted to Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council which, if approved, would lead to further pressures on the route.

Next steps

The timeline below shows what will happen at each stage of the scheme. We are currently at the end of Stage 2 'option selection' which concludes with this preferred route announcement. Now we've announced our preferred route, we will carry out surveys and investigations to allow us to design the scheme in more detail.

We currently expect to start on site no later than March 2020.



Further information

For more information please visit our website where you can also sign up for email alerts whenever the web page is updated: www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a5036-port-of-liverpool-access

If you have any queries about this scheme please contact the project team directly by calling **0300 470 6105** or emailing A5036PortofLiverpool@highwaysengland.co.uk

For technical information about this scheme our **Scheme Assessment Report** is available upon request. Please contact us using the details above if you'd like a copy.

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