

M56 New Junction 11a

Public consultation

The scheme

In autumn 2014, the government announced the first Road Investment Strategy which included a new junction between junctions 11 and 12 on the M56. The purpose of the additional junction is to create an improved link to the new Mersey Gateway Bridge from the south. The new junction would provide both local and regional benefits.

The new Mersey Gateway bridge represents a £2Bn investment with economic, transport and social benefits, including 4,640 new jobs, reduction in journey times of up to 10 minutes and improvements to public transport facilities. The new junction M56 J11a will play a role in increasing the benefits of the Mersey Gateway, as well as providing better access locally to the M56.

The options

Option A – Upgrading Murdishaw roundabout into a through-about

Option B – Converting Murdishaw roundabout into a signalised crossroad

Your input means a lot to us

The two options have been developed following the public awareness exhibition in September 2016.

Over 300 people attended the event and provided a range of comments that were considered when we were shortlisting the options.

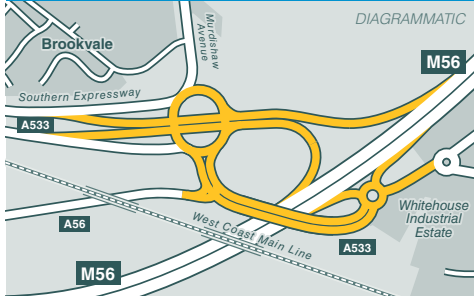
We're now launching the public consultation on the shortlisted options. We'd like to hear your views on the options, as well as views from local government and businesses.

The consultation will help us further refine options and select the best performing option to take forward to the next stage of design.

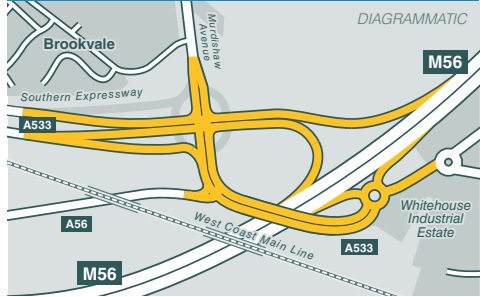
This is your opportunity to tell us what you think of the proposals, what works, what concerns you may have, and give us any local or specialist knowledge that may help us to improve the options.

The consultation will run for 6 weeks, starting Monday 16 January 2017 and closing Monday 27 February 2017.

Option A – Through-about



Option B – Crossroads



How to respond

Please respond using one of the following methods by 27 February 2017.

Online: complete the questionnaire online at <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m56-new-junction-11a/>

A **printable questionnaire** can be downloaded from <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m56-new-junction-11a/>. It includes instructions on how to return it to us.

Email: you can email your response to M56NewJunction11A@highwaysengland.co.uk

Post: you can write to us at **M56 New Junction 11A, Highways England, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD**

If a response is sent to any address other than the ones set out above, we can't guarantee that it will be considered as part of the consultation process.

All responses should be returned by 27 February 2017.

Public exhibitions

We are holding public exhibitions to provide information about the scheme and answer any of your questions:

- **Monday 23 January, 3pm to 8pm**
Murdishaw Community Centre
Barnfield Ave, Runcorn, WA7 6EP
- **Saturday 28 January, 10am to 4pm**
Preston Book Village Hall
Sandy Lane, Preston Brook, Runcorn, WA7 3AW
- **Tues 31 January, 10.30am to 1.30pm**
Halton General Hospital
Hospital Way, Runcorn, WA7 2DA
- **Wednesday 1 February, 4pm to 8pm**
Holiday Inn Runcorn
Wood Lane, Beechwood, WA7 3HA

We look forward to seeing you at the exhibitions.

If you have any queries about this improvement scheme please contact the project team directly by calling **0300 470 2733** or emailing M56NewJunction11A@highwaysengland.co.uk