



**A595 Grizebeck transport
improvement**

**Summary consultation
report**

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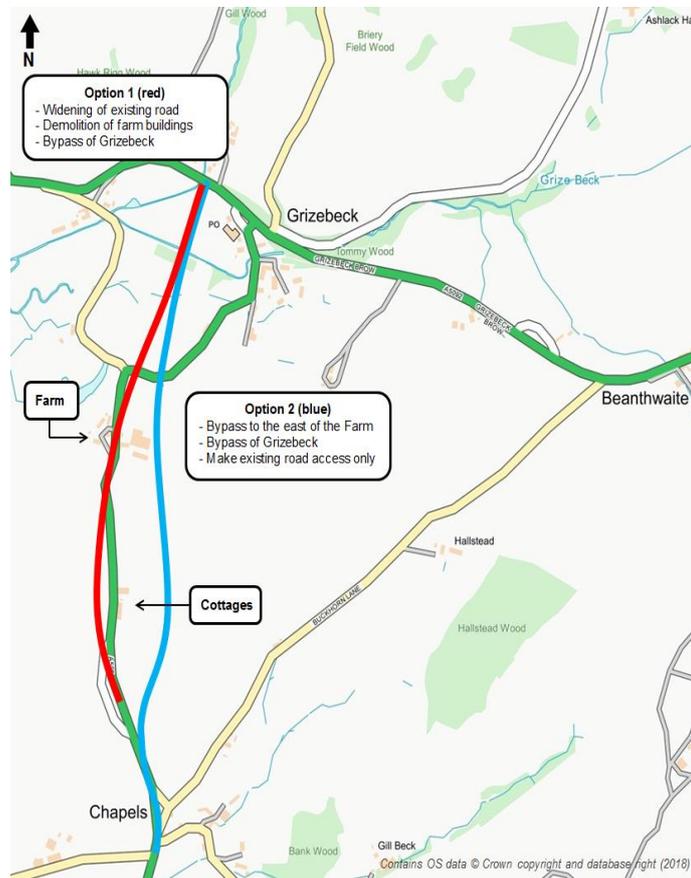
Introduction

Cumbria County Council developing improvements to the A595 to the south of Grizebeck. The objectives of the improvements are to address the journey time, reliability, safety and severance issues as a result of the poor road width and alignment between Chapels and Grizebeck.

A consultation exercise was undertaken to hear the views of stakeholders on improvements to the A595 at Grizebeck. The feedback will be used to inform the selection of a preferred option and feed into the business case needed to secure funding.

Two routes were presented at the consultation: the red route, and the blue route.

The red route is mainly an online widening option, while the blue route provides a new link to the east of Dove Ford farm and the cottages at Dove Bank. Both options provide a new link past the village, meeting the A595 at a new junction to the west of the existing junction.



This document summarises the consultation process undertaken, and the feedback related to the consultation.

The consultation

A public consultation was held between 19 October and 16 November 2018. A consultation document was created to provide information about the two routes, alongside large plans showing the options. Information was shown at public consultation events and on the project website.

Public consultation drop-in events

Public consultation drop-in events were held at Grizebeck Community Hall on 19 October and 7 November 2018. The events were staffed by the project team to provide further information and answer questions.

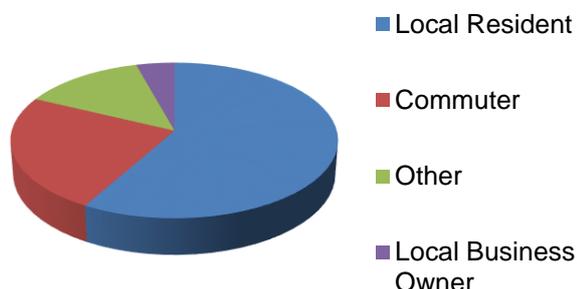
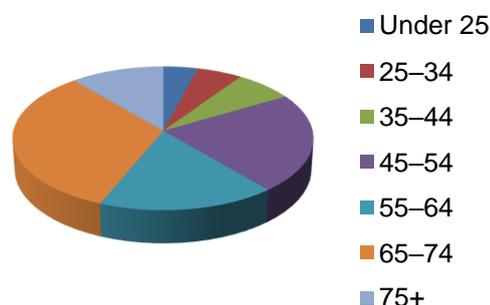
A feedback form was made available so people could respond. The feedback form was on the project website, and hard copies with a freepost return address were at the drop-in events and at other places in the local area. In addition, the project team made notes of the issues discussed during the events.

These themes have been summarised to give a general summary of the comments made during the consultation.

312 people signed in at the two public consultation drop-in events. People attending the events were primarily from Grizebeck and the surroundings area. The feedback form was completed by 258 people.

Age and location of people responding

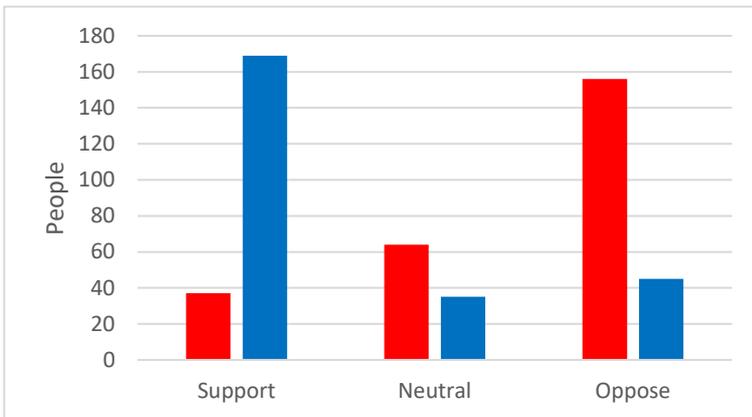
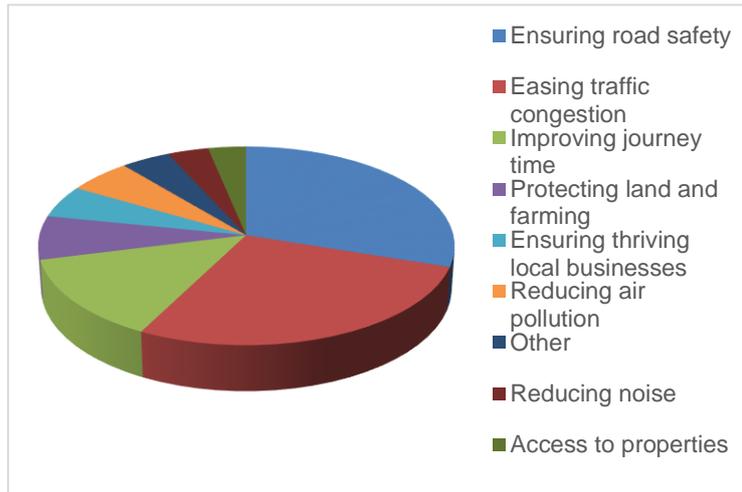
The feedback engaged a mix of ages. The ages of people who responded were slightly skewed towards older generations, in line with the local population. Slightly more responses were received from males than females.



Most people who responded were local residents or commuted through the area. The majority of people live in Grizebeck and surrounding settlements in South and West Cumbria.

Scheme priorities

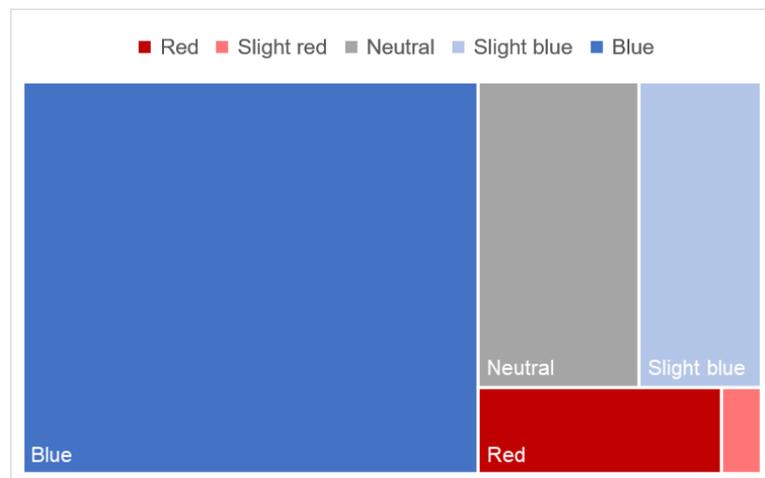
When asked to choose their top three priorities from the list of options, most people picked the need for the scheme to ensure road safety, ease traffic congestion and improve journey times on the A595.



Route preference

The results show that nearly four times as many people support the blue route compared to those that oppose it. Conversely, more than four times as many people oppose the red route compared to those that support it.

When given a choice between the two route options, most people strongly preferred the blue route compared to the red route, and three quarters of people prefer the blue route overall.

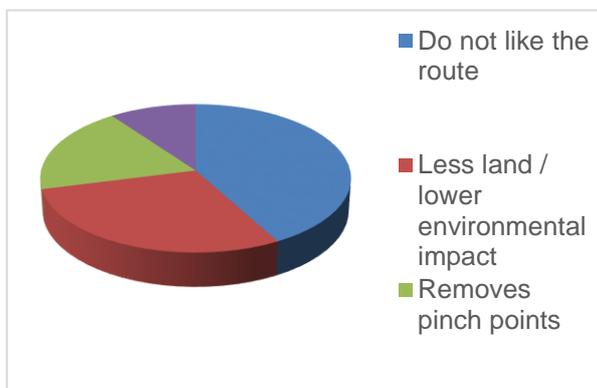


Comment themes

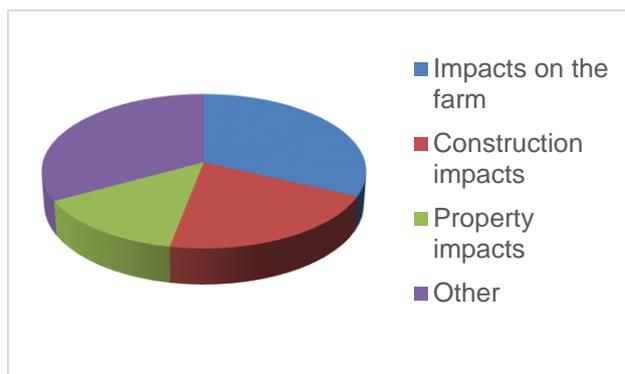
Comments were reviewed to identify themes within each comment. Where a comment covered multiple topics, the comment was split into separate themes. A summary of the responses to each question is shown below.

Q5: Please tell us what you like about the red route

For question five, most people said they did not like the route. Positive comments related to lower environmental impacts, and the removal of pinch points.



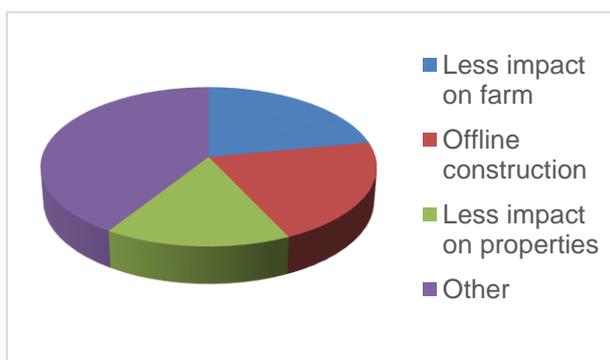
Q6: Please tell us what you do not like about the red route



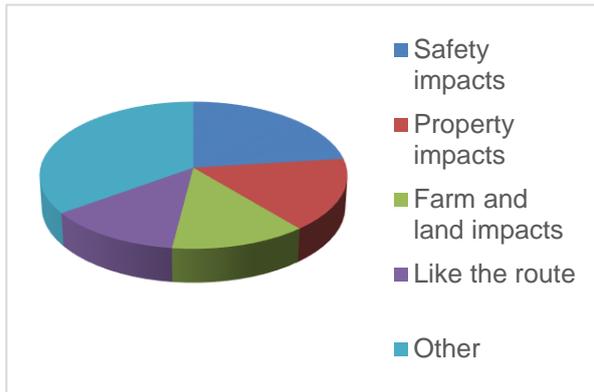
For question six, people said they did not like the farm and other property impacts, and the impacts that building the route would have on existing traffic.

Q8: Please tell us what you like about the blue route

For question eight, people said that the offline construction of the blue route was positive, as well as lower agricultural impacts.



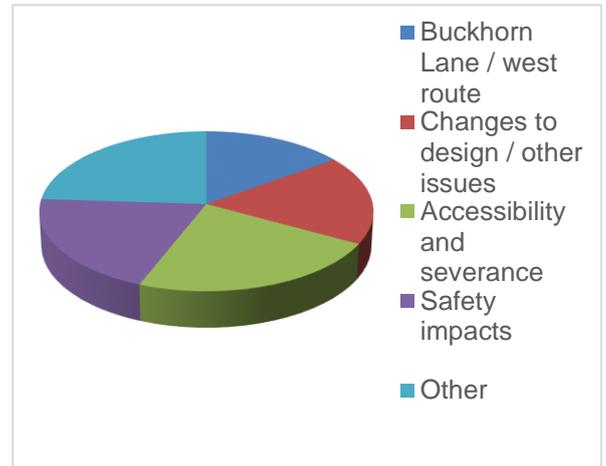
Q9: Please tell us what you do not like about the blue route



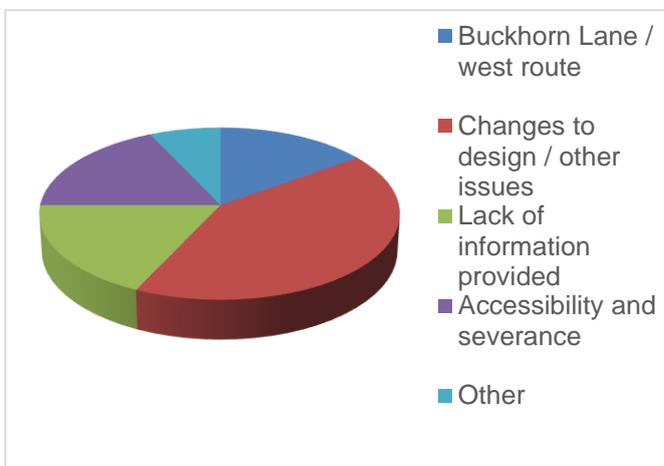
For question nine, people said that the safety impacts of the scheme were important, and that people were concerned about the impacts on the farm and residential properties.

Q11: Provide any further comments, in particular any specific issues or opportunities you would like to see addressed, or any concerns you may have

For question 11, people raised a wide range of issues. These included the need to think about different route options, changes to the options, and other areas of the highway network that require improvement. People also raised issues relating to the impact of traffic through the village and safety.



Q16: Is there any additional information that you think would be helpful?



For question 16, people said that other routes should be considered, issues related to the scheme design were raised, or other areas or issues that require improvement were identified, including vehicle speeds. A number of people thought that further information was required, although the scheme is only at the early stages of development.

Summary of consultation

Overall, the results of the public consultation show a preference for the blue route.

The results showed opposition to the red route. People recognised that the route removes constraints and uses less land, but the option would impact on farming, nearby properties and construction.

The results showed support for the blue route. People said that the offline construction was beneficial, it had lower impacts on the farm, and positive impacts for some properties in the area. The key concerns raised included safety impacts, negative impacts on nearby properties, and access to land.

Other information that was received concerned the need to consider other issues in South and West Cumbria, to look at other route options, and to consider design changes for the options. Other key issues raised were about safety, accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, and construction impacts.

Next steps

The comments that included suggestions for improvements for the route options have been recorded. These will be considered and taken into account where practical and possible as the scheme is developed in the future.

The preference for the blue route will be used to help decide the preferred route. The decision will consider feedback from statutory authorities, interest organisations, and the general public separately, alongside other technical work. The decision of preferred route and the evidence used to support this decision will be provided in the preferred route report.

Further public consultation will be undertaken on the outline proposal if funding is secured in the future before submission of a planning application.