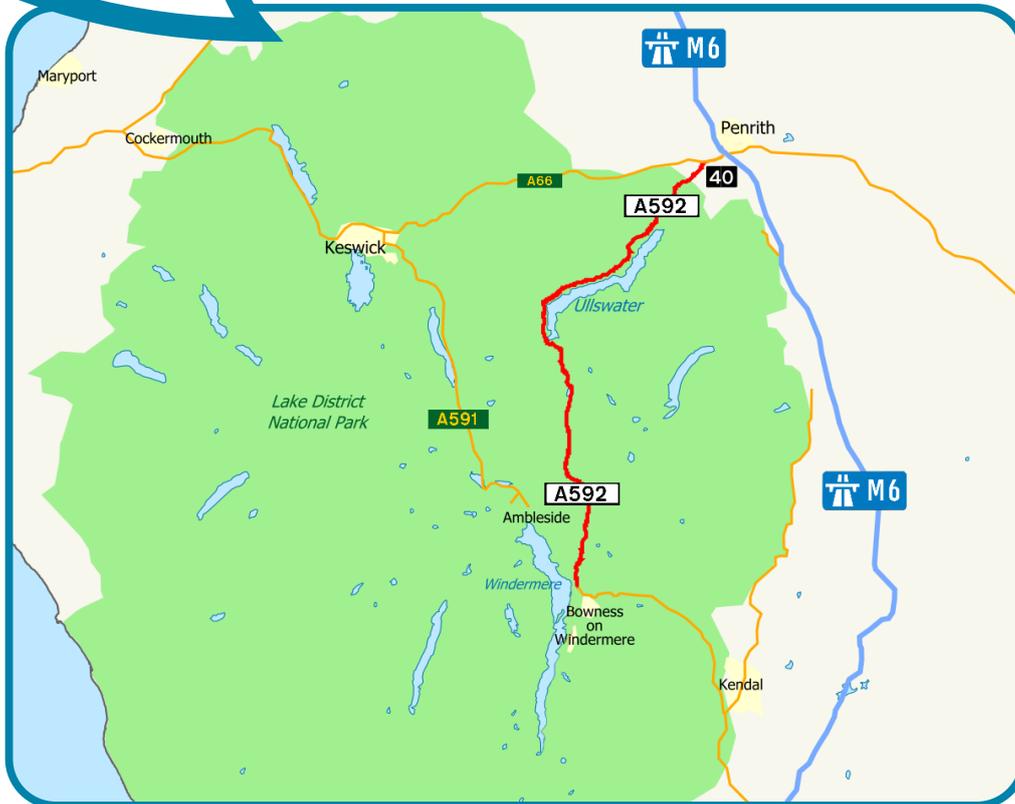


A592 Road Safety Improvements



Inside this booklet, you will find more information about the DfT Safer Roads Project on the A592

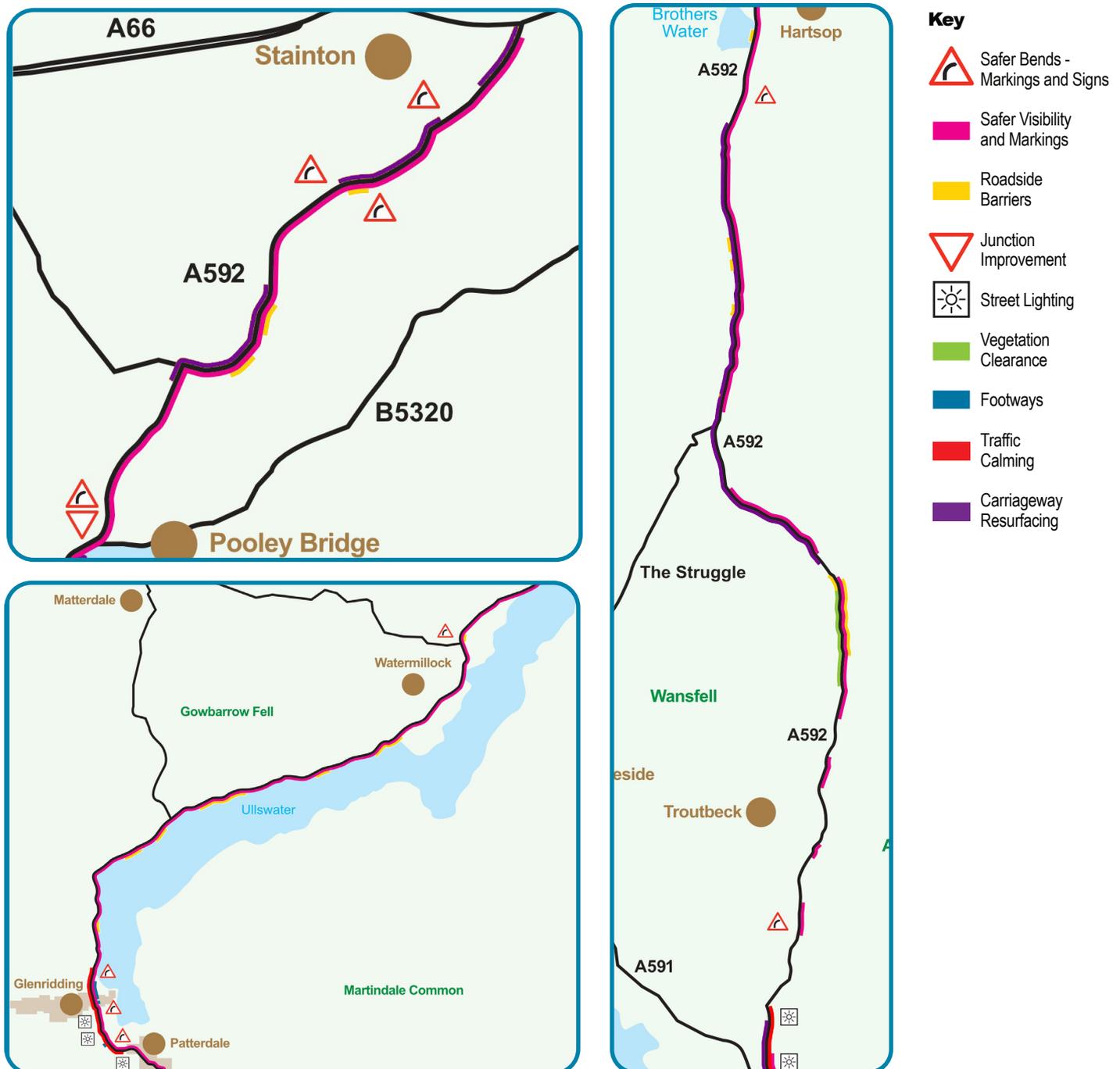
DfT Safer Roads Project A592 | Q & As

Why are we doing these works?

The A592 (38km) was identified as part of the Department for Transport (DfT) research as requiring improvements to make the road safer. This was based on surveys of the road as well as reviewing accident data. Previously, road safety measures tended to be 'reactive' – in other words making safety improvements after a collision. This method is more **proactive**, looking at the infrastructure of a road **to make safety improvements before a collision happens**.

What kind of work/safety measure will I see on the A592?

The scheme on the A592 will see a number of safety works including replacing and installing new signage such as hazard signs for a bend, and new black and white chevron signs. Verge markers will also be installed to **assist drivers**, as well as new crash barriers in locations where there is a risk of vehicles leaving the road. Road surfacing will be **improved** along with **improvements to road markings**.



New Road Signs, and Lining



New verge markers – improved delineation particularly in poor visibility



Example of Verge Markers (A684)

New road surfacing - Surfacing with better grip than standard in some locations



New crash barriers ('Vehicle Restraint Systems' – VRS)

With regards to sensitivity around design, will we use standard barriers or something in keeping with the environment?

We are very mindful of the beauty of the area, and its status as a National Park and World Heritage Site. We need to install crash barriers to make the route safer, but we will use barriers that are wood-clad in places and at Kirkstone Pass, a dry-stone wall type barrier is proposed.



What are the timescales for the physical work?

The works are likely to start in autumn 2021 and will be phased in sections over 2-3 years, due to the length of route, complexity of interventions and periods where we cannot work (e.g. winter months on Kirkstone Pass, avoiding some school holidays). Unfortunately some disruption is inevitable. We are therefore planning to use websites, social media, text message alerts, printed material and signage to give people as much advanced warning as possible of upcoming works.

How will the works affect my journey on the A592?

We understand the **key importance of this route**, not just for the residents and businesses in the area, but also for the tourists who come to visit the area. We are working hard to determine how to **deliver the measures** safely with the **least amount of disruption**. Some works will be able to take place with either 'stop/go' boards, temporary traffic lights, or through overnight works. However, other works will require road closures in places, in particular works on Kirkstone Pass. Whenever a road closure is needed, we will **ensure advance notice** is provided to **make as many people aware as possible**, we will also ensure **clear signage** is in place for diversion routes.

How will these works affect my business if the road is closed?

We will work closely and communicate with local businesses in advance of works taking place and **do our best to minimise disruption**. We will also use signage to let visitors know that **businesses are open as usual** and how they can access them.



Is the speed limit along the road something that will be considered for change?

At the moment we are not looking at changing the speed limit along any of the route, however, we are keeping this under review. At key locations we are considering traffic calming measures where there is currently a conflict with vehicles and pedestrians in particular.

Is Stybarrow Crag ('Falling Rocks') just before Glenridding being considered as part of this scheme?

The funding we have available from DfT is to cover specific items. Unfortunately, the issue at Stybarrow Crag was not identified by the DfT and therefore was not covered by the funding allocation. However, we acknowledge there are safety issues and we are working with local interested parties to identify a solution for that area and how it could be funded. As this element progresses, we will provide updates on this page.

Where can I find out more information?

- More FAQs can be found on the county council's Safer Roads A592 website which will be kept up to date – just Google 'Safer Roads Cumbria'.
- We will use the Council's social media pages – Facebook and Twitter
- We will be leafleting the local area with newsletters as the scheme progresses.
- Notice boards will be installed in strategic locations along the route
- General Enquiries - to answer specific questions and concerns via a dedicated mailbox: **A592@cumbria.gov.uk**
- Mailing List - If you would like to receive direct updates via the A592 Project mailing list please send your name and email address to: **A592@cumbria.gov.uk**. You can stop receiving these updates and have your contact details removed from the mailing list at any time.
- Public Information Sessions – we are looking to host Public Information Sessions in September. Dates and venues will be advertised on our Facebook, Twitter pages as well as on our website.