



Cumbria County Council
**Department for Transport
Road Safety Fund
A592
Public Engagement
June 2021**

Background

- The Department for Transport (DfT) made a Road Safety Fund available to carry out safety upgrades on sections of 50 roads nationwide, which they have classed as being dangerous.
- The report looked at length of road, 'Killed and Seriously Injured' accident data, and traffic flow
- 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.

Funding Outcome

- In Cumbria, the A592 and the A684 were identified.
- Following the review, the DfT and CCC investigated what safety improvements could be implemented on both roads.
- Approximate costs were worked out, and this was the basis for the funding allocation.
- For the A592, the Council was awarded £7.44m; and just under £2m for the A684.

Types of Safety Feature

- New Road Signs, and Lining



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- New crash barriers ('Vehicle Restraint Systems' – VRS)
- 2 styles in keeping with the environment – wooden-fronted barriers, and dry-stone wall style



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- New verge markers – improved delineation particularly in poor visibility



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- Traffic calming measures & pedestrian safety improvements – example visualisations below



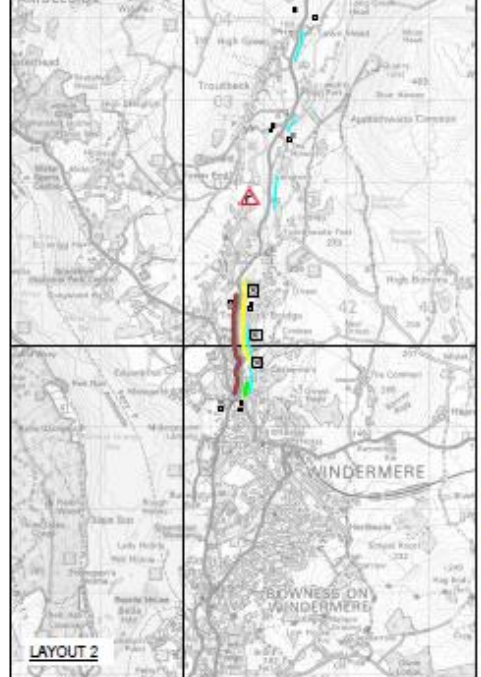
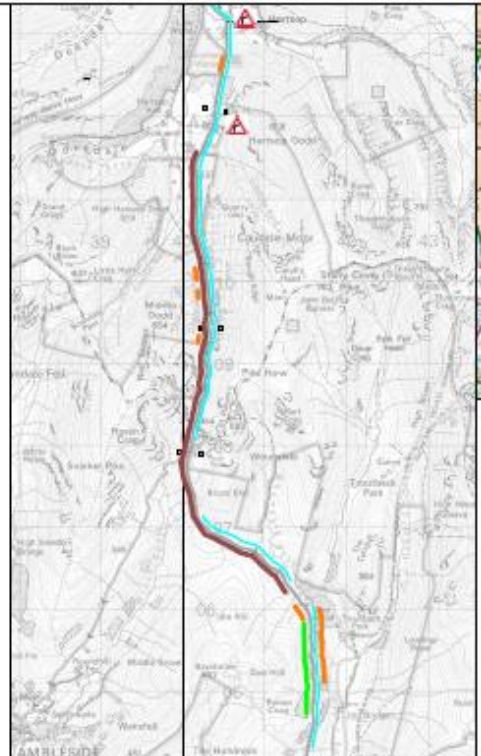
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- New road surfacing
- Surfacing with better grip than standard in some locations





LAYOUT 1



LAYOUT 2

Public Engagement

- Some public sessions were held pre-Covid with very early plans.
- CCC met recently with stakeholders including local members and local committee, parishes, District Councils, National Trust, Natural England and Environment Agency
- Now holding virtual engagement sessions, and as Covid restrictions ease, face to face sessions
- We are keen to share our plans with the public and businesses and consider any feedback on the scheme

Physical Works

- We are working on a programme of works on the road, to minimise disruption as much as possible
- Some works can be done with temporary traffic lights, other works will require road closures, in particular the Kirkstone Pass
- We will ensure all works are clearly advertised and diversions well sign-posted.
- Works will be phased over 2-3 years
- We are combining other highways works (maintenance) to coincide with any traffic management to maximise works completed

Where to find information

- The Council website 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.
- We are asking our partners to help share information on their own websites and social media
- Notice boards will be installed in strategic locations along the route
- We are asking parishes to publish news updates in their newsletters

Questions?

- Please raise your virtual hand (click on the icon at the top)
- Or type your question into the chat function
- If you have any further questions after this session, please email A592@cumbria.gov.uk