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The consultation is to gather views on the design for the proposed improvement to the Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction on the A595 at Bothel.

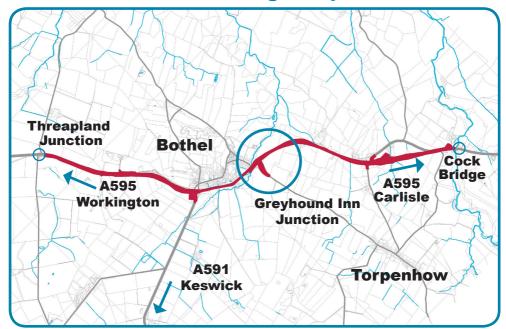
The proposed improvement to the A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction is part of a wider scheme to improve 5km of the A595 from Cock Bridge to Threapland Junction (A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement) which has been consulted upon previously in November 2018 and June 2019.

Due to the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 it is not possible to hold face-to-face public events. Two 'Virtual Q and A' events will be held via Microsoft Teams at the following times:

Monday 18 January 2:30 – 4.00 pm Wednesday 20 January 5:30 – 7:00 pm

For more details please visit: cumbria.gov.uk/a595bothel

A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement



Progress

The A595 is a key strategic route connecting Carlisle and West Cumbria. In 2016 a study looked at the key A595 corridor and recommended that an improvement on the A595 between Thursby and Cockermouth was required. Cumbria County Council has undertaken further scheme development to support the selection of options for this section of road. Since 2018 Cumbria County Council has been focussed on the identification of a potential scheme in the vicinity of Bothel that would provide the best opportunity to attract funding and to deliver a significant improvement for the A595.

Two public consultations have been held in November 2018 and June 2019. The scheme presented at the June 2019 consultation included:

- Climbing lanes to the south west of Bothel in both directions
- Reconfigured A595/A591 Junction
- Reconfigured Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction
- Realignment at Overgates
- Offline realignment between Kirkland Green Junction and Cock Bridge/Torpenhow Junction

Based on the initial designs of what the scheme might look like and further technical appraisal, an application was made in August 2019 to the Department for Transport's (DfT) Major Road Fund. A decision on this application is still awaited and therefore funding to construct the A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement is not yet agreed.

A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction Improvement

The application to Department for Transport (DfT) requested funding to undertake further scheme development to get the A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement ready for the submission of a planning application and undertake the statutory processes. Until funding from the DfT for the A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement is agreed this work could not start.

However, in response to Covid 19, the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government launched the 'Getting Building Fund'. This fund is being administered by the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership (CLEP). The CLEP have agreed to provide £5m of the Getting Building Fund to be used to undertake further design work and environmental assessment to allow the submission of a planning application and to undertake the statutory processes ready to ensure that the scheme is 'shovel ready' should funding (from DfT's Major Roads Fund) be agreed.

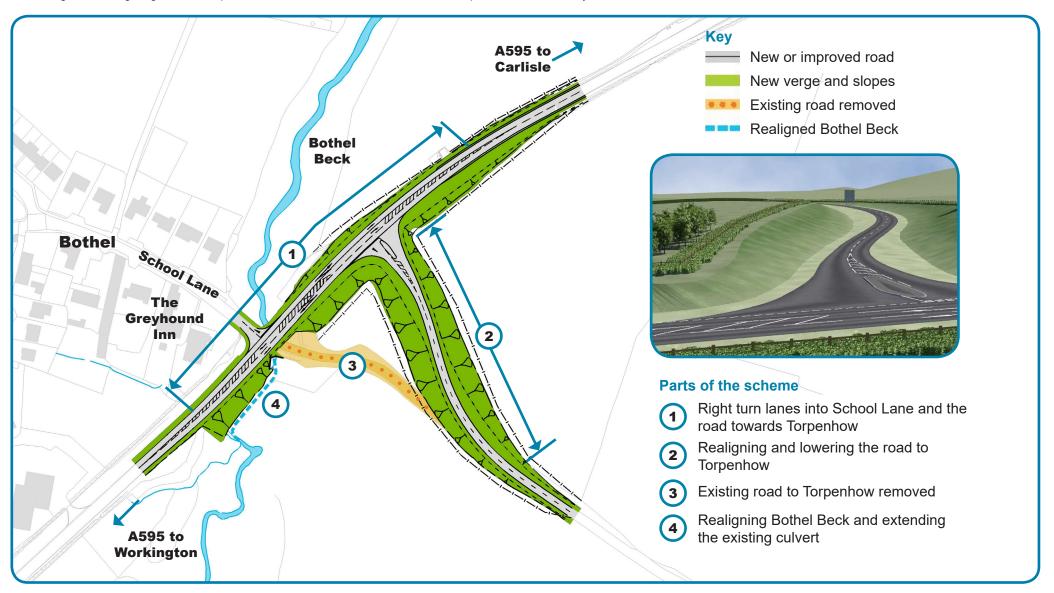
Importantly the £5m will enable the early reconstruction of the A595 Greyhound Inn/ Torpenhow Junction. This junction was seen as a priority for the local community. Of the 88 responses received to the public consultation in June 2019, 85% of respondents were very satisfied/ satisfied with the proposal to improve this junction.

The feedback received from this public consultation will be used to help shape the details for the A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction. Subject to planning permission being granted, the reconstruction of the A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction could be completed and opened in early 2022.



Consultation on the A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction

The A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction will change from an existing crossroads into a staggered priority junction with ghost islands. This will allow traffic to wait at the ghost islands before turning right into the minor roads. This will improve the flow of traffic as well as the general safety for all road users. This alteration to the A595 Greyhound Inn/Torpenhow Junction as well as lowering the existing height of the Torpenhow Road and a section of the A595 will improve forward visibility from each of the side roads.



Have your say

If possible, please respond online at cumbria.gov.uk/a595bothel

If you do not have internet access, please complete the following questionnaire and return it to FREEPOST CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL by **27 January 2021.**

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| Do you have any further comments to make on the junction improvement? | | | | | | |
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Please note a separate public consultation exercise will take place in Spring 2021 on the A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement (Cock Bridge to Threapland Junction).

| About you | | | | | |
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| Postcode | | | | | |
| Interest in the scheme: Resident | | | | | |
| Age Under 16 □ 16 to 24 □ 25 to 34 □ 35 to 44 □ 45 to 54 □ 55 to 64 □ 65 to 74 □ Over 75 □ | | | | | |
| Are you disabled Yes No Prefer not to say | | | | | |
| About this consultation Information provided in this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with access to information regimes. These are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004. Under the FOI, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals with our confidentiality obligations amongst other things. | | | | | |
| Did we provide enough information for you to properly respond? Yes □ No □ Partially □ | | | | | |
| Did the questionnaire allow you to express your opinions fully? Yes □ No □ Partially □ | | | | | |
| Do you have any further comments on the consultation process (not the proposals themselves)? | | | | | |
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We need your feedback by 27 January 2021

Please visit us online to find out more: cumbria.gov.uk/a595bothel

Next Steps

Your feedback will be reviewed and changes made to the scheme where possible.

Further public consultation is planned in Spring 2021 for the A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement (Cock Bridge to Threapland Junction) before a planning application is submitted in Summer 2021.

Construction of the A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement is dependent on Cumbria County Council obtaining the necessary planning and statutory approvals and securing the funding from the Department for Transport.

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