

The A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road



Background Information....

The A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road is a proposed new road, connecting the A6 at Hazel Grove to Manchester Airport via the existing A555.

We are consulting on the road scheme in two phases. In this first phase we are asking for views on options for the scheme to help determine a preferred scheme. A second phase will follow where we will seek your views on the preferred scheme, prior to a planning application for the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road.

This is one of two leaflets that will form the first phase of consultation. This first leaflet gives a snapshot of the scheme and explains how you can find out more and get involved in shaping the proposals. The second leaflet will be delivered to you later in October and will give further information on the junction options we are consulting on. This second leaflet will also include a freepost questionnaire so you can comment on the proposals.

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The A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road is a proposed east-west dual carriageway. It will link the A6 at Hazel Grove to the eastern end of the existing A555 at Woodford Road, Bramhall, and from the western end of the existing A555 at Wilmslow Road, Handforth, to Manchester Airport. Approximately 10 km of two-lane dual carriageway would be constructed. The scheme includes plans for a separate cycle/pedestrian route adjacent to the new road and the existing length of the A555.

Funding for the scheme has now been identified. This means that we are in a position to develop further the design for the Relief Road in consultation with the local community. The agreed design will then be subject to a future planning application.

The A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road is being promoted by Stockport, Cheshire East and Manchester City councils.

Why it is needed

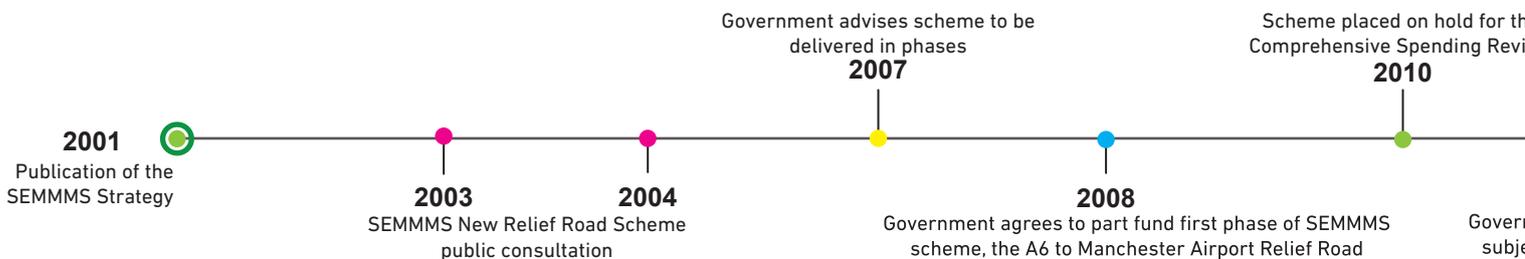
There is currently no direct east-west transport link through south-east Greater Manchester. The lack of this connection is contributing to congestion on major and minor roads. This means that people and goods cannot move easily, directly and efficiently through south-east Greater Manchester.

The congestion being created is constraining the local economy, affecting air quality in local areas and reducing access to key destinations. These problems will become significantly worse in the future if no action is taken. The A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road has been identified as the best solution to address this problem, as part of the overall South East Manchester Multi-Modal Strategy (SEMMMS).

Subject to planning approval, completion of the Relief Road is predicted to deliver significant benefits to the local economies of Stockport, Cheshire East and Manchester, including employment benefits with improved access to local areas, businesses and local and wider road networks.



The story so far The broad route for the Relief Road has been well established in local plans since the 1990s. Specific plans for a Relief Road have been around since 2001 when the South East Manchester Multi-Modal Strategy (SEMMMS) recommended that the three councils work on developing plans for improving transport in the area for the benefit of both local communities and the local economy. These plans have included public transport, walking and cycling improvements over the last ten years.



The benefits it will bring

By improving access, the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road scheme will bring significant benefits:

- **Economic growth** generating additional economic output for the region of up to £2.5 billion and contributing towards the creation of up to 5,000 new jobs;
- **Better access to Manchester Airport and other key destinations** for employment, education, health, leisure and retail;
- **Less traffic on local roads** - reducing congestion on local roads in surrounding areas;
- **Shorter journey times** for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users, car drivers and freight;
- **Improved road safety**, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists by reducing the volume of traffic passing through residential areas; and
- **Increased investment** encouraged in Manchester Airport and Airport City as well as areas of Stockport, Cheshire East and Manchester.



How it will be funded

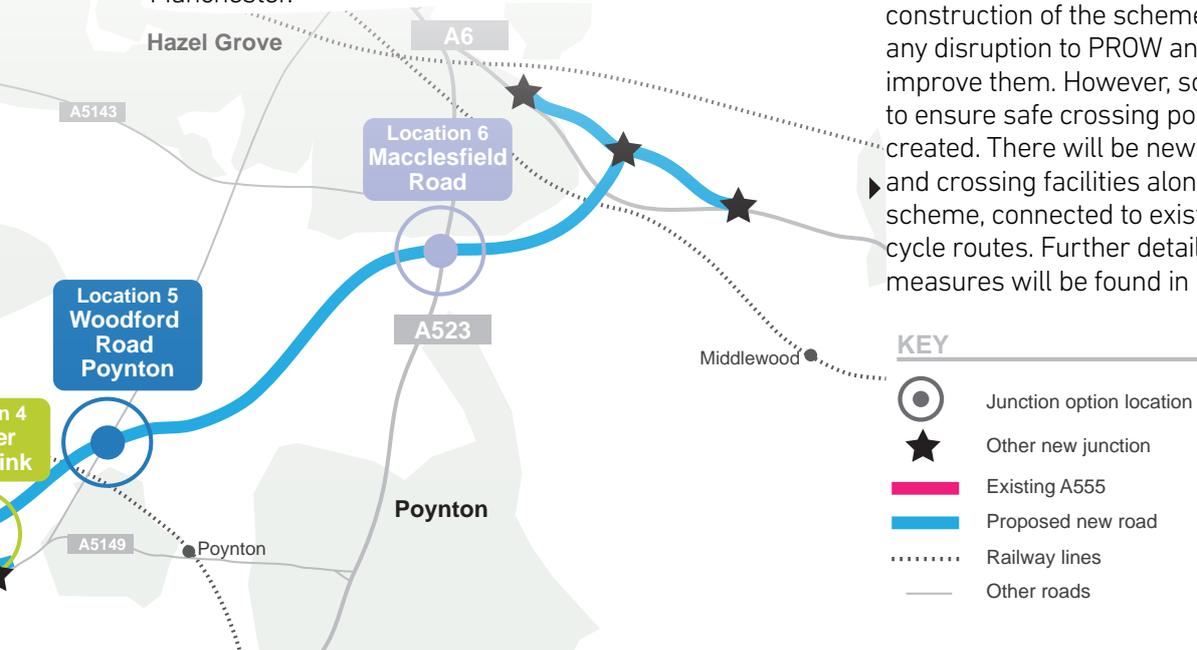
Funding has been identified for the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road. The expected overall cost of the scheme is £290 million. This is made up of a contribution of £165 million from Central Government, with the remainder of the funding being provided by the Greater Manchester Transport Fund.

How the Relief Road will affect the local area

Local Environment - The potential impact on people, wildlife, plants and the landscape has been, and will continue to be studied throughout the development of the scheme. We will take all possible steps to minimise and mitigate the impact on the local environment.

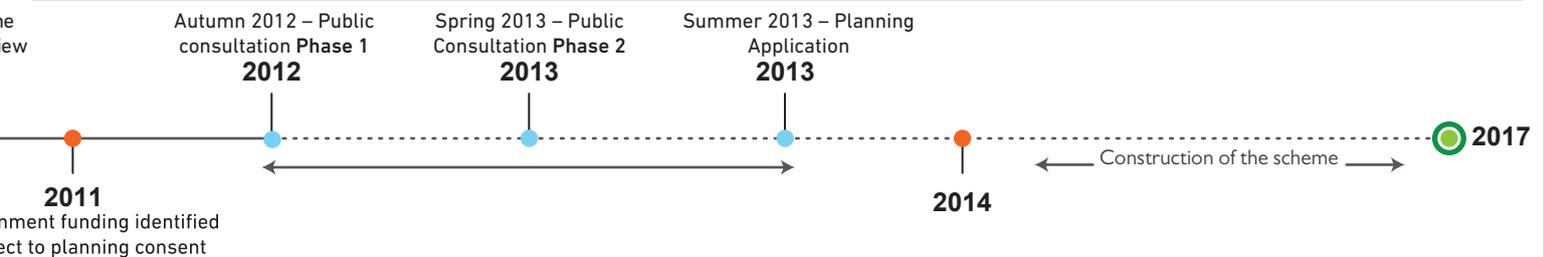
Local Roads - The Relief Road will reduce congestion on local roads in the surrounding areas. However, it is recognised that some areas will see some increases in traffic. We will be developing measures to minimise and mitigate the impact of any increases in traffic as the scheme develops in full consultation with the local communities.

Public Rights of Way - A number of Public Rights of Way (PROW), including footpaths and bridleways along the proposed route, will be affected by the construction of the scheme. It is a priority to minimise any disruption to PROW and, where possible, to improve them. However, some routes will be diverted to ensure safe crossing points to the new road are created. There will be new footways, cycleways and crossing facilities along the entire length of the scheme, connected to existing PROW, and dedicated cycle routes. Further details of PROW mitigation measures will be found in Leaflet 2.



In 2003-2004 we consulted on the 'SEMMMS road scheme' which linked the M60 in north Stockport with Manchester Airport, via Hazel Grove and Poynton, and included the Poynton Relief Road. Feedback from that consultation indicated strong support, with 92% of respondents agreeing that the road scheme was needed to help give traffic relief to local communities and businesses.

Since that time the three councils have been working on how the SEMMMS road schemes can be delivered in phases, and funding has been identified to deliver the first phase of the scheme. This first phase is the 10km A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road. Plans for the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road follow the same alignment as that which was consulted on in 2003-2004.





How you can find out more

We are committed to ensuring that anyone with an interest in the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road has an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

This leaflet provides a snapshot of the proposals. Later in October, a second leaflet will be distributed to you providing further information and details of different options possible for certain junctions along the route, with alternative layout options for you to comment on. A questionnaire will be attached to the next leaflet which you can use to provide your views on the scheme and the different junction options. The questionnaire can be sent back to us FREEPOST or you will be able to respond using the website www.semmms.info

There are a number of ways to find out more about how the scheme will affect your local area and respond to the consultation:

Online: www.semmms.info

By email: semmms.relief.road@stockport.gov.uk

By telephone: 0161 474 2055

By post: SEMMMS Project Team, Stockport Council, Stopford House (Fred Perry House), Stockport, SK1 3YQ

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By visiting an exhibition: held at various locations on the following days:



What happens next?

The first phase of consultation on the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road will take place between 22nd October 2012 and 25th January 2013.

The second leaflet will be distributed to you later in October and will give further information on the junction options we are consulting on. At this stage you will have the opportunity to comment on the proposals. Once you have provided your comments on the proposals, your feedback will be collated and analysed. The results will then be considered by the three councils involved and your views will be taken into account when deciding the next steps, together with any environmental, traffic, engineering and economic considerations.

We will publish the feedback from the consultation in early 2013. After the consultation process is completed, the three councils will consider and agree a preferred option for the scheme, which will then be subject to a second phase of consultation before a planning application is submitted in summer 2013.

Subject to planning approval, construction of the road is expected to take place between 2014 and 2017. We will ensure that the local community is kept fully up to date with the development of the scheme as it progresses.

Exhibitions

HANDFORTH	Handforth Community Centre	Saturday 3rd November 2012 10am to 4pm	Monday 5th November 2012 10am to 8pm
POYNTON	Poynton Civic Hall	Saturday 3rd November 2012 10am to 4pm	Monday 12th November 2012 10am to 8pm
HAZEL GROVE	Hazel Grove Civic Hall	Tuesday 6th November 2012 10am to 8pm	Saturday 24th November 2012 10am to 4pm
WYTHENSHAW	Forum Centre	Thursday 8th November 2012 10am to 8pm	Saturday 17th November 2012 10am to 4pm
HEALD GREEN	Heald Green Civic Hall	Saturday 10th November 2012 11am to 5pm	Friday 23rd November 2012 10am to 8pm
HIGH LANE	High Lane Village Hall	Saturday 10th November 2012 10am to 4pm	Tuesday 13th November 2012 10am to 8pm
WOODFORD	Woodford Community Centre	Thursday 15th November 2012 10am to 8pm	Saturday 1st December 2012 10am to 4pm
BRAMHALL	The Bramley Centre	Saturday 24th November 2012 10am to 4pm	Thursday 29th November 2012 10am to 8pm

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