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# Appendix H

## **Appendix H - Stakeholder Engagement**

### **Introduction**

Stakeholder engagement has been an important component of the Phase 1 consultation on the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road. A variety of methods has been used to engage with stakeholders, including:

- Leaflet/ letter/ email;
- Meetings specific to the scheme;
- Presentations at the meetings of interest groups; and
- Ongoing stakeholder forums for the scheme.

The groups that have been contacted and the responses received are summarised here. Stakeholder engagement has been ongoing throughout the development of the scheme and will continue as the scheme develops.

### **Letters/ leaflets/ emails issued to the following stakeholder groups**

Contact has been made with stakeholder groups via a variety of written methods including email, letter and consultation leaflet. The stakeholder groups with which contact has been made included:

- Adjacent Local Authorities
- Local Politicians
- Business Groups
- District Centre Partnerships/ Local Trade Organisations
- Statutory Regional and Local Bodies
- Freight Organisations
- Parish and Local Councils
- Residents Groups
- Schools
- Land Owners
- Adjacent Land Owners

### **Presentations given**

Local interest and political groups were given the opportunity to request a presentation. The following presentations were held:

- Area Committees (Marple, Stepping Hill, Cheadle, Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South)
- Styal Parish Council
- Handforth Parish Council
- Wilmslow Town Council
- Woodford Community Council
- Woodhouse Park Community Forum
- Poynton Parish Council
- Disley Parish Council and Plan
- High Lane Residents' Association
- High Peak Council Regeneration and Scrutiny Committee
- Cheadle District Centre Partnership
- Bramhall Business and Community Group
- Bramhall Business Breakfast Club
- Cheadle Hulme District Centre Partnership
- Stockport Economic Alliance
- South Manchester Financial and Professional Network

- Poynton Area Management Group
- Wilmslow Area Management Group
- Stockport Town Centre Forum
- Stockport Chamber Breakfast Club
- Bramhall Moor Lane Business Group
- Birdhall Lane Business Group
- Cheshire Local Access Forum
- Stockport Local Access Forum
- Disability Stockport Transport and Access Forum
- Stockport Cycle Users Forum
- Stockport Walking and Equestrian Forum

### **Meetings**

Direct, face to face meetings with key stakeholders were held throughout the consultation period, including:

- Neighbouring Local Authorities: Peak Park, Derbyshire, Trafford, High Peak
- Highways Agency
- Environment Agency

### **Environmental Forum**

The Environmental Forum has been set up specifically for the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road scheme in order to discuss and gather feedback on environmental aspects of the scheme, such as environmental impact, mitigation and landscaping. An Environmental Forum was held during Phase 1 of the consultation. Representatives from the following groups are invited to the Environmental Forum:

- Altrincham History Society
- Butterfly Conservation Cheshire and Peak District Branch
- Campaign for the protection of Rural England
- Cheadle Civic Society
- Cheshire And Wirral Ornithological Society
- Cheshire and Wirral Amphibian and Reptile Group
- Cheshire Bat Group
- Cheshire Mammal Group
- Cheshire Moth Group
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust
- Dragonfly Association for Cheshire and Greater Manchester
- Environment Agency, North West Regional Office
- Forestry Commission England
- Greater Manchester Archaeological Unit
- Greater Manchester Ecological Unit
- High Lane Residents Association
- Lancashire & Cheshire Entomological Society
- Lancashire and Greater Manchester Mammal Group
- Manchester Field Club
- Manchester Friends of the Earth
- Manchester Geological Association

- Marple Civic Society
- Marple Naturalists
- National Trust
- Natural England
- North West Fungus group
- North West Transport Roundtable
- Pennine Edge Forest
- Poynton Local History Society
- RECORD Local Biological Records Centre serving Cheshire, Halton, Warrington and Wirral -
- Red Rose Forest
- Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB) Stockport
- RSPB High Peak Group
- South Manchester Archaeological Research Trust (SMART)
- Stockport Friends of the Earth
- Stockport Greenspace Forum
- Stockport Heritage Trust
- Stockport Historical Society
- Stockport Nature Network
- The Open spaces society
- The Pondlife Project
- The Victorian Society Manchester Group
- Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside
- Wilmslow Historical Society
- Wirral & Cheshire badger group
- Woodland Trust

### **Vulnerable Road User Group**

The Vulnerable Road User Group has been set up specifically for the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road scheme in order to discuss and gather feedback on pedestrian, cycle and equestrian facilities, provision for mobility impaired individuals and public rights of way. Representatives from the following groups are invited to the Vulnerable Road User Group:

- Access & Bridleway Officer, British Horse Society
- Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Footpaths Preservation Society
- Bollin Valley Partnership
- Byways & Bridleways Trust
- Chair, Cheshire Local Access Forum
- Cheshire Local Access Forum
- CTC
- CTC NW
- Cycle Stockport
- Cycle User Group
- Cycle Wilmslow
- Cycling Project for the North West

- Cycling Projects
- Dark Peak Bridleway Association
- Disability Stockport
- Footpath Co-ordinator, Greater Manchester / High Peak Area, Ramblers Association
- Greater Manchester Cycle Campaign
- Living Streets
- Macclesfield Wheelers
- Manchester Area Ramblers Association
- Manchester Local Access forum
- Mid-Cheshire Bridleway Association
- North and Mid Cheshire Ramblers' Association
- North Cheshire Riders
- North West Transport Roundtable
- Peak and Northern Footpath Society
- Peter Brett
- Stockport Access Local forum
- Stockport Council
- Stockport East Area Bridleways Association
- Stockport Equestrian Group
- Stockport Group. Ramblers
- Stockport PCT
- Stockport Walking Forum
- Stockport Walking Forum RA (Greater Manchester High Peak Area) Mrs Cuff
- Sustrans

### **Responses received**

All the feedback gathered from the various stakeholder engagement methods has been taken on board as part of the Phase 1 consultation on the scheme. Formal written responses have been received from stakeholders including:

- Derbyshire County Council
- Trafford Council
- Poynton LAP
- Handforth Parish Council
- Poynton Town Council
- Addlington Parish Council
- Styal Parish Council
- Disley Parish Council
- High Lane Residents' Association
- Woodford Community Council
- Wilmslow Town Council (Meeting notes)
- Prestbury Parish Council
- Heald Green and Long Lane Rate Payers Association
- Manchester Airport Group



- Friends of the Earth (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)
- Stockport Friends of the Earth
- Manchester Friends of the Earth
- CPRE
- CPRE South Yorkshire
- CPRE Lancashire Branch
- Environment Agency
- Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group
- Friends of the Peak District
- Open Spaces Society
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Woodland Trust
- Transition Wilmslow
- Freight Transport Association
- NW Transport Roundtable
- East Cheshire Ramblers Group
- Campaign for Better Transport
- Greater Manchester Cycling Campaign
- Cycle Wilmslow

### **Poynton Against Unnecessary Links to the Airport (PAULA)**

A group of local people have formed a group Poynton Against Unnecessary Link Roads to the Airport (PAULA) as a response to the scheme's development. Members of the group attended a number of exhibitions and handed out leaflets opposing the scheme outside the events. Individual members of PAULA who live in close proximity to the scheme attended several Local Liaison Forum events. A meeting has been held with representatives of PAULA and the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road project team to discuss their concerns.

#### **Key issues identified**

The following key issues were identified from the feedback received as part of the stakeholder engagement:

#### **Environmental concerns**

- Sustainable transport improvements should be pursued in place of the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road;
- Concern about the impact of the scheme on the local environment;
- Identification of flora and fauna habitats potentially affected by the scheme;
- Opposition to the scheme on the grounds of its impact on the natural environment;
- Concern about the noise, visual and air quality impact of the scheme;
- Environmental impacts should be mitigated as far as possible;
- Recreation land lost as a result of the scheme should be replaced;
- Concerns that the scheme will unlock further land for development.

#### **Traffic impact:**

- Concerns about construction impact, including the routing of construction traffic;
- In developing the scheme, account should be taken of traffic generated by proposed developments in the vicinity of the scheme;

- Concern about introduction of a junction at Woodford Road, Bramhall;
- Concern about traffic increases in locations including:
  - the A6 (particularly High Lane and Disley)
  - the Peak District
  - Prestbury,
  - Macclesfield
  - Addlington
  - Poynton
  - Heald Green
  - Handforth
- Effective mitigation measures in areas where traffic is forecast to increase, particularly in High Lane and Disley, must be implemented.
- HGV restrictions through Heald Green should remain in place.

#### **Scheme design:**

- The Poynton Bypass should be included within the scheme proposals;
- The requirements of all road users including, pedestrians, cyclists and HGVs should be taken into account when developing the proposals;
- Suggestions for improvements to pedestrian and cycling facilities proposed;
- Suggestions for upgrades to the public rights of way network in the vicinity of the scheme.

#### **Other:**

- Support for the scheme on the grounds of its role in reducing local congestion issues, improving access and contributing to the local economy;
- The full route should be opened simultaneously;
- Concerns that the road will not be built should a future government withdraw funding;
- Questions as to the validity and reliability of the evidence put forward in the business case to justify the need for the scheme.