

The Scheme Assessment Process

All major road schemes are developed using a three stage assessment process based upon the Government's five key objectives for transport:

- **Environmental** impact involves reducing the direct and indirect impacts of transport facilities on the environment of both users and non-users.
- **Safety** is concerned with reducing the loss of life, injuries and damage to property resulting from transport incidents and crime.
- **Economy** is concerned with improving the economic efficiency of transport.
- **Accessibility** is concerned with the ability with which people can reach different locations and facilities by different modes of transport.
- **Integration** aims to ensure that all decisions are taken in the context of the Government's integrated transport policy.

The main activities in each of the Assessment stages are outlined on the diagram below.

