

Public Information Day

We held a Public Information Day in November 2006 as part of the Stage 1 Assessment process.

The Information Day provided the opportunity to gather information from attendees which helped us to develop the route corridor options being presented here today.



The comments received identified that, in principle, there is support for the improvement of this section of the A26. There were a number of key concerns relating to potential routes for the project, including those in the table below.

Key Concerns from the Community

- Impact on property and/or land values
- Impact on businesses (excluding farms)
- Compensation
- Farm impacts including severance
- Replacement dwellings in event of property being lost
- Restricted property access
- Environmental Impacts including;
 - Water
 - Wildlife
 - Countryside and Landscape
 - Noise
- Community severance
- Increased traffic noise levels

These concerns have been considered as part of the Stage 1 Assessment including the following key issues.



Severance

Comments received from the Public Information day identified impact upon property and land severance as major concerns. The corridor options attempt to minimise impact upon property and where possible limit land severance by sympathetic routing of the corridors.

Environment

Concern about the impacts of the scheme on the surrounding environment and countryside were expressed at the Public Information day. Since then, additional environmental assessment and consultation with statutory authorities has informed the route corridor option development. Options have been developed to limit impacts on the River Main floodplain, the Frosses and Dunloy Bogs (both nationally and European protected nature sites) and as well as the wider countryside including minimising visual intrusion.

