

Short summary of the road planning process

1. SELECT PREFERRED CORRIDOR

Examine improvement strategies
and select a preferred corridor

2. SELECT PREFERRED ROUTE

Examine possible routes within the preferred corridor
and select preferred route for road

3. DEVELOP PREFERRED ROUTE

Development of preferred route
and prepare Environmental Statement

4. STATUTORY ORDERS

Publish Statutory Orders &
hold Public Inquiry

5. INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Consideration of the Inspector's Report
and recommendations

6. CONSTRUCTION

Build the road improvement

**We are
here**

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ROADS Service

A6 Toome to Castledawson Dualling Scheme Community Update—August 2008

Why has this community update been prepared?

Roads Service published notices in the local press during March 2007 stating its intention to construct a dual carriageway from Toome to the Castledawson Roundabout. A Public Inquiry was held in November 2007 to examine the case for and against the scheme. Roads Service is currently considering the report prepared by the Inspector appointed to chair the inquiry.

What are the Inspector's recommendations?

The Inspector has recommended that the dual carriageway scheme should proceed subject to Roads Service giving further consideration to the Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road access to Castledawson. The sketches overleaf show the Roads Service proposals for Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road as examined at last November's Public Inquiry and the Inspector's recommendations for Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road.

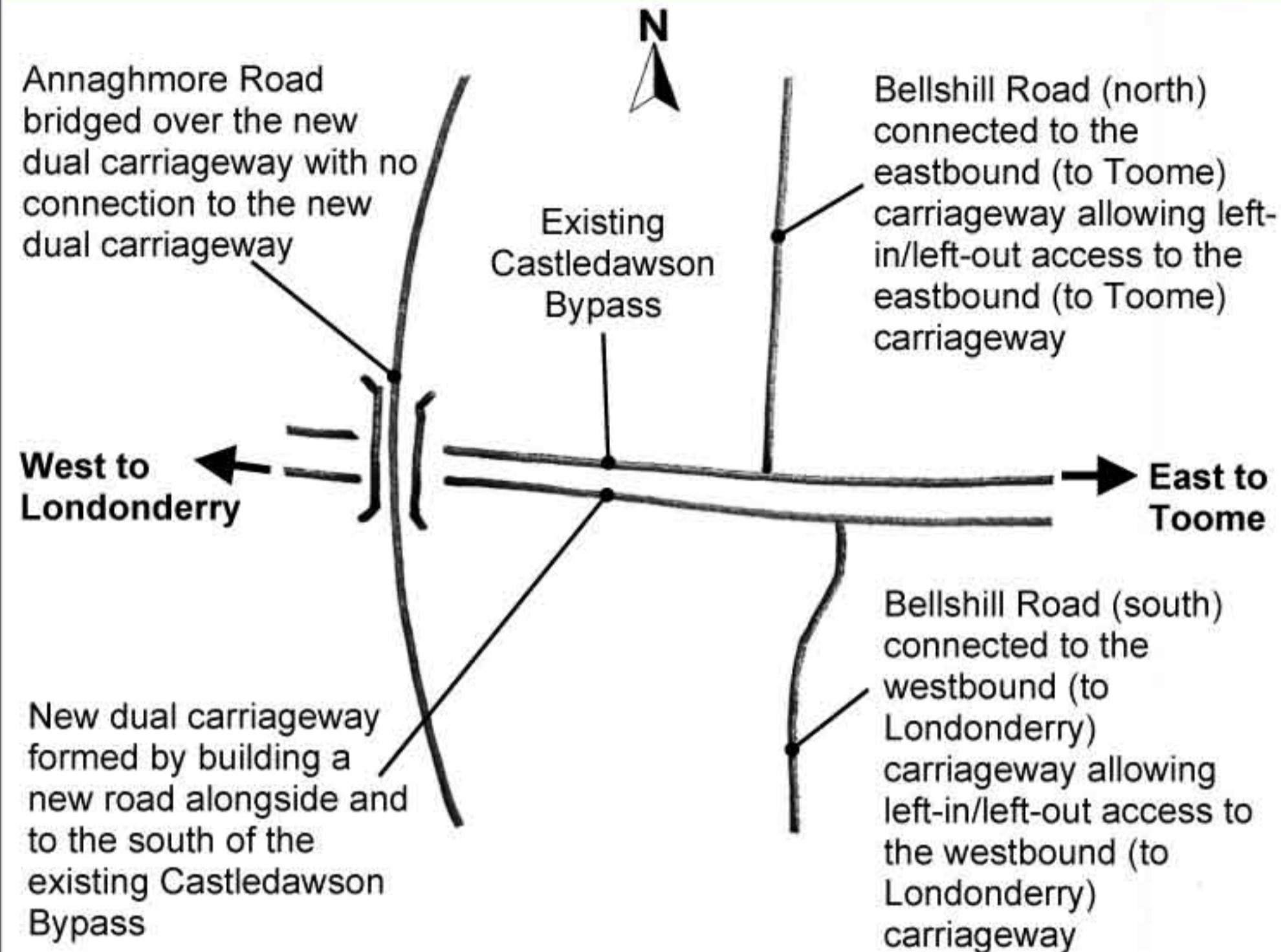
What happens next?

Roads Service will reconsider its Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road proposals examined at last November's Public Inquiry and will examine the Inspector's recommendations for Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road.

Who decides on the way forward?

The Department for Regional Development will decide on the way forward. The Department may decide either to adopt all, part or none of the Inspector's recommendations for the Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road.

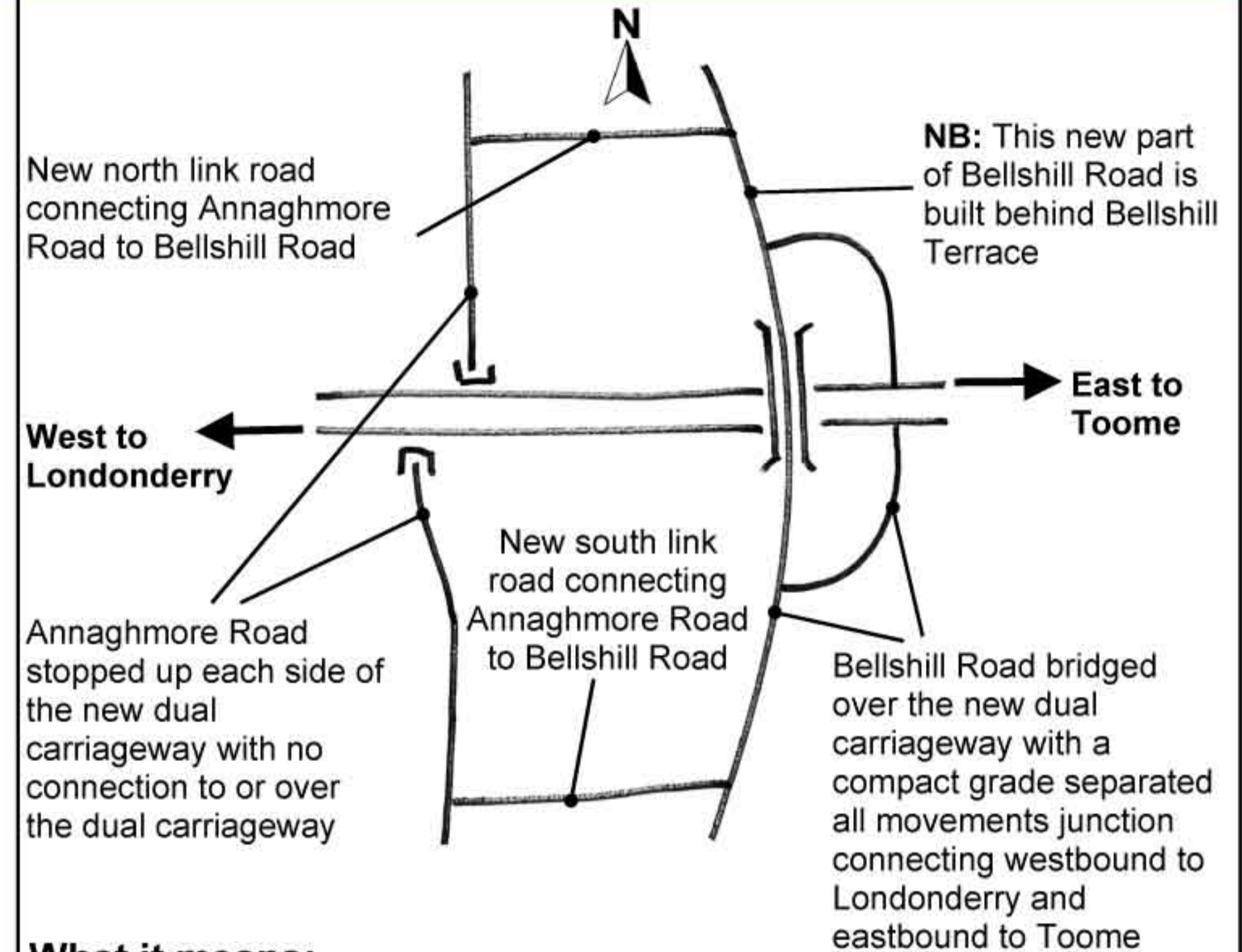
Roads Service proposals for Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road as examined at last November's Public Inquiry



What it means:

- The new dual carriageway is formed by building a new road alongside and to the south of the existing Castledawson Bypass.
- Bellshill Road (south) connected to the westbound (to Londonderry) carriageway of the new dual carriageway allowing traffic to turn left from the westbound carriageway into Bellshill Road (south) and to turn left from Bellshill Road (south) into the westbound carriageway. There would be no direct connection from Bellshill Road (south) into Castledawson.
- Bellshill Road (north) connected to the eastbound carriageway of the new dual carriageway allowing traffic to turn left from the eastbound carriageway into Bellshill Road (north) and to turn left from Bellshill Road (north) into the eastbound carriageway. There would be no direct connection from Bellshill Road (north) to the countryside south of the new dual carriageway.
- Annaghmore Road bridged over the new dual carriageway with no connection to the dual carriageway. Traffic using Annaghmore Road would continue north into Castledawson or continue south to the Aughrim Road.

Inspector's recommendations for Annaghmore Road/Bellshill Road



What it means:

- The new dual carriageway is formed by building a new road alongside and to the south of the existing Castledawson Bypass.
- Bellshill Road bridged over the new dual carriageway to form an all movements grade separated junction with the new dual carriageway allowing Bellshill Road traffic easy access to the westbound carriageway and to the eastbound carriageway and to the countryside south of the new dual carriageway. North of the new dual carriageway, the new part of Bellshill Road would be built behind Bellshill Terrace.
- Annaghmore Road stopped up either side of the new dual carriageway with no traffic connection to or over the new dual carriageway.
- A new north link road constructed between Annaghmore Road (north) and Bellshill Road (north) allowing Annaghmore Road (north) traffic unrestricted access to the new dual carriageway and to the countryside south of the new dual carriageway via Bellshill Road.
- A new south link road constructed between Annaghmore Road (south) and Bellshill Road (south) allowing Annaghmore Road (south) traffic unrestricted access to the new dual carriageway and to Castledawson via Bellshill Road.