

2. Selecting the Preferred Corridor

Roads Service examined strategies for future improvement of the A6 road corridor between the Castledawson Roundabout and Derry City. Ten corridors shown below were examined - seven lying to the north of the existing A6, two lying to the south of the existing road and one loosely following the line of the existing road. This comprehensive examination recommended that:

- Any improvement should follow a corridor loosely based around the line of the existing road between Castledawson Roundabout and Drumahoe except at Dungiven where a bypass south of the town is recommended, and a cross country corridor between Drumahoe and the Caw Roundabout.
- The western section of the route from Derry to Dungiven including the Dungiven Bypass should be taken forward at an early stage to provide improved overtaking opportunities for strategic traffic and to allow consideration of bypasses for some of the communities along the route.
- Other sections of the A6 dualling should be implemented as demand dictates.



Castledawson Roundabout to Derry
Corridors examined during selection of 'Preferred Corridor'

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Short summary of the road planning process

We Are Here

1. SELECT PREFERRED CORRIDOR

Examine improvement strategies and select a preferred corridor

2. SELECT PREFERRED ROUTE

Examine routes within preferred corridor and select preferred route for road

3. DEVELOP PREFERRED SCHEME

Development of preferred scheme and prepare Environmental Statement

4. STATUORY ORDERS

Publish statutory orders & hold public inquiry (if required)

5. CONSTRUCTION

Build the road improvement

For further information on the A6 Derry to Dungiven Dual Carriageway visit the Roads Service web site at www.roadsni.gov.uk/derry-dungiven

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A6 Derry to Dungiven Dualling Scheme Community Information Events



A free public exhibition of the proposal to construct a 30 kilometre dual carriageway road between Derry and Dungiven, including a dual carriageway bypass of Dungiven will be held in:

The YMCA, 51 Glenshane Road, Drumahoe on:
Monday 17th September 2007 from 7pm to 9pm; and
Tuesday 18th September 2007 from 1pm to 9pm.

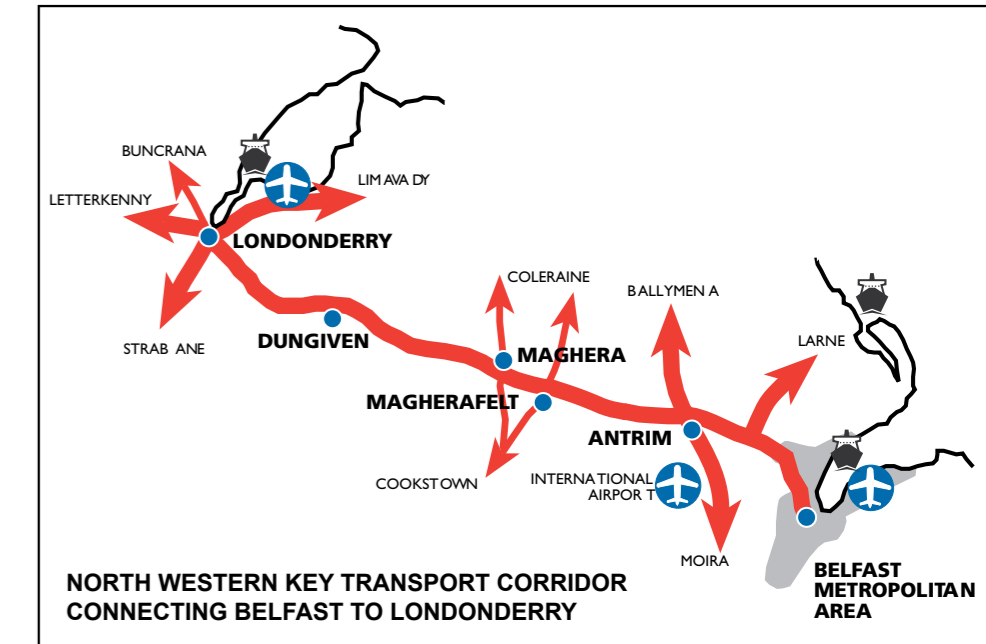
The Sports Pavilion, 3 Chapel Road, Dungiven on:
Wednesday 19th September 2007 from 7pm to 9pm; and
Thursday 20th September 2007 from 1pm to 9pm.

Staff from Roads Service and their advisors will be available to answer your questions.

1. Introduction

This leaflet gives details of the proposal to build a 30 kilometre dual carriageway road between Derry and Dungiven, including a dual carriageway bypass of Dungiven. The new road will bring significant benefits to those using this part of the A6 North Western Key Transport Corridor. It will reduce journey times, improve road safety and will generate social and economic benefits for the wider North West.

Planning major road improvements is a lengthy procedure. 'Selecting the Preferred Corridor' describes work already completed. Civil engineering consultants Scott Wilson and Faber Maunsell have been employed to examine potential road alignments within this corridor. Roads Service would hope to announce a 'preferred route' for the road in Spring 2009. Subsequent in-depth examination of this 'preferred route' will conclude with the publication of statutory procedures and an Environmental Statement. Roads Service would hope to publish these in Autumn 2010. Following a Public Inquiry (if required) to test the case for and against the scheme, Roads Service expects that construction of the scheme could start in 2012. It will take about 3 years to build the road.



NORTH WESTERN KEY TRANSPORT CORRIDOR
CONNECTING BELFAST TO LONDONDERRY

3. Selecting the Preferred Route

Roads Service is now examining potential routes for the dual carriageway within the Derry to Dungiven Corridor shown right. The scheme would lead traffic onto a 30 kilometres of dual carriageway starting east of Derry close to the Caw Roundabout and connecting to the existing A6 Glenshane Road east of Dungiven. In general the new road would comprise:

- 5.3 kilometres of dual carriageway cross country between Caw Roundabout and Drumahoe.
- 22.4 kilometres of dual carriageway closely following the existing A6 corridor between Drumahoe and west of Dungiven.
- 2.3 kilometres of dual carriageway cross country south of Dungiven.

Junctions at Caw Roundabout, Drumahoe and either side of Dungiven and other possible locations would connect the new road to the existing road network.

4. Route selection procedure

Appraisal of new road schemes requires a clear understanding of the objectives which are to be met and the appropriate criteria to be used. The Government's five objectives are pivotal to the appraisal process. These are:

- **Environmental** impact involves reducing the direct and indirect impacts of transport facilities on the environment of both users and non users. This includes noise, atmospheric pollution of differing kinds, impacts on the countryside, wildlife, ancient monuments and historic buildings.
- **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, to improve journey time reliability and to ensure the investment in the road is cost effective.
- **Accessibility** is concerned with the ability with which people can reach different locations and facilities by different modes.
- **Integration** aims to ensure that all decisions are taken in the context of the Government's integrated transport policy.

