Blyth Relief Road



Overview

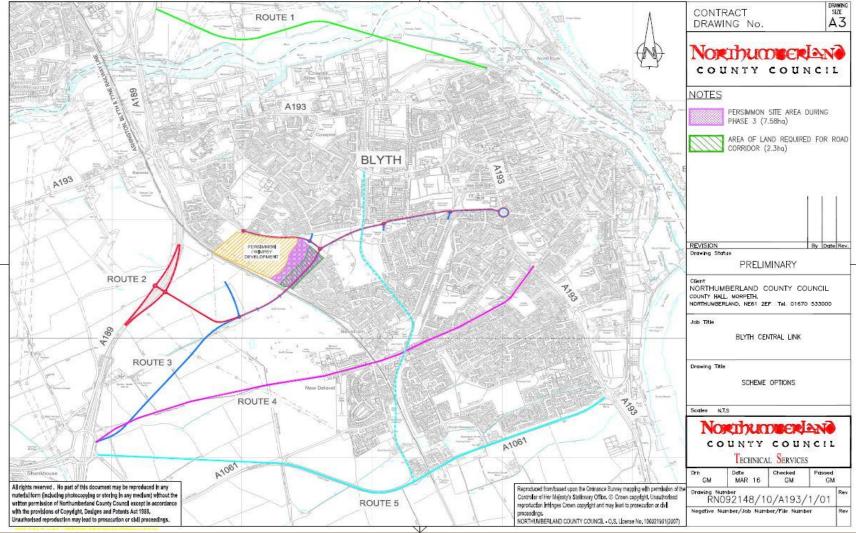
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Background

- Long standing congestion issues.
- Cowpen Rd improvements.
- Long Term additional capacity required.
- 2015 Blyth Transport Study.
- Outline Business Case for new strategic link road.





Route 1

Pros

New River crossing A189 to A193 (£52.2m)

New direct link opening up new regeneration sites in Northumberland.

- Cons
 - High environmental impact on River Blyth SSSI.
 - Ground contamination risk.
 - Impact on flood risk.

Outcome

Low score on qualitative appraisal. Not taken forward.

Route 2

Link Princess Louise Road to A189 (£21.8m)

Pros

Improved internal connectivity within Blyth.

Cons

- Depends upon successful land acquisition.
- New interchange results in a sub-standard weaving length on the A189.

Outcome

Similar to route 3. Sub-standard weaving length. Not taken forward.

Route 3

Link Princess Louise Road to A189 (£19.7m)

- Improved internal connectivity within Blyth.
- Maintains weaving length on A189.

Cons

Depends upon successful land acquisition.

Outcome

- Significant diversion of traffic from both Cowpen Road and Laverock Hall Rd.
- Benefit: Cost Ratio (BCR) 8.2.

Link Plessey Rd to 'Three Horseshoes' (£20.2m)

Pros

Route 4

- Improved internal connectivity within Blyth.
- Maintains weaving length on A189.

Cons

- Adjacent properties to be demolished.
- Visual, noise and air quality impact for frontage properties.

Outcome

- Significant diversion of traffic from Laverock Hall Rd.
- Benefit: Cost Ratio (BCR) 4.3.

Route 5 | Laverock Hall Road Dualling (£24m)

Pros

- Moderate to low environmental impact.
- Compatible with ABT scheme.

Cons

Minimal benefit for Cowpen Rd traffic.

Outcome

- Significant improvements on Laverock Hall Rd.
- Minimal impact for Cowpen Rd and internal Blyth.
- Benefit: Cost Ratio (BCR) 2.7.

Appraisal Summary

Route	Cost (£M)	BCR
1 - New River crossing A189 to A193	52.2	Х
2 - Link Princess Louise Road to A189	21.8	X
3 - Link Princess Louise Road to A189	19.7	8.2
4 - Link Plessey Rd to 'Three Horseshoes'	20.2	4.3
5 - Laverock Hall Road Dualling	24.0	2.7



North - South Route

- Est. cost £24M.
- Built in conjunction with east-west route if supported by the traffic modelling for the chosen route.
- Improve internal connectivity and reduce pressure on Rotary Way.
- Complements proposed ABT Station at Newsham.
- Work ongoing to complete economic appraisal.



Way Forward

- Completion of Outline Business Case (December 2017)
- Bid Opportunity:
 - DfT Large Local Major Scheme Funding (December 2017)
 - Transport for the North (TfN) Energy Coasts (2018)
- Public Consultation Spring 2018
- Design and Planning 2018/19 2020/21
- Possible Construction and Scheme Opening 2021/22

Questions



