

Extracts from the A82 Pulpit Rock Improvement Study Brief

3. SCHEME REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Stages of Assessment

- 3.1.1 Following the STAG assessment, the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges TD37 (DMRB 5.1.2) requires the assessment of road schemes to be carried out in 3 distinct stages. Stage 1 is the preliminary assessment and considers broadly defined improvement strategies. Stage 2 is the route option assessment and includes the selection of a preferred line. Stage 3 is the assessment of the preferred Scheme and includes a detailed environmental assessment and publication of an Environmental Statement if required.
- 3.1.2 The A82 RAP Study broadly satisfies the requirements of the STAG process and DMRB Stage 1.
- 3.1.3 However an initial review should be carried out to identify any work which needs to be carried out to bring the existing study work up to the required level.

5. WORK PACKAGES

5.1 Work Package 1: Inception Report and STAG Appraisal (Category 1)

- 5.1.1 This Work Package includes but is not limited to the following activities:
- Review the A82 Route Action plan Study, and any previous work undertaken on the scheme, and carry out any additional work required to update this to satisfy the requirements of STAG.
 - The Inception Report shall be prepared and approved in advance of the Consultant proceeding with any other Scheme Work Packages. It should be based on the Consultant's approach to the Scheme and their understanding of the scope of the work involved and how they expect to procure the Scheme within the programme requirements. The Report shall identify the composition of the Consultant's Scheme team, as well as, outlining the Scheme programme and cost profile over the Scheme period. The Consultant shall identify all risks and how they intend to handle these, and identify the key stages for the successful delivery of the Scheme. Should the Consultant wish to amend, combine or delete any of the Work Packages, then their reasons for doing so should be outlined in the Report.

5.2 Work Package 2: Stage 1 Assessment (Category 1)

- 5.2.1 Since the location of the Scheme has been decided, and most of the preliminary engineering, environmental, traffic and economic assessments already been carried out under the A82 RAP Study, the Consultant will be expected to review and update this information to determine the limits of the Scheme and any major constraints which may require further investigation.

5.3 Work Package 3: Stage 1 Environmental Assessment (Category 1 / 2)

- 5.3.1 Since the location of the Scheme has been decided and most of the initial baseline scoping and environmental screening has been reported upon in the A82 RAP Study, the Consultant shall review the environmental sections of the reports and update or augment the information where necessary when undertaking the Stage 1 Environmental Assessment for the Scheme. Any environmental issues which may alter the location choice of the Scheme should be identified and reported upon, and mitigation measures highlighted.

