

To whom it may concern



Our Ref.: 22-NW-0802-003  
Date: 17 November 2022

**SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – NORTH WEST UNIT  
A830 Banavie to Fort William Roundabout Shared Use Cycleway Upgrades**

Dear Sir / Madam

Working with Transport Scotland, BEAR Scotland is undertaking the investigation and design of improvement works to the existing off-carriageway, shared use cycleway connecting Fort William Roundabout to Banavie Swing Bridge. The project is part of a series of improvements along the A830 to improve walking, cycling and wheeling facilities and seeks to fulfil the Scottish Government's aims of making these the most popular choice for everyday journeys.

The upgrades shall be designed and built using the guidance set out in the Transport Scotland publication 'Cycling by Design' (Revision 0, September 2021). The proposed works will see the existing shared use facilities widened to two metres in the west and eastbound verges of the A830, set back by one metre from the road (where available width permits) to create a separation strip. Improvements to the existing drainage are also proposed to improve general road safety in the area. The total length of the proposed upgrades is approximately 3km, with works limited to within the existing trunk road boundary.

At the east extent of the scheme, junction upgrades are proposed for the A830 / B8006 Junction, opposite Lochaber High School. These upgrades will see the existing shared use facilities widened, dropped crossing points upgraded and street furniture relocated to improve accessibility. The existing traffic signals will also be upgraded, with alterations made to improve journey times through Fort William.

It is hoped that these proposed upgrades will improve the attractiveness of these routes for non-motorised users and encourage more trips, as well as improving accessibility and road safety in the area. The construction of these works is anticipated to commence in 2023, subject to available funding.

Overleaf is a draft drawing summarising the proposals. We would like to invite you to share your views and comments in regard to the project by filling out the online questionnaire.

Yours faithfully

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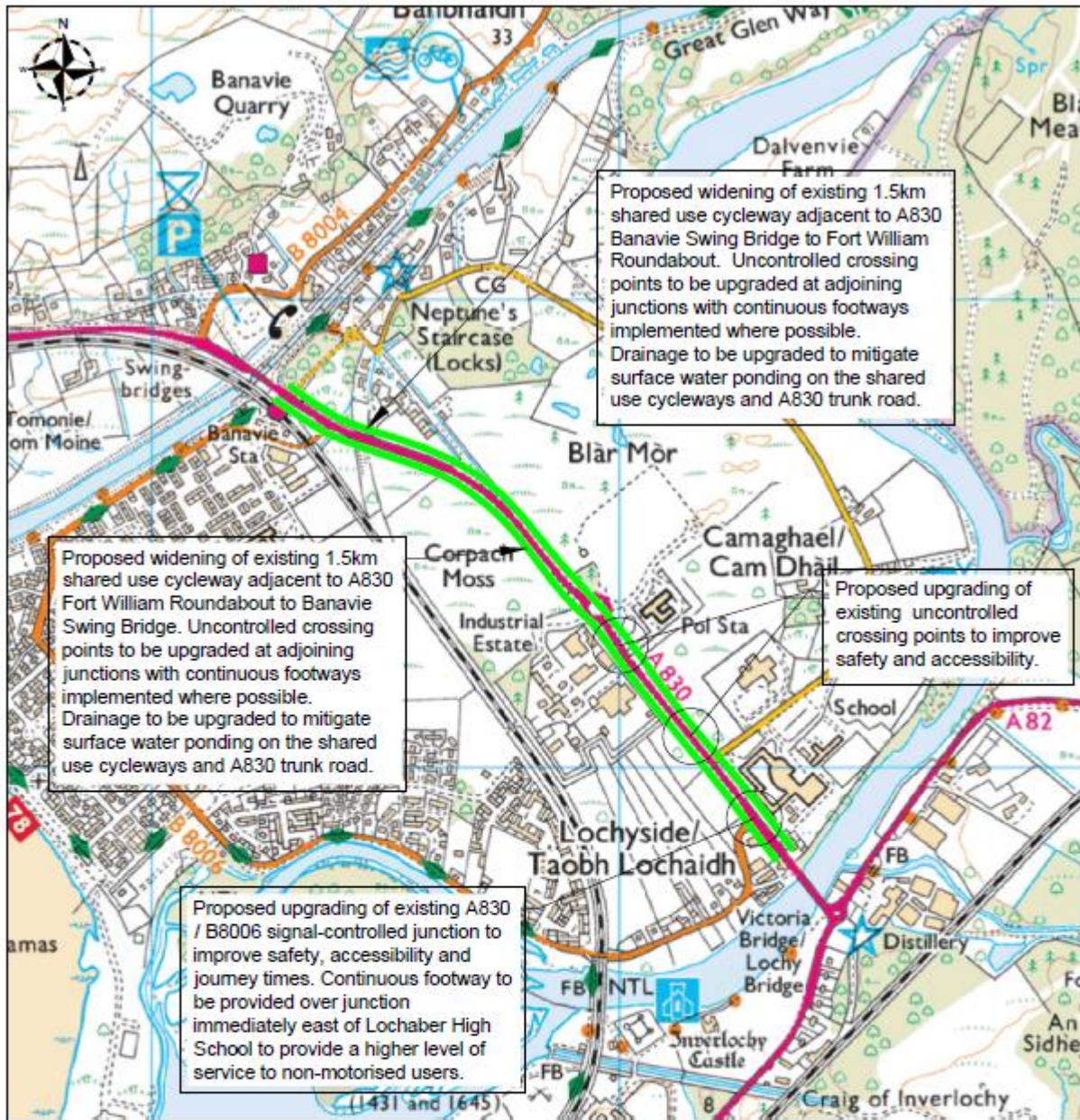
*Road Safety and Active Travel Manager – Central Team*

The questionnaire can be completed online by visiting <https://forms.office.com/r/ubQcjcTQDm> or by scanning the QR code.

If you are unable to complete the form electronically, you may call 01738 448600.

**Consultation closes Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**





**Legend**  
 Proposed shared use cycleway to be widened —————

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Our Ref.: 22-NW-0802-003

Date: 05 July 2024

**SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – NORTH WEST UNIT  
A830 Banavie to Fort William Roundabout Shared Use Cycleway Upgrades**

Dear Sir / Madam

As you may be aware, BEAR Scotland, working on behalf of Transport Scotland, is undertaking the investigation and design of improvement works to the existing off-carriageway, shared use cycleway connecting Fort William Roundabout to Banavie Swing Bridge. The project forms part of a series of proposed improvements along the A830 that recently saw a new footpath connect Corpach and Linnhe Lochside Holidays. These measures seek to improve walking, cycling and wheeling facilities in the area, fulfilling the Scottish Government's aims of making these the most popular choice for everyday journeys.

The first phase of works will see junction upgrades at the A830 / B8006 Junction, opposite Lochaber High School. These improvements involve widening of existing shared use cycleways, upgraded dropped crossing points and accessibility improvements, with street furniture previously relocated in summer 2023. The existing traffic signals will also be upgraded, with alterations made to improve journey times through Fort William. Improvements to the road surface and the road markings will also be carried out. Overleaf is a plan summarising the works.

These works are currently programmed to commence in September 2024, after the busier summer tourist period. Lane closures with temporary traffic lights will be implemented for the duration of the works for the safety of the workforce and members of the public. Safe pedestrian routes and crossing facilities shall be maintained throughout. It is anticipated that these works shall take up to 12 weeks to complete, subject to weather and any other unforeseen delays. Confirmation of the start date and the duration of the works shall be issued nearer the time with updates to the construction programme communicated throughout the project.

A further phase of works is also planned between the Lochaber High School Junction and Banavie Swing Bridge. Design of these proposed improvements to the existing shared use facilities is ongoing, with future construction subject to available funding.

It is hoped that these proposed upgrades will improve the attractiveness of these routes for non-motorised users and encourage more trips, as well as improving accessibility and road safety in the area. It is hoped that the benefits of these works shall outweigh any inconvenience during the construction phase.

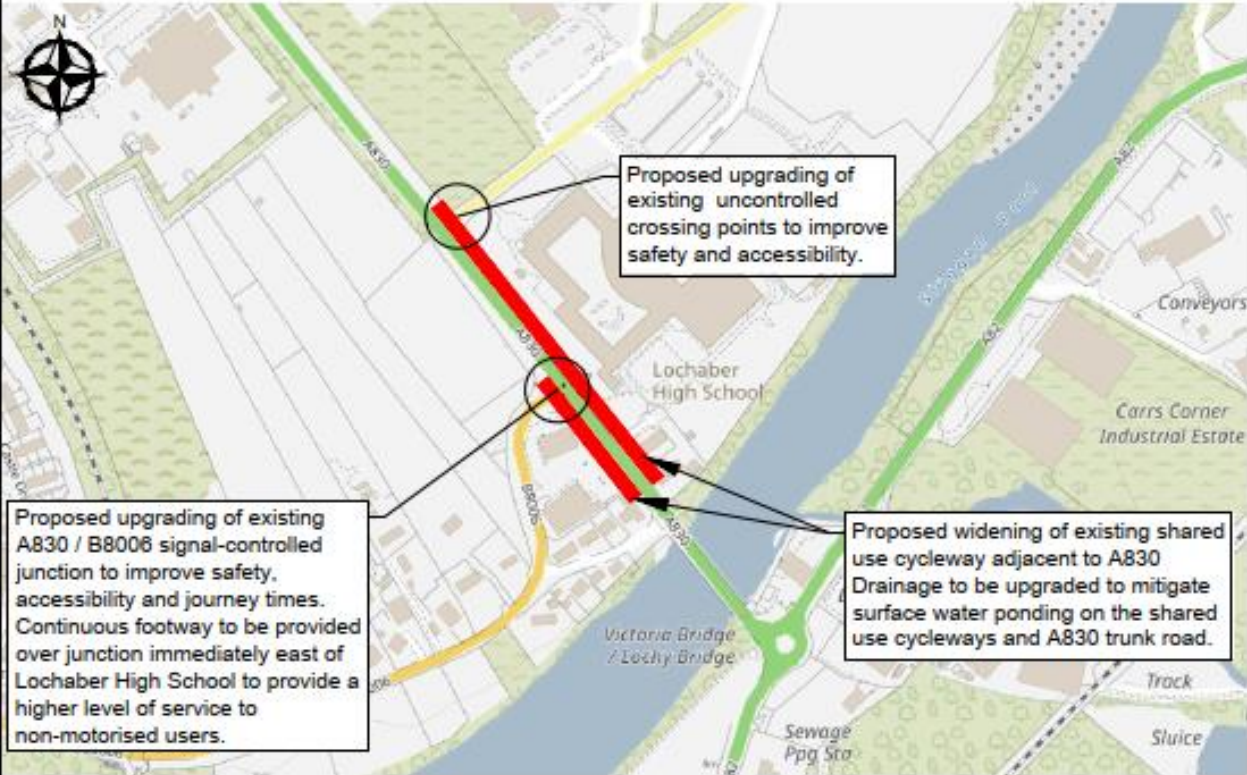
Should you have any comments of concerns regarding these works, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the email address [NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk](mailto:NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk). Real time journey information is available from Traffic Scotland on [www.traffic.gov.scot](http://www.traffic.gov.scot), X [@trafficscotland](https://twitter.com/trafficscotland) or on the mobile site [my.trafficscotland.org](http://my.trafficscotland.org).

Yours faithfully  
for **BEAR Scotland Ltd.**

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Proposed shared use cycleway to be widened

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