

Aviemore to Carrbridge

Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

Aviemore to Carrbridge
Non-Motorised User (NMU)
Route Study –
September 2019
Public Exhibition
Summary Report





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Introduction

Transport Scotland and their consultant Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture (AMJV) are progressing a study into the potential non-motorised user links between the communities of Aviemore and Carrbridge. The Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study (“the Route Study”) comprises a Baseline Assessment and a Route Options Appraisal.

In September 2019, as part of the Route Study, public exhibitions were held in Aviemore and Carrbridge to update interested parties on the progress of the Route Study and the outcome of the Baseline Assessment. The aim of the exhibitions was to engage with the public and offer the local communities an opportunity to see how the study is progressing and to provide comment on the options that are being taken forward to the Options Appraisal stage.

The Baseline Assessment and the public exhibition materials were prepared in consultation with key stakeholders such as The Highland Council, Cairngorms National Park Authority, HITRANS, Sustrans and Transport Scotland’s Active Travel team.

The exhibitions were held in Aviemore Community Centre on Wednesday 25th September 2019 from 3.00pm to 8.00pm and Carrbridge Village Hall on Thursday 26th September 2019 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Both exhibitions were well attended, with 152 attendees across the two days. This report summarises the scope of the event and the feedback received.





1. Public Exhibition Preparation

1.1. Advertising

In advance of the exhibitions, letters of invitation were sent to local Community Councils and NMU groups who were asked to distribute the letters of invitation to any mailing lists or forums they deemed appropriate. Similarly, invitations were issued to Cairngorms National Park Authority, The Highland Council, HITRANS and Sustrans, who were asked to distribute them to appropriate active travel and NMU organisations. A copy of the letter of invitation can be found at Appendix A. Further invites were issued to Historic Environment Scotland, SEPA, Scottish Natural Heritage and The Spey Fishery Board in their capacity as Statutory Consultees.

In addition, 150 posters advertising the event were distributed around post offices, churches, village halls, community centres, shops, libraries and schools. A copy of the poster can be found at Appendix B.

The invites issued to the 8 local Badenoch and Strathspey Community Councils offered an opportunity for Community Councillors to attend the Exhibition prior to admittance of the general public; The following Community Councils received invites;

- Aviemore & Vicinity
- Boat of Garten
- Carrbridge
- Dulnain Bridge
- Grantown-on-Spey
- Kincaig & Vicinity
- Nethy Bridge
- Newtonmore

A copy of the Community Council invite can be found at Appendix A.

The invites issued to local NMU groups offered an opportunity for representatives from the NMU groups to attend the Exhibition; The following NMU groups received invites;

- Badenoch and Strathspey Transport Company
- Badenoch and Strathspey Ramblers
- BHS Scotland
- Cairngorms Business Partnership
- Cairngorm Cycling Club
- Cairngorm Runners
- Highland Disabled Ramblers
- Mountaineering Scotland
- Ramblers Scotland
- Volunteer Action Badenoch and Strathspey

Press advertisements were published in the following newspapers:

- Inverness Courier
- Highland News
- Strathspey and Badenoch Herald
- The Press and Journal

A copy of the press advertisement can be found at Appendix C.

1.2. Public Exhibition Materials

The material presented at the public exhibitions consisted of:

- Public Exhibition leaflet – Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition





- Public Exhibition display boards (10 No)
- Drawings:
 - Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition Corridor Option 1 (Aerial & OS Map)
 - Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition Corridor Option 2 (Aerial & OS Map)
 - Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition Corridor Option 3 (Aerial & OS Map)
 - Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition Corridor Option 4 (Aerial & OS Map)
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 - Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition Corridor Option 9 (Aerial & OS Map)
 - Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition Corridor Option 10 (Aerial & OS Map)
- Feedback Form

1.2.1. Public Exhibition Boards

Information relating to the Route Study was presented on a number of display boards. The heading of each board is given below:

1. Title board
2. Welcome
3. Background
4. Project development process
5. Baseline assessment – summary
6. Baseline assessment – initial corridor identification and assessment
7. Progressing to options appraisal – corridor 3
8. Progressing to options appraisal – corridor 6
9. What happens next?
10. Comments and feedback

The exhibition display boards can be viewed on the Transport Scotland website. A link is provided in Section 1.2.5. The boards can also be found in Appendix D.

1.2.2. Public Exhibition Leaflet

A copy of the Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Public Exhibition leaflet was handed to each visitor to the exhibition. The exhibition leaflet can be viewed on the Transport Scotland website. A link is provided in Section 1.2.5. A copy of the leaflet can also be found in Appendix E.

1.2.3. Feedback Form

A feedback form was handed to each visitor entering the exhibition. Visitors were invited to leave their comments in an exhibition 'post box' at the venue. Alternatively, comments on the proposals were requested by email or post before midnight on Friday 25th October 2019. The feedback form can be viewed on the Transport Scotland website. A link is provided in Section 1.2.5. A copy of the feedback form can be found in Appendix F.

1.2.4. Drawings

Copies of the drawings listed above were available on layout tables for viewing at the exhibition and can be viewed on the Transport Scotland website. A link is provided in Section 1.2.5. Copies of the drawings can also be found in Appendix G.





1.2.5. Information Sources Following Exhibition

The exhibition display boards, drawings, Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study exhibition leaflet and feedback form were made available to download on 25th September 2019 from the Transport Scotland website at the following web address:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study/>





1.3. Photographs

1.3.1. Public Exhibition venue, Aviemore Community Centre, 25th September 2019



1.3.2. Public Exhibition venue, Carrbridge Village Hall, 26th September 2019





1.3.3. Visitors to the Public Exhibition, Aviemore Community Centre, 25th September 2019



1.3.4. Visitors to the Public Exhibition, Carrbridge Village Hall, 26th September 2019





2. Public Exhibition Results

2.1. Attendance

The exhibition was well attended with a total of 152 visitors over the course of the two days, with 59 attending Aviemore on Wednesday 25th September and 93 attending Carrbridge on Thursday 26th September 2019.

In line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), visitors were asked to complete a 'Register for Update' sheet on arrival at the exhibition. Registration was optional; however, most attendees provided their name and home postcode. An analysis of this information shows that the majority of visitors were from the Aviemore and Carrbridge postcode areas, refer to Figure 1 for the geographic spread of the registered attendees. In addition, 7% can be described as 'other' locations out with the areas highlighted below, with a further 4% not providing their home postcode.



Figure 1 - Geographic spread of 'Register for Update' cards

2.2. Feedback Forms

A total of 113 pieces of feedback were received; a combination of feedback forms left on the day in Aviemore (11) and on the day in Carrbridge (29), completed online (41), submitted by post (25) and comments sent to the project email address (7).

The feedback forms included a series of survey style questions (questions 1-4) relating to the recipients use of a potential NMU route between Aviemore and Carrbridge. Question 5 provided an opportunity to make





comment on the corridor options on display and the two options being progressed to the next stage of the assessment in order to inform the Options Appraisal.

2.2.1. Questions 1 – 4

Of the 113 pieces of feedback that were received, 106 were provided using the feedback form, and therefore answered the following questions.

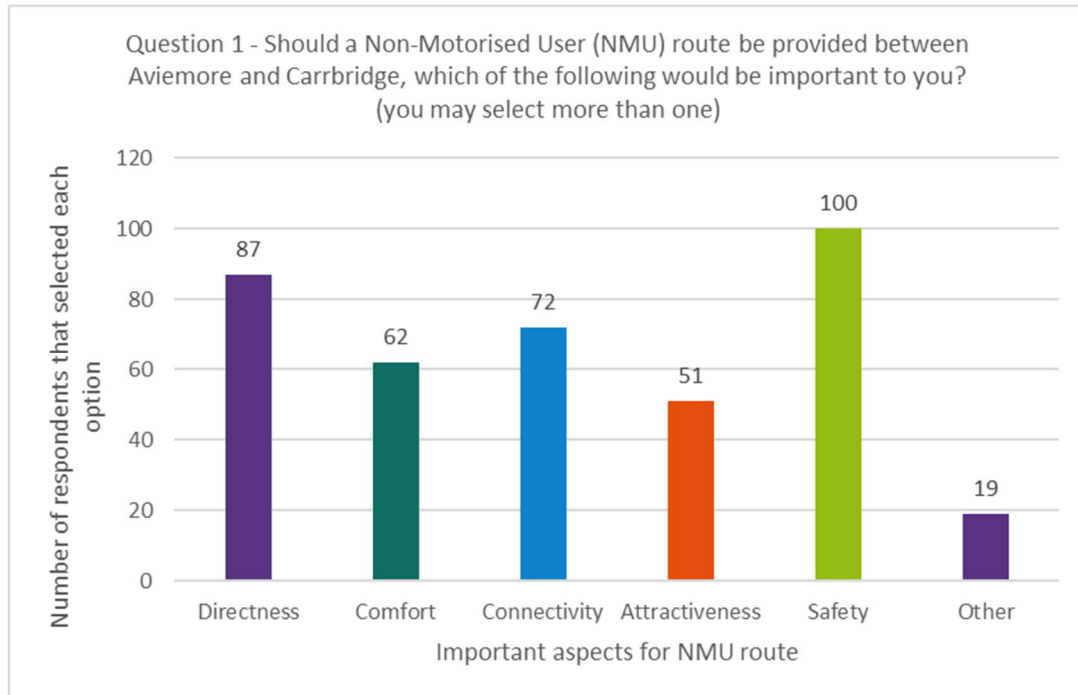


Figure 2 - Answers to Question 1 of the feedback form

Figure 2 above displays what respondents felt were important for an NMU route to provide. Of the 19 that ticked 'other', the most common answers provided were Distance from Traffic (4), Least Impact on Wildlife (3), Creating a Circular Route (2) and Connecting Villages (2).

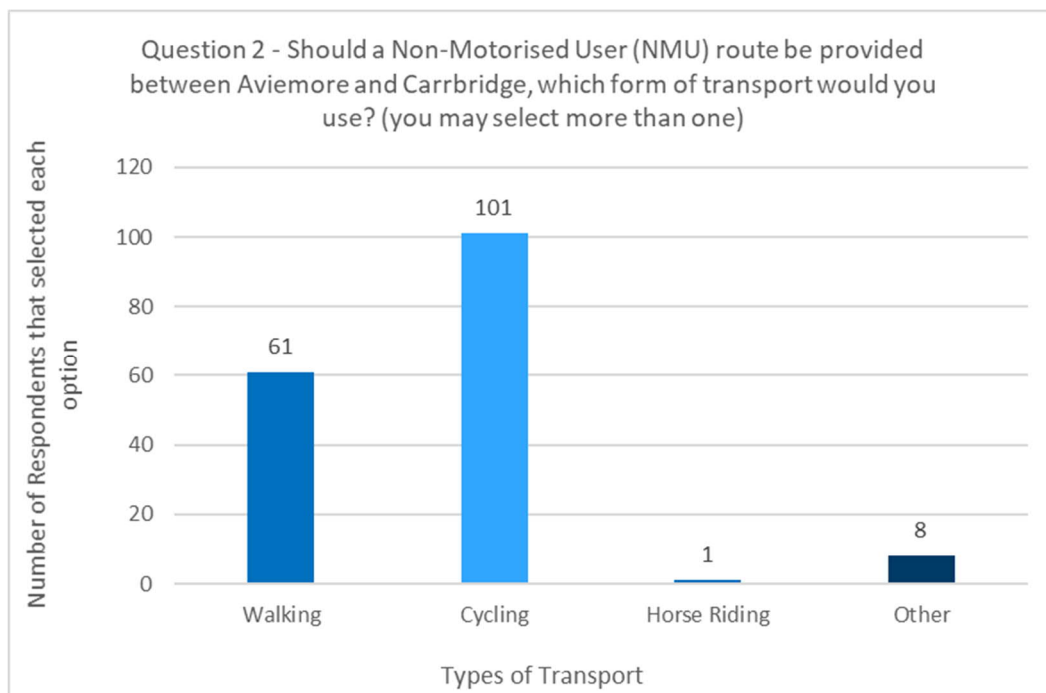


Figure 3 - Answers to Question 2 of the feedback form



Figure 3 above displays the type of transport that respondents would use on an NMU route. Of the 8 that selected 'other' the answers provided were Running (3), Wheelchair or Disabled Scooter (3), Cross Country Skiing (1) and Wildlife Surveys (1).

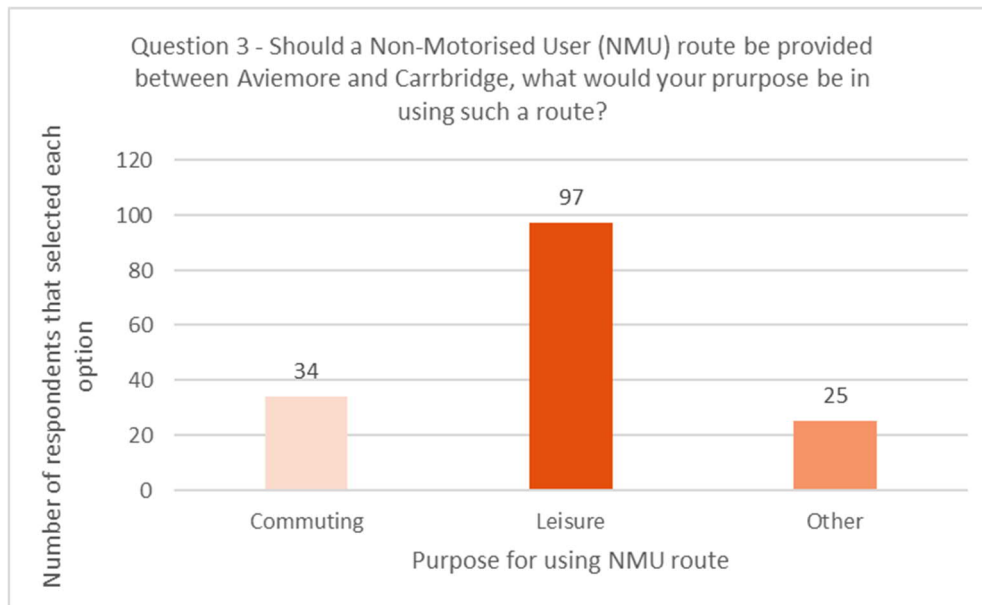


Figure 4 - Answers to Question 3 of the feedback form

Figure 4 above displays what respondents would use an NMU route for. Of the 25 that selected 'other' the most common answers were Shopping (12), Sustainable Transport Links (4), Dentist (3), Doctors (3), Visiting friends and family (3) and Visitor Access to Villages (3).

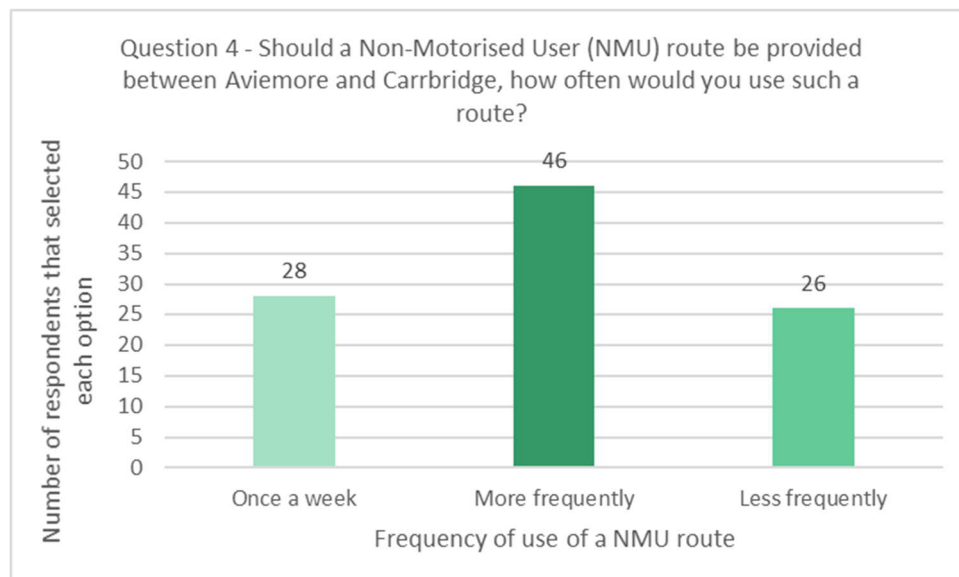


Figure 5 - Answers to Question 4 of the feedback form

Figure 5 above displays how often respondents think they would use an NMU route.

2.2.2. Question 5 (Comments)

Question 5 of the feedback form provided an opportunity for the public to provide comment and feedback on the material displayed at the public exhibitions to inform the Options Appraisal stage.

The key areas of feedback and comments that were received focused on; Safety, Directness, Comfort and Cohesion with other NMU links in the area. A copy of the feedback received, and the responses issued, can be found in Appendix H.



2.3. Summary

The Route Study exhibitions were held on 25th and 26th September 2019. The exhibitions provided an overview of the background of the study, the findings of the baseline assessment and outlined the next steps. This included details of the route corridors that had been assessed and confirmation of the two corridors to be progressed to the next stage of the assessment. The exhibitions provided an opportunity for members of the public to discuss the study with Transport Scotland representatives and their consultants, as well as providing an opportunity to provide formal feedback on the study.

The overall impression from discussions with members of the public was very positive, with the feedback received in the consultation period confirming this.





Appendix A. Invitation





Major Projects

Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow
G4 0HF
Telephone: 0141 272 7100
info@transport.gov.scot



Name and Address

Your ref:

Our ref: XXXX

Date: XXXXX

Dear Name,

Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User Study

In recognition of the Scottish Government's wider commitment to promote active travel in Scotland, Transport Scotland has commissioned a route study and options appraisal into the provision of a shared Non-Motorised User (NMU) facility between Aviemore and Carrbridge.

The route study is being led and funded by Transport Scotland and prepared in consultation with Multi-Agency partners from Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA), The Highland Council (THC), Sustrans and Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS).

I am writing to advise you that a public exhibition for the route study will take place over two days in Aviemore Community and Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th of September from 3pm to 8pm, and in Carrbridge Village Hall on Thursday the 26th of September from 2pm to 6pm.

Furthermore, we would like to offer your Committee the opportunity to preview the exhibition at:

- Aviemore Community and Leisure Centre, Wednesday 25th September 2019: 2pm – 3pm

Or

- Carrbridge Village Hall, Thursday 26th September 2019: 1pm – 2pm

The public exhibitions will provide an update on the ongoing work and seek feedback on the corridor options that have been developed for a route linking Aviemore and Carrbridge. Representatives from Transport Scotland and our consultants AMJV (Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture) will be available to answer questions.





All materials which will be on display at the public exhibition will be available to view on the Transport Scotland website from 3 pm on 25th September:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/>

Please find enclosed exhibition posters, to share with your members and the wider community. I would urge anyone with an interest in this proposed scheme to attend one of the exhibitions or view the material online and give us their views on the proposed options.

Please contact our Aviemore to Carrbridge NMU Atkins Mouchel Stakeholder Team on 0141 429 3555 or at ACNMU@wsp.com if you require any further information regarding the Exhibition or the Aviemore to Carrbridge NMU proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Sam MacNaughton,
Stakeholder Manager
Transport Scotland

cc Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture





Appendix B. Public Exhibition Poster





Aviemore to Carrbridge

Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

Public exhibitions



Image courtesy of the Cairngorms National Park Authority

Public exhibitions are being held on **25 and 26 September 2019** to provide an update on the ongoing **Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study**.

Local communities will be able to see how the study is progressing and provide feedback on the options Transport Scotland has developed for an NMU route linking the two communities.

Transport Scotland officials and their design consultants will be on hand to discuss the work and answer any questions.

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Details of the public exhibitions are as follows:

Aviemore Community Centre

Wednesday 25 September, 3pm – 8pm

Aviemore Community Centre,
Muirton, Aviemore PH22 1SF

Carrbridge Village Hall

Thursday 26 September, 2pm – 6pm

Carrbridge Village Hall, Main Road,
Carrbridge PH23 3BB





Appendix C. Press Advertisement





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Wednesday 25 September, 3pm – 8pm

Aviemore Community Centre, Muirton, Aviemore PH22 1SF

Carrbridge Village Hall

Thursday 26 September, 2pm – 6pm

Carrbridge Village Hall, Main Road, Carrbridge PH23 3BB

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Appendix D. Public Exhibition display boards



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Public exhibition

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Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study



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Welcome

Welcome to this public exhibition about the **Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study**.

The purpose of today's event is to:

- Explain the background of the study
- Present the findings of our baseline assessment
- Outline the next steps for the route study
- Provide you with an opportunity to submit your feedback on the NMU route corridor options.

Transport Scotland and their consultant, Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture (AMJV), will be happy to assist you with any queries you may have and talk you through any aspect of the project.



Existing NMU route in the study area

Image courtesy of the Cairngorms National Park Authority

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Prepared in consultation with:





Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMF) Route Study



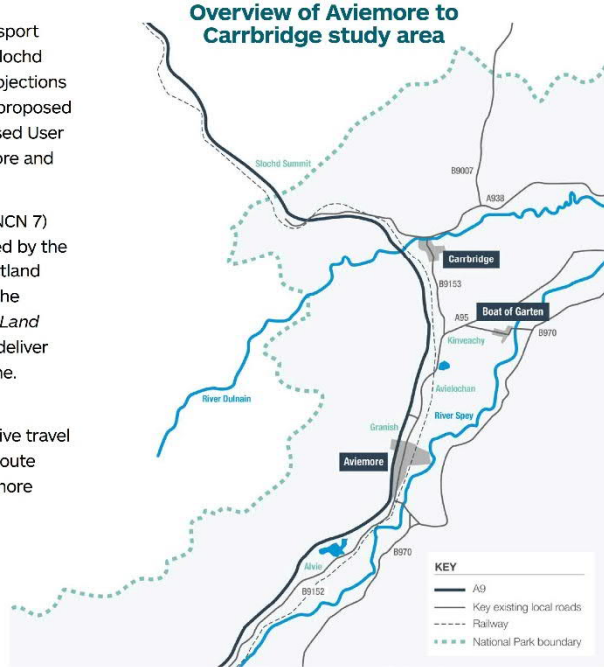
Background

Following publication of the draft Orders for Transport Scotland's A9 Dualling Programme, Dalraddy to Slochd project on 28 August 2018, a number of formal objections were received. These were on the basis that the proposed project did not include a segregated Non-Motorised User (NMF) facility between the settlements of Aviemore and Carrbridge.

As the existing National Cycle Network Route 7 (NCN 7) between Aviemore and Carrbridge is not impacted by the A9 Dualling Programme proposals, Transport Scotland cannot use compulsory purchase powers under the *Roads (Scotland) Act 1984* and the *Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947* to deliver such a route as part of the A9 Dualling Programme.

Despite this, and in recognition of the Scottish Government's wider commitment to promote active travel in Scotland, Transport Scotland is progressing a route study into the potential NMF links between Aviemore and Carrbridge.

The NMF route study is being progressed separately to the A9 Dualling project.



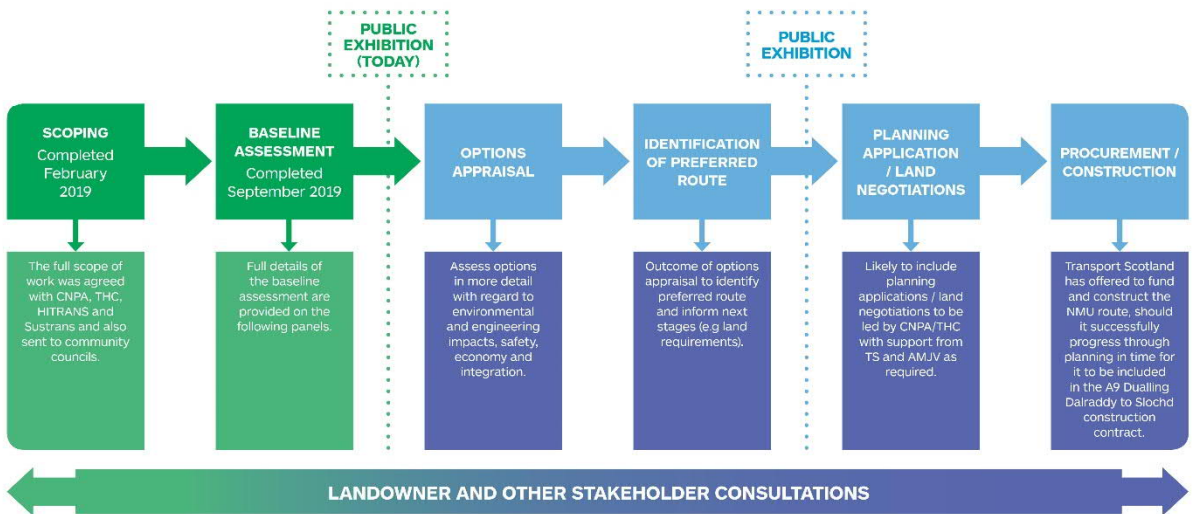
Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMF) Route Study



Project development process

Since January 2019, Transport Scotland has been working in consultation with **Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA)**, **The Highland Council (THC)**, **Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS)** and **Sustrans** to agree the scope for this Non-Motorised User (NMF) Route Study.

An outline of the process and envisaged next steps are illustrated below.





Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study



Baseline assessment – summary

Transport Scotland has carried out a baseline assessment in consultation with key stakeholders.

This included the following:

- A review of existing policies and plans
- A review of Non-Motorised User (NMU) guidance and design standards
- A review of existing NMU routes and facilities in the study area (drawings of all the existing facilities are available to view at this exhibition)
- Data collection from CNPA, THC, HITRANS, Sustrans and community councils
- NMU corridor identification and assessment
- Meeting with CNPA, THC, HITRANS and Sustrans
- Identification of corridors to progress to the options appraisal
- Today's public exhibition.



Existing NMU route in the study area

The key output of the baseline assessment was the publication of the *Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Baseline Assessment Report*, which is available to view here today. It has also been published on Transport Scotland's website:

transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study

Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study



Baseline assessment – initial corridor identification and assessment

As part of the baseline assessment, a range of Non-Motorised User (NMU) corridors between Aviemore and Carrbridge were identified, based on a review of engineering and environmental constraints, existing NMU routes and a review of data received from the key stakeholders.

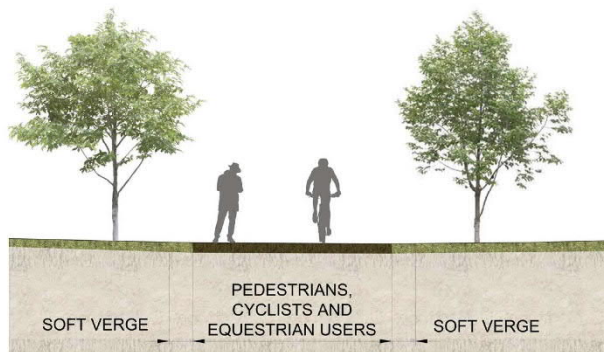
A total of ten corridors were identified, and these can be viewed on the drawings displayed here today.

All ten corridors were assessed against a range of criteria including:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| • Safety | • Cultural heritage |
| • Cohesion with other cycle routes and transport connections | • Ecology and nature conservation |
| • Directness | • Landscape and visual |
| • Comfort | • Water environment |
| • Attractiveness | • Property and land take |
| | • Outline cost. |

Following this assessment, **eight corridors were sifted out** based on potentially significant impacts.

Therefore, **two corridors are now proposed** to progress to the options appraisal stage. These two corridors can be viewed on the following panels and on drawings on display at this exhibition.

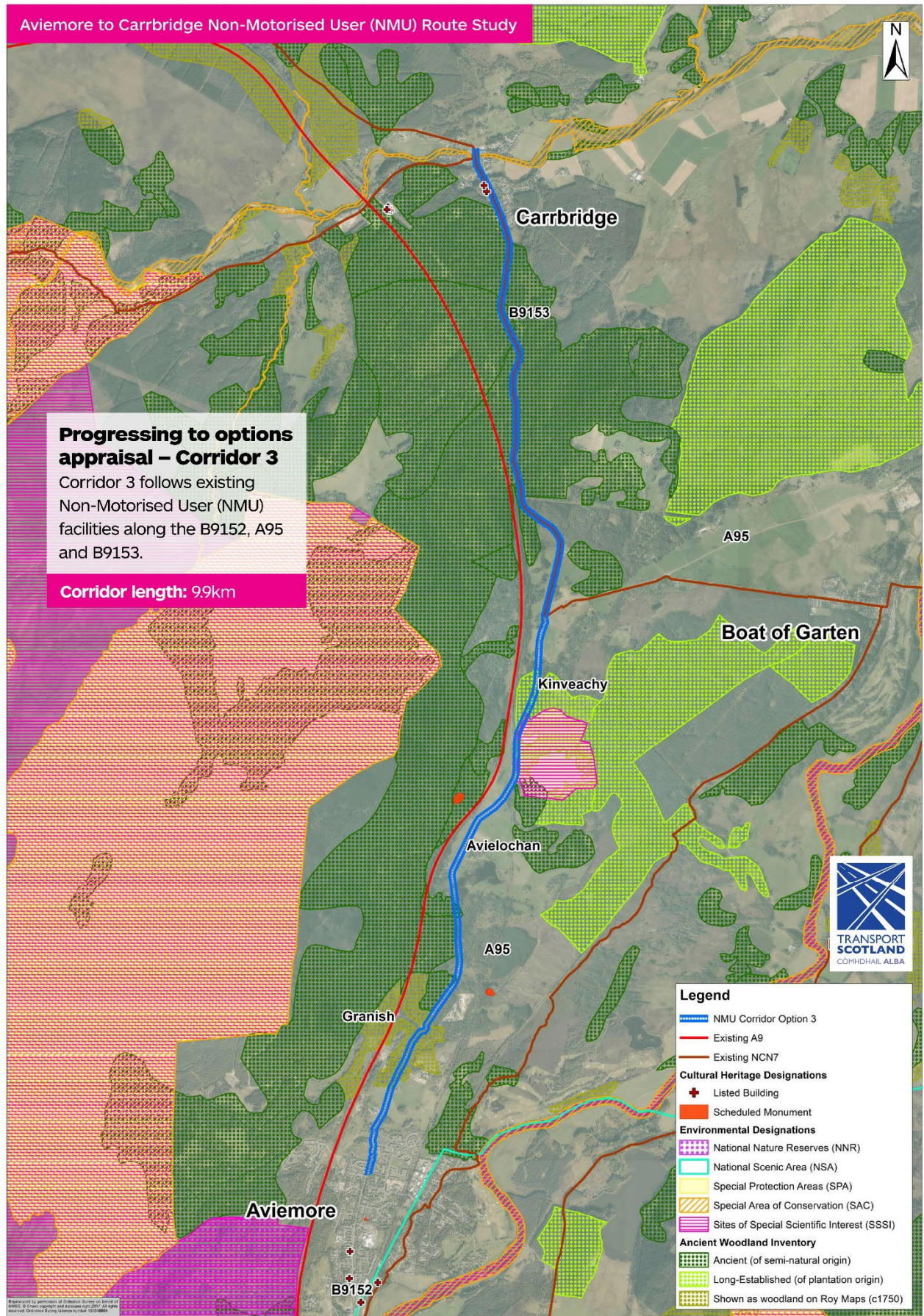


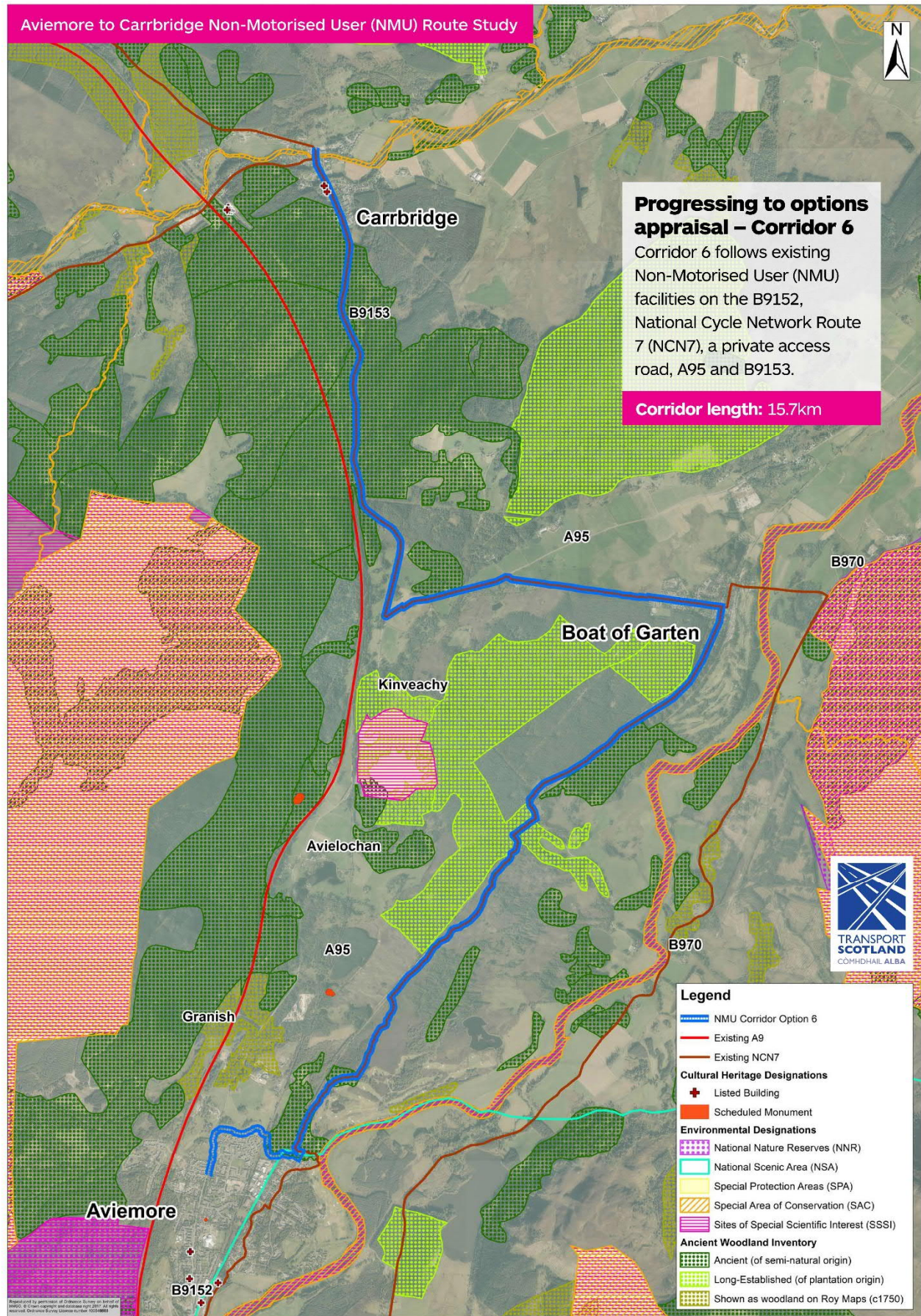
INDICATIVE NMU CROSS-SECTION*

* EXACT CROSS-SECTION, SURFACING AND ANY SEGREGATION BETWEEN TYPES OF USERS WILL BE CONFIRMED AS PART OF THE OPTIONS ASSESSMENT AND WILL BE LOCATION DEPENDENT.

Full details of the assessment are included in the *Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Baseline Assessment Report*.









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What happens next?

Following today's public exhibition, your comments and feedback will be considered and will inform the next stage of the process – **the Non-Motorised User (NМУ) Route Options Appraisal**.

The options appraisal will assess the remaining **two corridors (3 and 6)** in more detail and will be informed by additional consultation with key stakeholders.

The outcome of the options appraisal will be the identification of the preferred route option. This will determine the preferred route within the corridor, the associated engineering and environmental impacts, the cost and land requirements.



Existing NМУ route in the study area



View of existing public right of way HB47

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Comments and feedback

Thank you for attending this public exhibition.

Transport Scotland welcomes your comments and feedback. Please take time to consider the information presented and provide any comments you may have as soon as possible and by:

25 October 2019

Your vital feedback will be considered during the options appraisal. Comments can be made on the feedback forms provided here today, and placed in the feedback box at the exhibition, or sent by email or post.

Feedback forms are also available to download from the Transport Scotland website: transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study

Should you have any specific accessibility requirements, the summary overview leaflet, feedback form and information panels can be made available in alternative formats on request by contacting the project team.

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Please email your comments to:
ACNMU@wsp.com

or alternatively please post to:
**AMJV Stakeholder Team,
Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture (AMJV),
WSP, 7th floor,
110 Queen Street,
Glasgow G1 3BX**

i Transport Scotland will consider your comments and feedback as part of the options appraisal, and all submissions will be shared with our consultants. We may also use your submission to inform future reports or public documents related to this scheme.

If you choose to provide contact details with your submission, Transport Scotland will be able to send you updates about the scheme, for example invitations to future public engagement events. If you wish us to do so, please provide your consent when you contact us using the details above. You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the project team.

The provision of contact details is optional and your comments will still be considered if provided anonymously, however Transport Scotland will be unable to respond to you if you choose not to provide these details.





Appendix E. Public Exhibition Leaflet





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Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

Introduction

This summary leaflet provides an overview of the Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study.

It outlines the background to the study, findings of the baseline assessment, and next steps. It provides information on how you can provide your comments and feedback on the proposals.

i A feedback form is available at the exhibition or from the Transport Scotland website: transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study



Image courtesy of the Cairngorms National Park Authority

Existing NMU route in the study area

Background

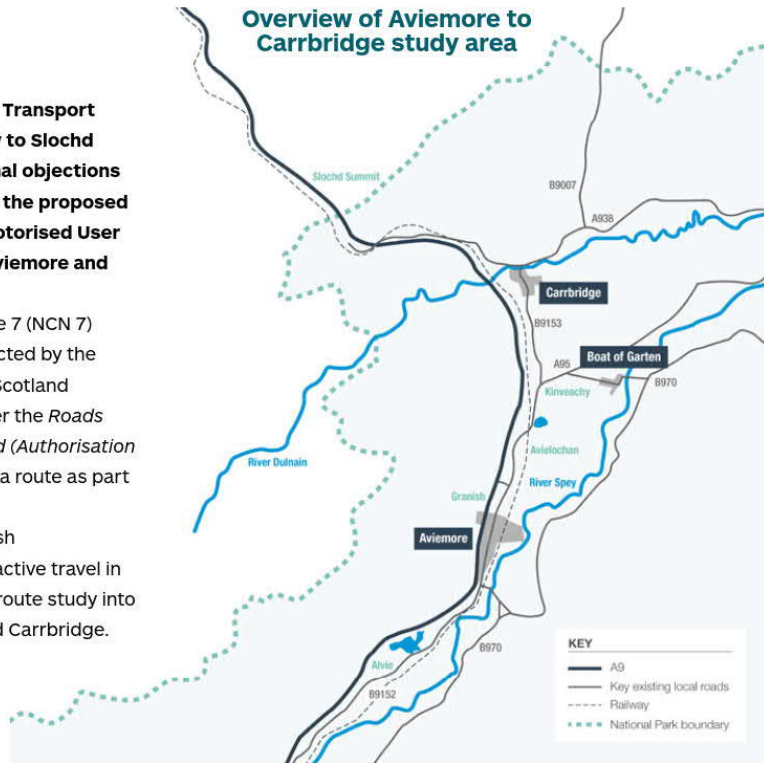
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The NMU route study is being progressed separately to the A9 Dualling project.

Overview of Aviemore to Carrbridge study area



KEY

- A9
- Key existing local roads
- - - Railway
- National Park boundary



Existing NMU route in the study area

Project development process

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i You can view the process and envisaged next steps on the exhibition panels available to view on the Transport Scotland website: transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study





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Baseline assessment – summary



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- NMU corridor identification and assessment
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- Identification of corridors to progress to the options appraisal
- Public exhibition.

The key output of the baseline assessment was the publication of the *Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Baseline Assessment Report*, this has been published on Transport Scotland's website: transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study

Baseline assessment – initial corridor identification and assessment

As part of the baseline assessment, a range of Non-Motorised User (NMU) corridors between Aviemore and Carrbridge were identified, based on a review of engineering and environmental constraints, existing NMU routes and a review of data received from the key stakeholders.

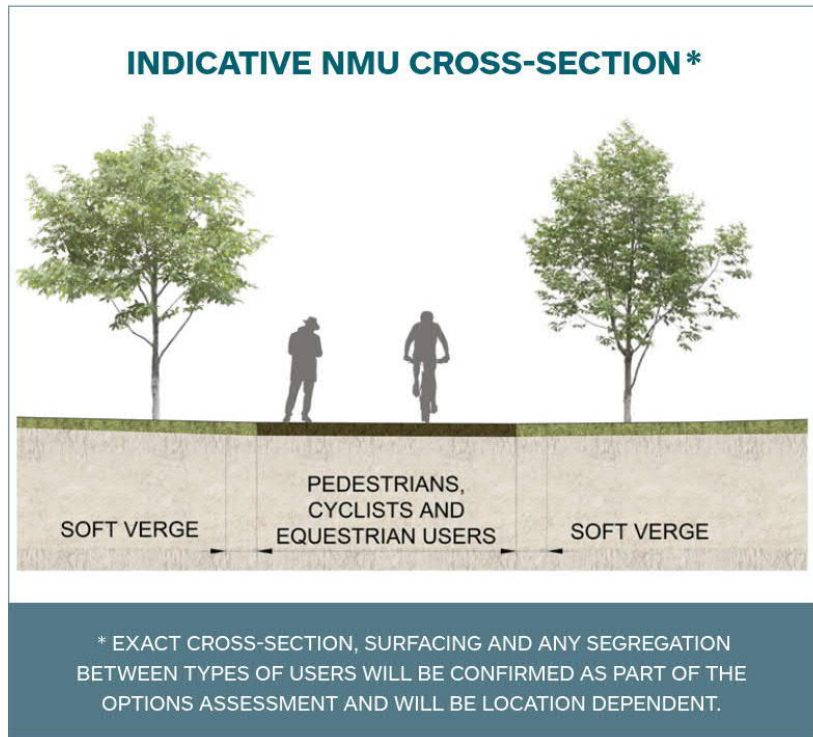
A total of ten corridors were identified and were assessed against a range of criteria including:

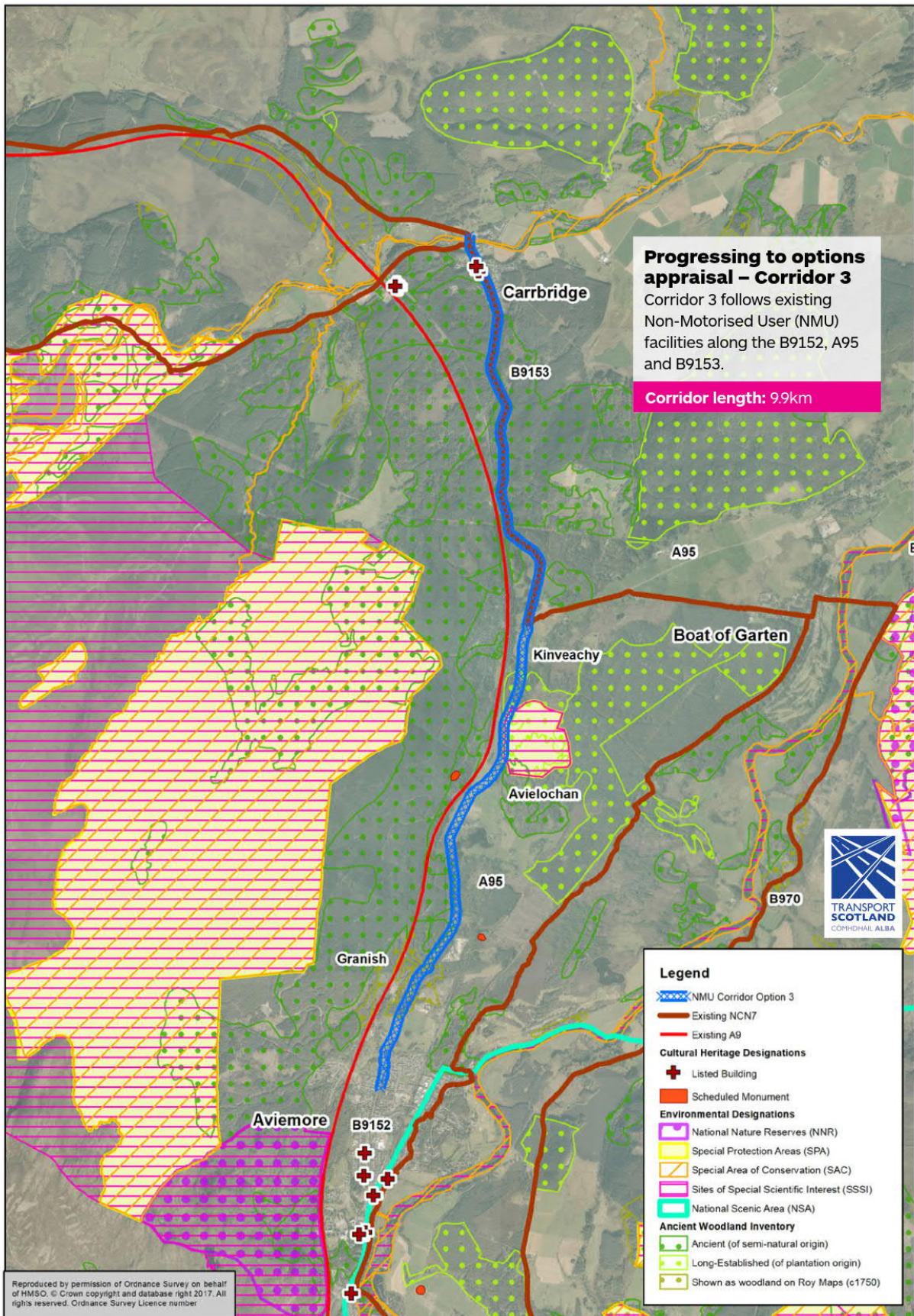
- Safety
- Cohesion with other cycle routes and transport connections
- Directness
- Comfort
- Attractiveness
- Cultural heritage
- Ecology and nature conservation
- Landscape and visual
- Water environment
- Property and land take
- Outline cost.

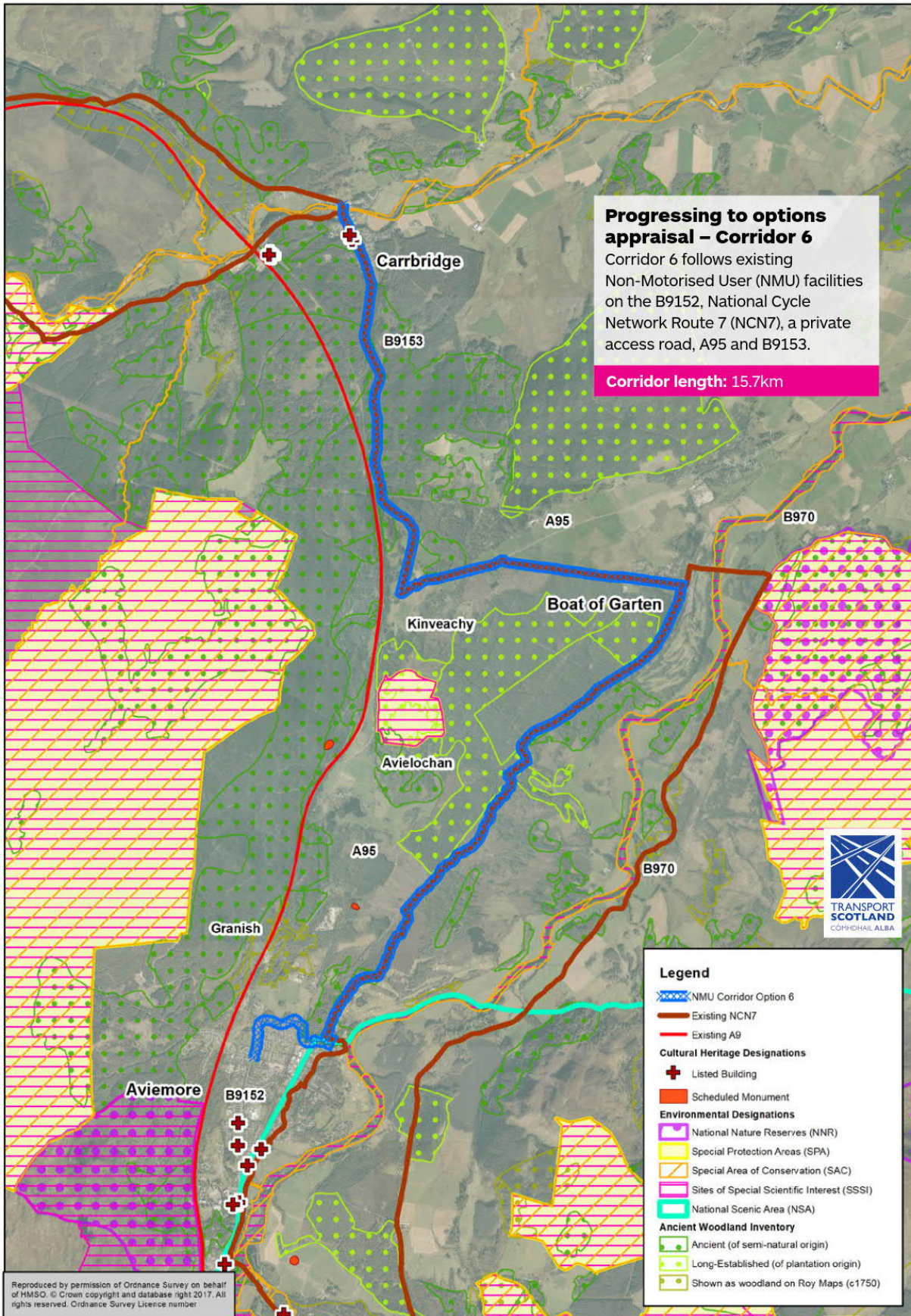
Following this assessment, **eight corridors were sifted out** based on potentially significant impacts.

Therefore, **two corridors are now proposed** to progress to the options appraisal stage and are presented in this leaflet.

Full details of the assessment are included in the *Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study Baseline Assessment Report*.









Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

What happens next?

The comments and feedback we receive following this exhibition will be considered and will inform the next stage of the process – the Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Options Appraisal.

The options appraisal will assess the remaining **two corridors (3 and 6)** in more detail and will be informed by additional consultation with key stakeholders.

The outcome of the options appraisal will be the identification of the preferred route option. This will determine the preferred route within the corridor, the associated engineering and environmental impacts, the cost and land requirements.



View of existing public right of way HB47

Comments and feedback

Transport Scotland welcomes your comments and feedback. Please take time to consider the information presented and provide any comments you may have as soon as possible and by:

25 October 2019

Your vital feedback will be considered during the options appraisal. Comments can be made on the feedback forms, and placed in the feedback box at the exhibition, or sent by email or post.

Feedback forms are also available to download from the Transport Scotland website: transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study

Should you have any specific accessibility requirements, the summary overview leaflet, feedback form and exhibition panels can be made available in alternative formats on request by contacting the project team.

Please email your comments to: ACNMU@wsp.com

Or alternatively please post to:

**AMJV Stakeholder Team,
Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture (AMJV),
WSP, 7th floor,
110 Queen Street,
Glasgow G1 3BX**

Prepared in consultation with:



About your comments and feedback

Transport Scotland will consider your comments and feedback as part of their further design development and assessment of the scheme, and all submissions will be shared with our consultants. We may also use your submission to inform future reports or public documents related to this scheme.

If you choose to provide contact details with your submission, Transport Scotland will be able to send you updates about the scheme, for example invitations to future public engagement events. If you wish us to do so, please provide your consent when contacting us. You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the project team.

The provision of contact details is optional and your comments will still be considered if provided anonymously. However, Transport Scotland will be unable to respond to you directly if you choose not to provide these details.





Appendix F. Feedback Form





Aviemore to Carrbridge

Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

Public exhibition



Feedback form

Introduction

Thank you for attending our Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study public exhibition. We would be grateful if you could take the time to provide feedback or any comments you may have and return this form to us by email or post (details on the reverse) by **25 October 2019**.

Transport Scotland will use the content of your feedback form as part of further design development and assessment work. Personal information will only be retained for the period of this project. All completed feedback forms will be shared with our consultant, Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture (AMJV).

Your details (optional)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

I agree to Transport Scotland contacting me with updates about the study. (tick box)

Transport Scotland and its agents will process any personal information provided on this form and it will be recorded solely for the purpose of the Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

PLEASE USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM TO RECORD YOUR COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK





Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

1. Should a Non-Motorised User (NMU) route be provided between Aviemore and Carrbridge, which of the following would be important to you? (you may select more than one)

- Directness
- Comfort – smooth ride, flat gradient, etc.
- Connectivity to other NMU paths or transport links
- Attractiveness, i.e. a rural setting
- Safety
- All of the above
- Other – please specify:

2. Should a Non-Motorised User (NMU) route be provided between Aviemore and Carrbridge, which form of transport would you use? (you may select more than one)

- Walking
- Cycling
- Horse riding
- Other – please specify (e.g. scooter):

3. Should a Non-Motorised User (NMU) route be provided between Aviemore and Carrbridge, what would be your purpose in using such a route?

- Commuting
- Leisure
- Other – please specify:

4. Should a Non-Motorised User (NMU) route be provided between Aviemore and Carrbridge, how often would you use such a route?

- Once a week
- More frequently
- Less frequently

5. We would appreciate your comments and feedback, particularly on the corridor options on display and the two options to progress to the next stage of the assessment:

Please email or post your completed feedback form by **25 October 2019** to the project team. Alternatively, you can complete this form and post it into the feedback box at the exhibition.

Email to: ACNMU@wsp.com

Or by post to: **AMJV Stakeholder Team, Atkins Mouchel Joint Venture (AMJV), WSP, 7th floor, 110 Queen St, Glasgow, G1 3BX, Scotland, United Kingdom**

For further information on the Aviemore to Carrbridge Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study: transport.gov.scot/active-travel/aviemore-to-carrbridge-non-motorised-user-route-study

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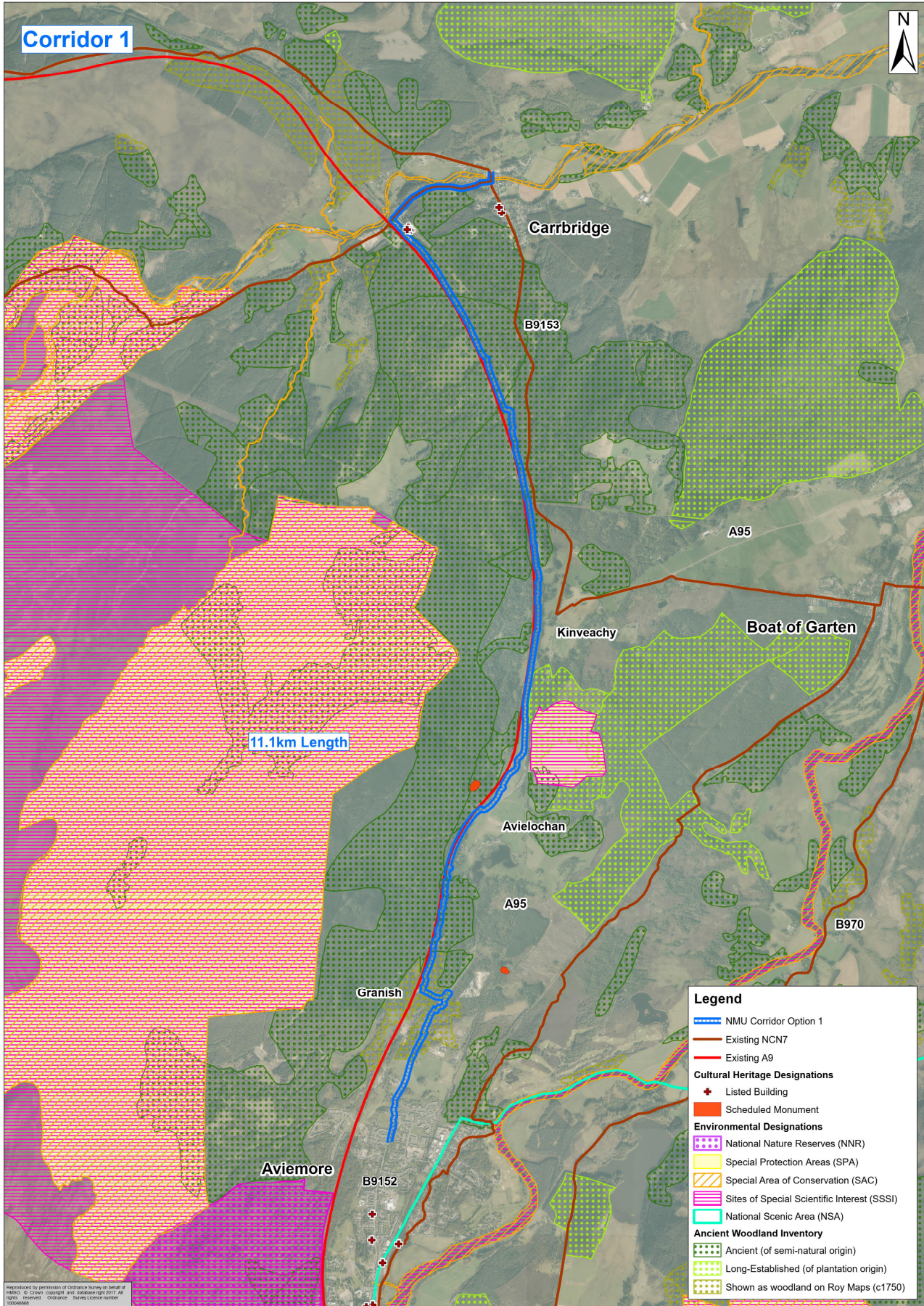
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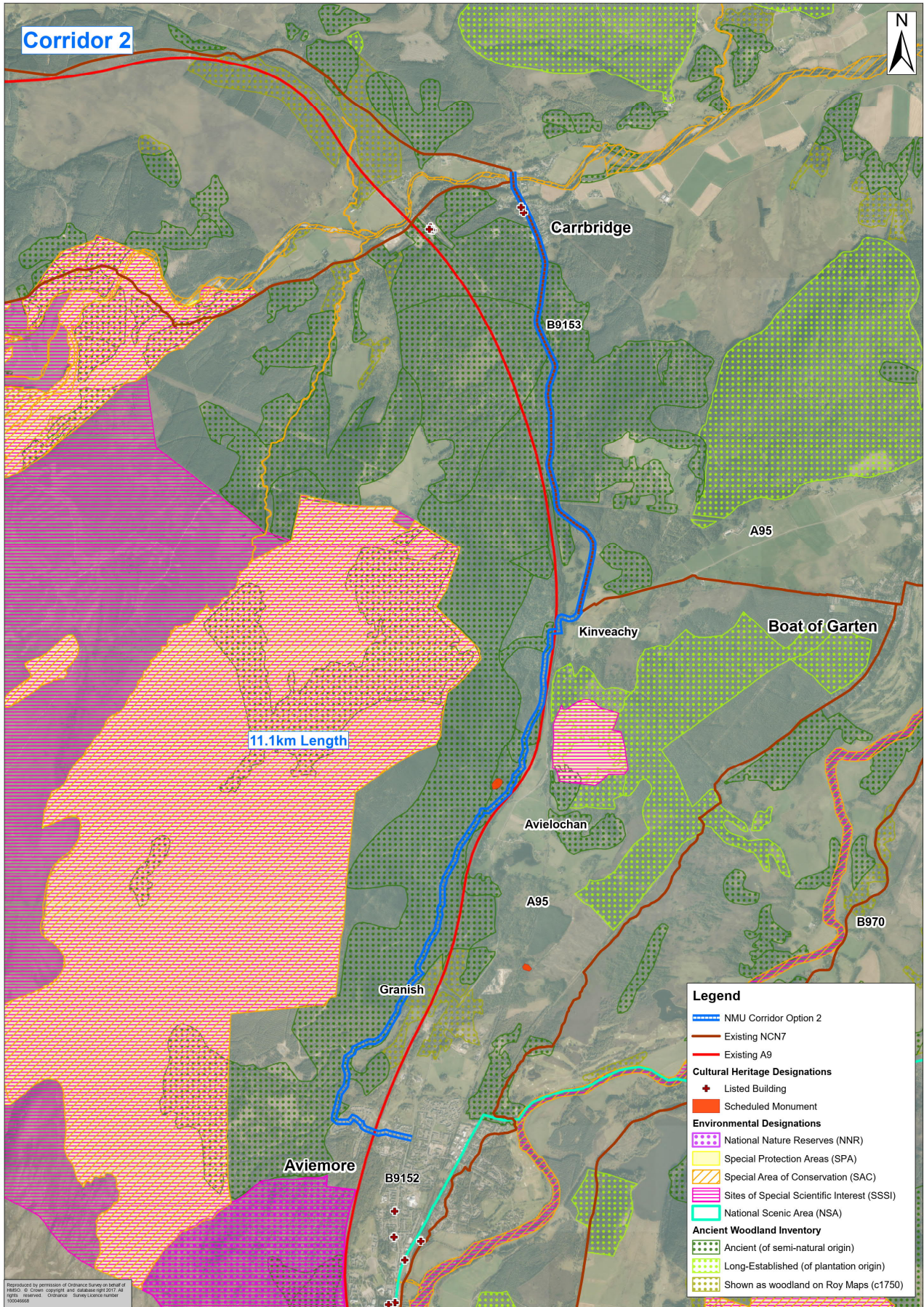




Appendix G. Drawings on display







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