

Aviemore to Carrbridge

Non-Motorised User (NMU) Route Study

Preferred route design

Virtual exhibition and public exhibitions

June 2024



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Introduction

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

It provides details on the **preferred route design proposals**, presents the details of the ongoing design development of the preferred route and outlines the next steps for the project.

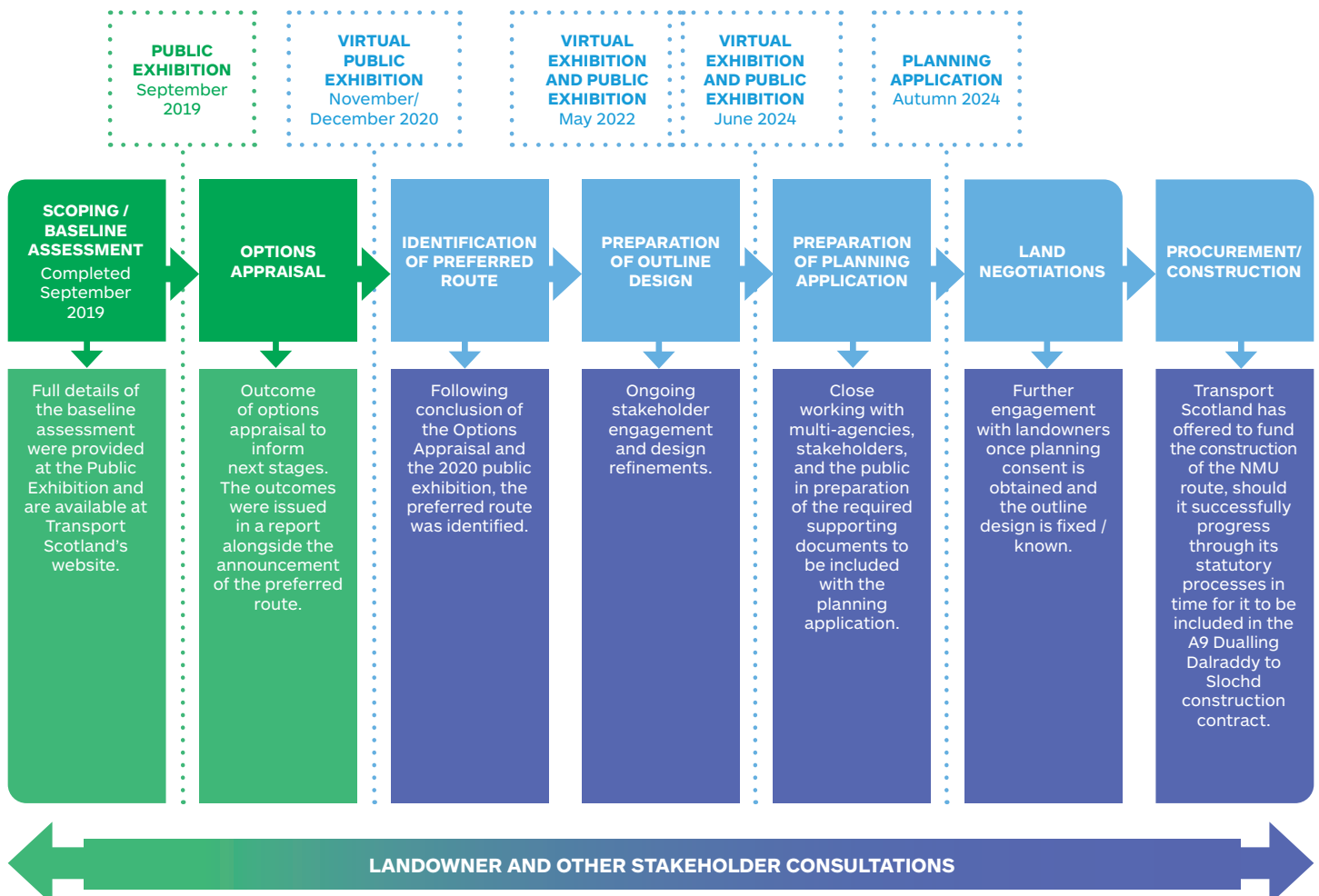
It provides information on how you can give us your comments and feedback on the ongoing design that is to be submitted for planning consent.



i A feedback form is available online within the virtual exhibition room, at the in-person exhibitions or from the Transport Scotland website: transport.gov.scot/ACNMU

Project development process

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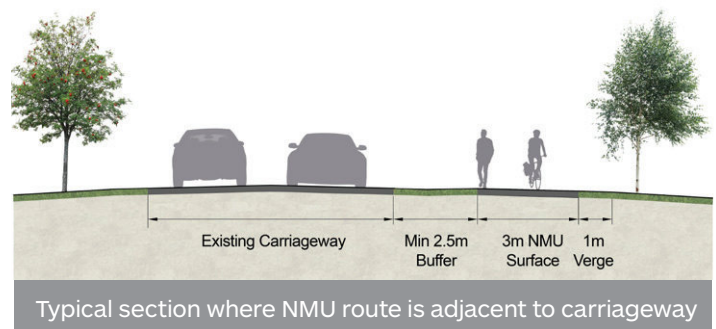
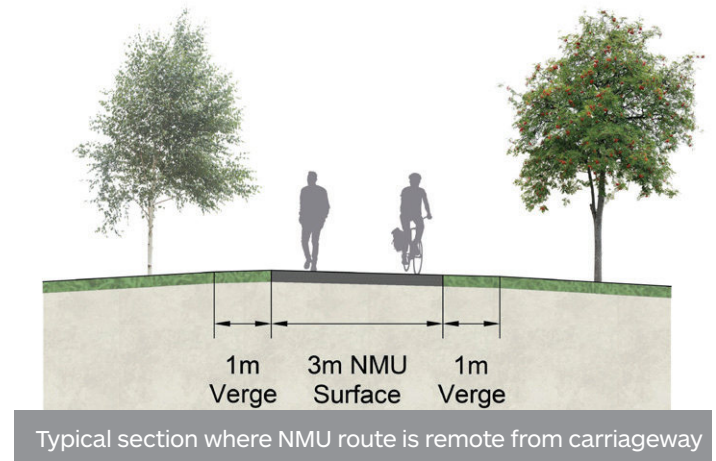
Preferred route overview

The ACNMMU preferred route was identified in November 2021 after the conclusion of the route options assessment and public consultation.

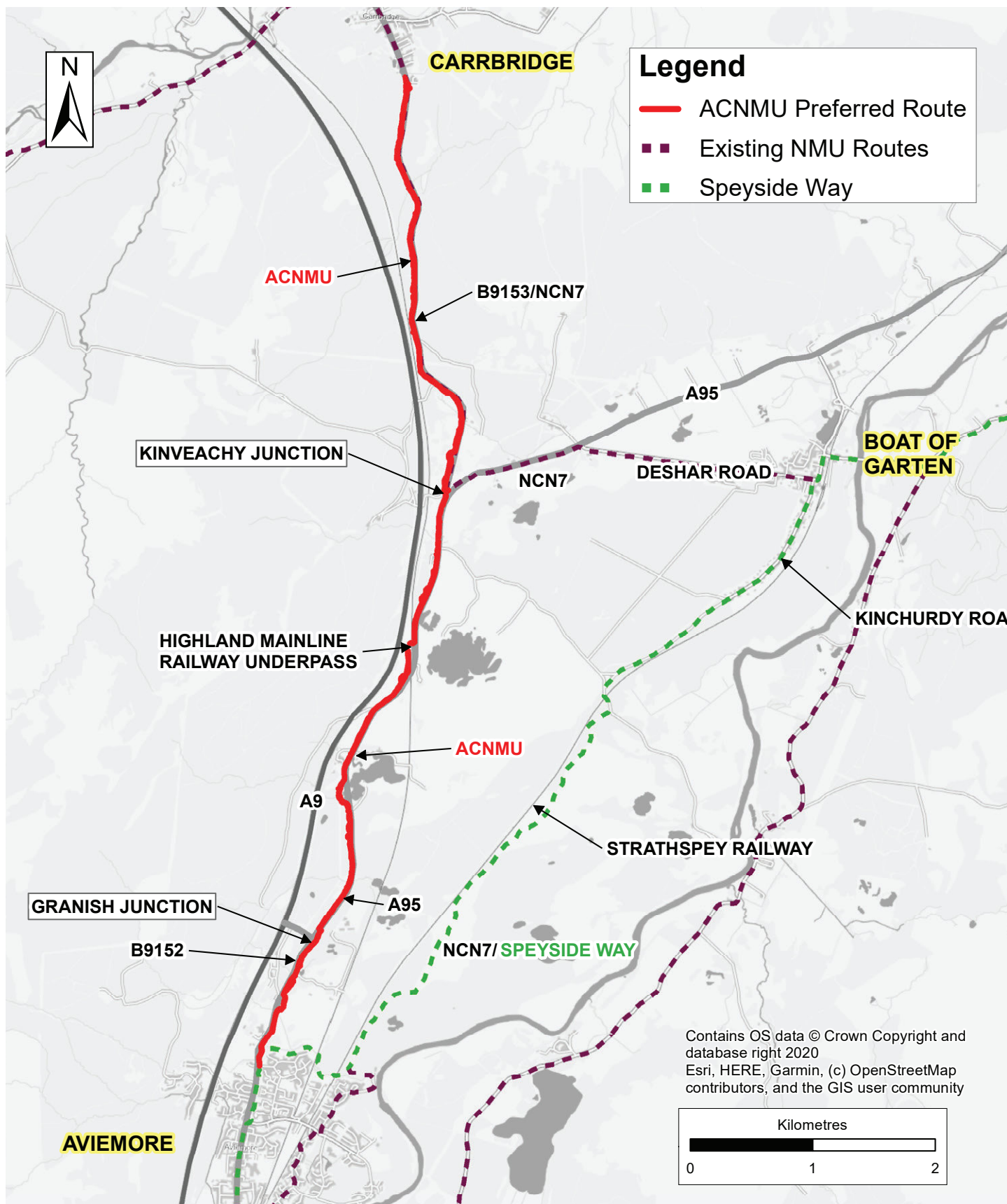
The 10km segregated preferred route for walking, cycling, wheeling and horse riding will provide a safer, more direct route between Aviemore and Carrbridge linking up with existing NMU routes in the area. The new route will also provide an opportunity for circular trips between Aviemore, Carrbridge and Boat of Garten by using the existing Speyside Way.

Key project design headlines:

- Starts at Dougal Drive, Aviemore and ends at Orchid Place, Carrbridge
- Where practicable, will minimise environmental impacts (e.g., loss of woodland)
- Where practicable, will provide an attractive route for all user types
- Unsignalised NMU crossing of the A95 immediately to the north of Granish Junction
- Where possible, will minimise encroachment on property frontages
- Where possible will minimise land take and earthworks volumes
- Shared use facility 3 metres wide (where possible)
- Minimum buffer from live traffic 2.5 metres
- Will minimise impact on existing verge infrastructure
- Bitumen surfacing.



Overview plan



You can view strip plans and the plans for key areas of the project in the virtual exhibition space and on the project website: transport.gov.scot/ACNMU

Environmental assessment

The need to avoid or reduce potential adverse impacts on the environment has been a primary consideration throughout the project.

Environmental assessments covering a range of environmental aspects were completed as part of the earlier baseline assessment and options appraisal stages. A formal

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being carried out and is informing the design of the proposed project.

Where possible environmental mitigation will be embedded in the proposed project design and where this is not possible mitigation measures to reduce impacts will be developed.

To inform the EIA process, consultation is ongoing with the following statutory consultees:

- The Highland Council (THC)
- Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA)
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- NatureScot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

An EIA Report will accompany the application for planning permission. A **Habitat Regulations Appraisal (HRA)** is also being produced.

Planning application and what happens next?

The proposed project constitutes a major planning application which will be submitted to The Highland Council.

The application is likely to be 'called-in' by Cairngorms National Park Authority for determination of the planning application outcome. This is because the project has been determined as a major development and is located within the National Park boundary.

In line with requirements for major planning applications, a proposal of application notice will be submitted to the Planning Authority (The Highland Council), a minimum of 12 weeks before the planning application submission.

The planning application for the proposed project is expected to be submitted in late Autumn 2024.

The statutory determination period for a major planning application, including an EIA, is four months. During this period, there will be an opportunity for the public to view and comment on the planning application and supporting documents including the EIA.

Transport Scotland has committed to include the proposed Aviemore to Carrbridge NMU scheme in the A9 Dualling construction programme as part of the nearby Dalraddy to Slochd project providing all the statutory consents and the necessary land are in place.



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:

11 July 2024

Your feedback can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- A feedback form submitted via the button above the desk within the virtual room if you visit the virtual exhibition.
- Our project team can provide you with a feedback form to complete at one of the in-person exhibitions in Aviemore or Carrbridge.
- A feedback form can be downloaded and completed electronically or printed from the Transport Scotland website at the following link transport.gov.scot/ACNMU and submitted by email or post.

Comments and feedback to be submitted to Transport Scotland by **Thursday 11 July** (not to the Planning Authority). Once the planning application is submitted, representations, if any, can be made to the Planning Authority.

Questions

If you want to hear more about the options or have any questions, you can call our stakeholder team on **0755 717 2747** during working hours from **9am to 5pm (Monday to Friday)**. A member of the team will take your details and questions and, if necessary, arrange for a relevant expert to return your call. If your call is outside those hours you can leave a message. We can also be contacted by email at: ACNMU@wsp.com

The overview leaflet, feedback form and information panels can be made available in alternative formats on request by contacting the project team.



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.

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.



Prepared in consultation with:

