

**MEETING : CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**  
**DATE : 13 March 2013**

REPORT OF : Genni Butler, Countryside Access Development Officer

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## **UPDATE ON ROAD SCHEMES**

The Forum has been consulted on a number of road schemes in Cheshire East. This report aims to summarise the current progress of each scheme.

### **1. SEMMMS A6-Manchester Airport Relief Road.**

- Scheme being developed by Cheshire East Council, Manchester City Council and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council;
- 2 public consultations held to which the Forum responded;
- planning permission applied from each Council with results due March 2014;
- anticipated public inquiry June/July 2014 with result late summer;
- Department for Transport approval anticipated autumn 2014;
- Construction commences winter 2014/15;
- Road opens summer 2017.

### **2. Poynton Relief Road**

- Scheme being developed by Cheshire East Council;
- initial views of the Forum sought;
- Initial alignment options outlined.

### **3. Congleton Relief Road**

- Scheme being developed by Cheshire East Council;
- initial views of the Forum sought;
- public consultation undertaken January –February 2014 on 3 alignment options
- preferred route announcement due spring/summer 2014
- detailed route consultation proposed summer 2014
- planning application proposed autumn 2014
- construction start proposed 2016
- link road in use proposed 2018

### **4. A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Scheme**

- Scheme being developed by Highways Agency;
- initial views of the Forum sought;
- public consultation undertaken;
- Development Consent Order (DCO) application submitted to Planning Inspectorate (PINS);
- Forum involved in discussions about proposed changes to DCO;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014: deadline for close of examination by PINS;
- Construction anticipated to take approximately 2 years.

## **5. Crewe Green Link Road**

- Scheme being developed by Cheshire East Council;
- initial views of the Forum sought;
- planning permission obtained;
- Compulsory Purchase Order confirmed with modifications in November 2013 – modification being the removal of spur roads and therefore removal of impact on Basford Footpath No.1;
- advance environmental works (newt relocation) due to commence in spring 2014, with main construction works to commence summer 2014.
- road opening, including footway / cycleways along both sides for full length is expected summer / autumn 2015.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

**That Members note the report.**