



PROPOSED A701 RELIEF ROAD – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Midlothian Council is preparing to conduct public consultation on the proposed A701 Relief Road and A702 Link Road. The proposals represent essential infrastructure, necessary to support planned development in the A701 corridor; to ease congestion and critically, to support the City Deal growth project at Easter Bush Estate, promoted by the University of Edinburgh. In tandem, the bypassed section of the A701 will be developed as a sustainable transport corridor re-prioritising existing road space for improved walking, cycling and public transport provision and maintaining local access.

The council is now at a stage where enough technical work has been done to be able to usefully explain the current route options and to ask the public's views on those. The feedback received would be useful for the project team and would form part of the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) route selection process. That preferred route would be the subject of a future planning application.

We are, therefore, inviting you to an online community consultation event on **Tuesday 5 October between 6pm and 8pm**. There will be a presentation to explain the work done so far and the options being considered. You will be able to ask the project panel questions via a chat function, and questions and answers from the event will be uploaded onto the project website after the event. The event is free and is available for anyone to join, you simply need to register in advance by filling in the online form at www.A701ReliefRoad.co.uk or by emailing consultation@A701ReliefRoad.com.

The www.A701ReliefRoad.co.uk website is now live. As well as being able to register for the webinar you will also find information on the STAG and planning process, the route options, frequently asked questions, and a feedback form. The website will be updated as work progresses.

You can also use the project email address of consultation@A701ReliefRoad.com to ask questions.

Because of COVID considerations, there are no face-to-face events planned currently.

Please note comments and feedback you give at this stage will not constitute formal representation to the future planning application. Should you wish to make formal representation to the planning application that would require to be directed to the planning authority (Midlothian Council) when the planning application is registered. We expect that will be in 2022.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Midlothian Council