



Community Network Panel

Dec 7th 2022



Who are we?

We are a community group formed to campaign on behalf of residents and businesses of Plymouth and South East Cornwall, including Saltash and Torpoint.

Our aim is the abolition of tolls on the Tamar Crossings

We're campaigning for a #TollFreeTamar
That's for bridge users. That's for ferry users.
That's for all users of both crossings



Who are we campaigning for?

We're campaigning for **those being hit hardest by the tolls:**

- People accessing medical or dental care at Derriford Hospital or elsewhere in Plymouth, particularly those visiting multiple times eg for cancer treatment
- Families supporting relatives on opposite sides of the Tamar
- Carers making frequent trips across the Tamar to look after their clients
- Parents taking their children to school
- SE Cornwall business owners

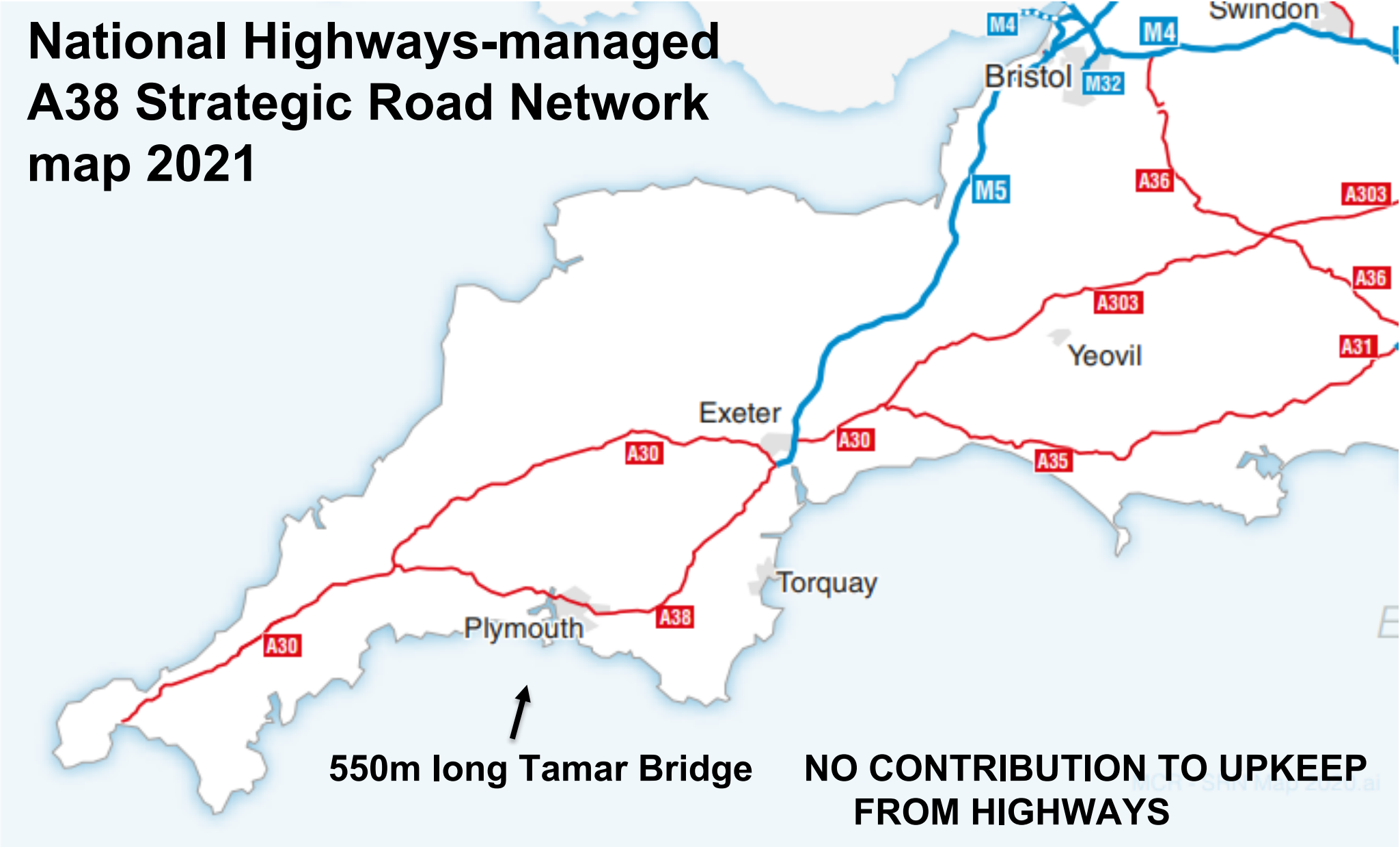
Why are we campaigning?



We're campaigning to reduce the **cumulative significant impact** on local residents and businesses

- Plymouth and Cornwall have deprived areas and the area as a whole has **lower than average wages**
- High costs for people **crossing multiple times a week** for work
- Toll collection impact on **congestion and pollution**
- Inherent **accident risks** from multiple toll booth lanes converging
- **Charges for deliveries** to Cornwall that are free to deliver to Plymouth
- Current Government strategy on **levelling up** and **Devolution deal**

National Highways-managed A38 Strategic Road Network map 2021



550m long Tamar Bridge

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Devolution deal



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cornwall-devolution-deal-kevambos-digresennans-kernow/cornwall-devolution-deal>

Tamar Crossings

70. The Tamar crossings – the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry – provide strategic infrastructure connecting Cornwall with Plymouth. Cornwall Council and its partner Plymouth City Council will continue to work together for a sustainable future for the crossings. Together with Government, they will consider options for future legislation to enable a more efficient toll revision process.

Comparison with other bridge tolls

Bridge Location	Car Cost	Concessions
Tamar Bridge	£2.60*	50% off for tag
Dartford Crossing M25	£2.50	£20 per year for locals
Mersey Silver Jubilee Bridge	£2.00	£10 per year for locals
Mersey Tunnels	£1.80	80p for locals
Tyne Tunnels	£1.90	10% discount for pre-pay
Humber Bridge	£1.50	10% discount for tag
Whitney Bridge	£1.00	60p multi-crossing per day
Clifton suspension bridge	£1.00	57p for multi-buy
Woolwich Ferry	FREE	



The Joint Committee are currently in discussions with the Government to consider allowing tolls to increase annually and automatically in line with inflation and the Retail Price Index (RPI).

Background to the Campaign



Our aim is to create the political will for our Councillors and MPs to fight for change on our behalf and obtain central funding for the crossings

Who we will be petitioning for support?

MPs: Sheryll Murray, Johnny Mercer, Luke Pollard, Gary Streeter

All Plymouth and Cornwall Councillors, including those on the JC

All town and parish councillors in the area

What do we need from you?

- **Your support**
- **Your opinions**
- **Your suggestions**
- **Spread the word!**





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