

A38 Working Group Submission to the Public Consultation on Shaping the Future of England's Strategic Roads Network (SRN)

On Monday 10th July 2023 Cllr Lenox-Boyd and Cllr Yates members of the A38 working group met to complete the attached online consultation with support from the Assistant Town Clerk.

This relates to the below minute from the Full Town Council meeting held 1st June 2023.

63/23/24 To receive a report from Peninsular Transport and consider any actions.

Members discussed the report received and contained within the circulated reports pack.

The ATC informed Members of the closing date for a response to the consultation as 13th July 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Bickford, seconded by Councillor Peggs and **RESOLVED** to provide delegated authority to the ATC working with the A38 Working Group to formulate and submit a response on behalf of the Town Council to the Department for Transport, shaping the future of England's strategic roads consultation.

The overview of responses and feedback given to the online consultation are as follows.

- Better communication, information and alert systems to alert road users of any potential traffic and safety issues. This is to include better diversion awareness, taking diverted users away from small Towns and Villages that are impacted when traffic issues occur, reducing the impact and effect on these areas, with potential that SRN users are unaware of the areas relying on satellite navigation to re-direct away from traffic.
- A key example given for better communication was better utilisation of the electronic information signage located at the Tamar Bridge travelling to Cornwall to alert road users of potential traffic areas ahead.
- Improvement suggested to digital technology, to be more available and updated. Information to be accurate and live, better informing users.
- Suggestion of further electronic signage travelling to Devon on the A38 and connecting roads to better inform road users of impacts ahead, allowing users to make live informed decisions to re-direct.
- Impact of traffic occurrences to the A38 and the impact to supporting roads and communities as a safety and local user concern for access, also having an effect on a economic level to local business.

- Treulefoot roundabout and the issue of high sided vehicles crossing under the railway bridge having to divert via smaller Towns & Villages or pass through the center of the bridge not only a safety issue but one that can cause traffic, the impact this can have on areas for example St Germans, Tideford. Feedback was given also relating to the economic impact on transport for businesses on this particular area of the road.
- The safety of the A38 from Saltash to Liskeard. The impact recent speed schemes have had on this section of road.
- Recent maintenance and cutting of overhanging Trees and Shrubs has improved the safety of the A38 in areas and the impact of maintaining this work and including other areas in future.
- Feedback given for inclusion and funding of the Tamar Bridge to the Strategic Road Network and the potential for positive economic impact for local communities and all SRN users.
- Funding that has been promised to schemes and has never been delivered.
- Better support for SRN roads connectivity and the economic impact this can have on areas, supporting the linking roads and communities that utilise these.
- Better support, provisions and funding for electric vehicles to be able to access and use the SRN currently no real availability in this area of the SRN.
- Road surfaces and the roll out of surfaces suited to the area due to the climate and road users, improving safety and life-cycle of roads requiring less maintenance.
- The recognition of the SRN taking a targeted approach to enhancing the SRN. Continuing to invest in the network and only building when the problem cannot be fixed by other approaches delivering more, smaller value, £2 million - £25 million schemes.
- Support and improvement for further active travel schemes due to current safety concerns of the A38 and linking roads.
- Better support for communities that are currently poorly served by the SRN to improve access and to improve the local economy.
- The support of focused performance outcome measures suggested for the future to give clarity on the SRN performance for the future.

End of Report

Assistant Town clerk