

Open consultation Shaping the future of England's strategic roads - Running from 5pm on 18 May 2023 to 11:45pm on 13 July 2023

How to respond

The consultation period began on 18 May 2023 and will run until 13 July 2023. Please ensure that your response reaches us before the closing date.

The easiest way to respond is via the online questionnaire. You can find a link to the questionnaire in the [Ways to respond section of the GOV.UK home page for this consultation \(https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/shaping-the-future-of-englands-strategic-roads\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/shaping-the-future-of-englands-strategic-roads).

If you can't respond online, there is also a downloadable form plus an email and postal address.

When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of a larger organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.

What will happen next?

A summary of responses, including the next steps, will be published within 3 months of the consultation closing. Paper copies will be available on request.

If you have questions about this consultation, please contact the RIS3 Consultation Team at RIS3Consultation@dft.gov.uk.

Full list of consultation questions

These questions are listed here to give you an overview of what we are asking.

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Question 1. What importance, if any, would you give to the following strategic objectives:

- Improving safety for all (very important/important/neither important or unimportant/unimportant/very unimportant)
- Improved environmental outcomes (very important/important/neither important or unimportant/unimportant/very unimportant)
- Network performance to meet customer needs (very important/important/neither important or unimportant/unimportant/very unimportant)
- Growing the economy (very important/important/neither important or unimportant/unimportant/very unimportant)
- Managing and planning the SRN for the future (very important/important/neither important or unimportant/unimportant/very unimportant)
- A technology-enabled network (very important/important/neither important or unimportant/unimportant/very unimportant)

Question 2. What, if any, other specific roads do you think we should consider as:

- trunking candidates?
- de-trunking candidates?

Question 3. Do you think National Highways has identified the right focus areas?

(With reference to SRN Initial Report – see section: ‘working towards our long-term vision’).

Yes/No/Don’t know

If ‘no’, If no, what alternative focus areas would you propose?

Question 4. To what extent do you agree with National Highways’ approach to improving safety on its network?

If you “disagree” or “strongly disagree”, why do you disagree with the approach?

(With reference to SRN Initial Report – see section: ‘creating a step change in road safety’).

Question 5. To what extent do you agree with National Highways’ priorities for making the best use of the existing Strategic Road Network?

If you “disagree” or “strongly disagree”, which priorities and why?

(With reference to SRN Initial Report – see section: ‘making the most of our network’).

Question 6. To what extent do you agree that National Highways should evolve its:

- community offer (Strongly agree/agree/neither agree nor disagree/disagree/strongly disagree/don’t know)
- proposals for designated funds (Strongly agree/agree/neither agree nor disagree/disagree/strongly disagree/don’t know)

(With reference to SRN Initial Report – see section: ‘evolving our customer and community services’).

If you disagree or strongly disagree, why?

Question 7. To what extent do you agree with National Highways’ approach for driving decarbonisation and environmental sustainability on the SRN?

(Strongly agree/agree/neither agree nor disagree/disagree/strongly disagree/don’t know).

(With reference to SRN Initial Report – see section: ‘driving decarbonisation and environmental sustainability’).

If you don’t agree, what proposals do you disagree with and why?

Question 8. To what extent, do you agree with National Highways’ approach for its future enhancements programme?

(Strongly agree/agree/neither agree nor disagree/disagree/strongly disagree/don’t know).

Why?

Question 9. To what extent do you agree with the insights in the SRNIR on the most important performance outcomes to measure?

(Strongly agree/agree/neither agree nor disagree/disagree/strongly disagree/don’t know).

(With reference to SRN Initial Report – see section: ‘measuring our performance’).

If you disagree or strongly disagree, why?

Question 10. What, in your view, could be done differently to meet the needs of people affected by the:

- presence of the SRN?
- operation of the SRN?

(Referenced throughout the SRN Initial Report.)

Question 11. Do you think the approach to digital technology set out in the SRN Initial Report puts National Highways on the right track for meeting its vision for 2050?

(Referenced throughout the SRN Initial Report.)

If not, why not?

Question 12. What, if any, evidence or other insights can you supply towards the development of the RIS3 equality impact assessment?

Question 13. What, if any, other comments do you have on the analytical approach?

Question 14. Are there any other issues you think the government should consider as part of this consultation?

Consultation principles

The consultation is being conducted in line with the [government's key consultation principles](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>) .

If you have any comments about the consultation process, please contact:

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Freedom of Information

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

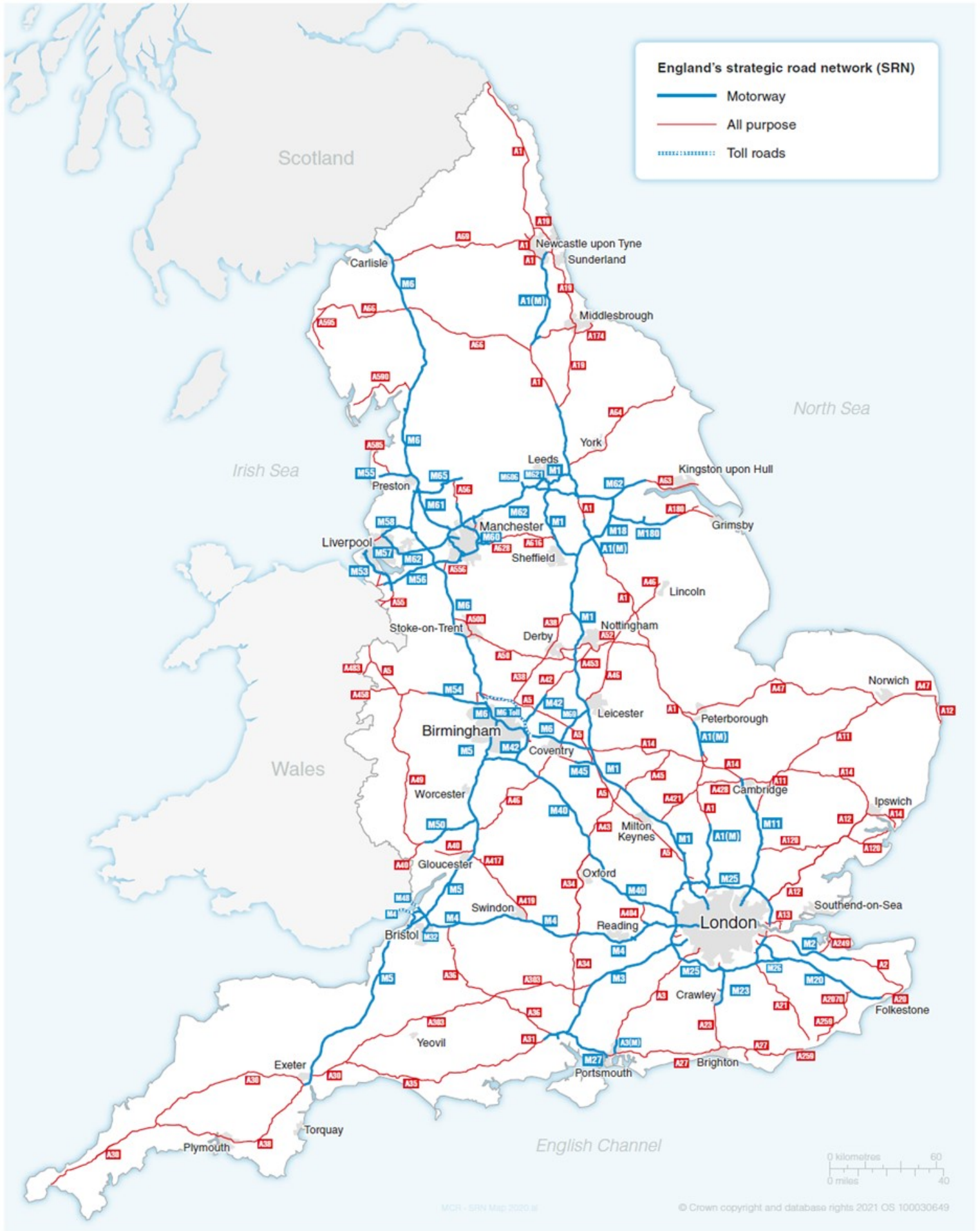
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In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act (DPA) and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Confidentiality and data protection

The Department for Transport (DfT) is carrying out this consultation to gather evidence on National Highways' Strategic Roads Network Initial Report publication. This consultation and the processing of personal data that it entails is necessary for the exercise of our functions as a government department. If your answers contain any information that allows you to be identified, DfT will, under data protection law, be the Controller for this information.



Defining the strategic road network

The principal purpose of the SRN is to enable safe, reliable, predictable, rapid, often long-distance, journeys of both people (whether as drivers or passengers) and freight in England. It:

As part of this consultation, we're asking for your name and email address. This is in case we need to ask you follow-up questions about any of your responses. You do not have to give us this personal information. If you do provide it, we will use it only for the purpose of asking follow-up questions.

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