

## The Daws Hill Area Travel Link – get involved

Wycombe District Council has recently given planning permission for a new development on the former RAF Daws Hill site. One of the conditions of this planning permission requires a new link to be put in place to provide a walking, cycling and public transport route from Daws Hill Lane to the committed Handy Cross Hub development site. This will help to manage the impact of the development on the transport network.

The need for this link was established in Buckinghamshire County Council's 'Southern Quadrant Transport Strategy', agreed in December 2012. The strategy identifies two possible routes for the link, so we need to decide which one would be best. In making this decision we want to seek the views of the residents of the Daws Hill area, to help us identify the best option.

### What are the options?

The two options for the link are shown on the map overleaf. Based on our technical work, we believe Option 1 (via Daws Lea) is the best option:

- It is the most direct route, so will best meet the link's objective to make public transport more attractive and financially sustainable; and
- It has the least environmental impact. It would require less vegetation clearance and fewer raw materials.

Option 2 would also require the removal of trees which act as a screen for noise from the M40, increasing noise impacts. While both options require land purchases, fewer residents are likely to be affected with Option 1, since Option 2 may require land from residents' properties on the southern side.

**Noise barriers:** The Highways Agency is investigating the feasibility of 'photovoltaic enabled noise barriers'. If developed, these barriers could have real potential for reducing noise in areas like those alongside the M40. However, they are not relevant to this decision because their development is at an early stage and no decision has been taken to install them (here or elsewhere). Therefore, we could not rely on them in making a decision.

## **Understanding your views**

We want to understand how you think the options would affect you:

- Would either option affect you in a way we haven't mentioned?
- Do you agree with our interpretation of the evidence for either option?

To allow us to understand how different people will be affected it would help if you could include your address in your response. This consultation will close on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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## The options for the Daws Hill Area Travel Link:



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