

EQIA full assessment

Introduction

Details

Title of strategy, policy, project or service:	A350/C13 Route Strategy - HGV Options between Blandford Forum and Shaftesbury
Type of strategy:	Changing, update or revision
Is this an internal or external EqIA?:	External
Does this affect any specific geographical areas?:	Yes
Please select all areas that could be affected:	Blandford
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Aims

6 Options are being put forward to address HGV routing on the A350/C13 corridor between Blandford and Shaftesbury as part of wider route strategy.

What are the aims of your strategy, policy, project or service?:

- Option 1 - One Way Advisory HGV Routing (Current) Northbound on A350 – Southbound on C13/B3081
- Option 2 – One Way Advisory HGV Routing Northbound on C13/B3081 – Southbound on A350
- Option 3 – One Way Enforceable HGV routing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Northbound on A350 – Southbound on C13/B3081
- Option 4 – One Way Enforceable HGV routing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Northbound on C13/B3081 – Southbound on A350
- Option 5 - C13 Melbury Abbas - Advisory 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs to discourage HGV drivers from the village
- Option 6 - C13 Melbury Abbas – 7.5 Tonnes (except for Access) HGV Ban which would be enforceable to ensure HGV's do not travel through the village

These options will be considered by Cabinet to establish a clear way forward.

What is the background or context to the proposal?:

There have been community concerns for a number of years regarding traffic and specifically HGV's on the A350 and C13 between Blandford and Shaftesbury. Funding of £2.42m has been provided by the Department for Transport through it's National Productivity Investment Fund to tackle local community concerns.

Intelligence & comms

What data, information, evidence and research was used in this EqIA and how has it been used to inform the decision making process?:

The policy affects all road users therefore all people with protected characteristics are affected equally and what are representative in the community and general population. Information used includes Public Consultation Results Traffic Flow Data, Traffic Accident Data, Community Engagement.

What data do you already have about your service users, or the people your proposal will have an impact on?:

Data used is data we have on general population which is available on Dorset for You. Includes data on all protected characteristics.

What engagement or consultation has taken place as part of this EqIA?:

Community Engagement and Public Consultation have helped inform this EQIA

Is further information needed to help inform this proposal?:

No

How will the outcome of consultation will be fed back to those who you consulted with?:

Through regular Community Stakeholder Meetings which take place with Parish Councils and County/District Members

Assessment

Age:

Negative impact

Please provide details:

There are potential negative impacts on school age children specifically in relation to Clayesmore School in Iwerne Minster if Options 5 or 6 are taken forward. Both of these options have the potential for increasing HGV movements along the A350. The school is a boarding and day school that sits on the west side of the A350 within the village, however, we have been informed that some boarders and the school art block are located on the east side of the A350 within the village thereby requiring pupils and staff to cross the A350. Officers from the Casualty Reduction have since met with the school to discuss current concerns and potential measures to address this issue.

What age bracket does this affect?:

Younger people

What plans do you have in place, or are developing, that will mitigate the likely identified negative impacts?

Section 1

Objective/Outcome:

Mitigate concerns of pupils and staff from Clayesmore School crossing the A350 if Options 5 or 6 are pursued

Action to be taken:	If Options 5 or 6 are taken forward mitigation measures will be considered which could include the potential for improved signing and lining on the approaches to the school and assessment to consider if the site meets the need for a potential crossing such as a zebra or puffin crossing, or if there is room to provide a central refuge.
Lead officer:	Andrew Brown
Deadline:	2018-03-31
Disability:	Neutral impact
Does this affect a specific disability group?:	All
Gender identity:	Neutral impact
Pregnancy and maternity:	Neutral impact
Race and ethnicity:	Neutral impact
Religion or belief:	Neutral impact
Sex:	Neutral impact
Sexual orientation:	Neutral impact
Other socially excluded groups:	Neutral impact

Summary