



# CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

# SHARE YOUR VIEWS

## on the Preston Western Distributor, East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road

The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal sets out ambitious plans for highways and transport across Preston and South Ribble to support new development and economic growth across the area.



A series of major road schemes will be delivered by 2020 to support planned new housing and employment development. These road schemes will allow us to make changes to existing congested roads, and where we can, give more road space and priority to public transport, walking and cycling.

A new road linking Preston and southern Fylde to the M55, known as the Preston Western Distributor, will support planned housing in north west Preston, improve access to the new Enterprise Zone at Warton and provide an alternative for drivers to avoid peak hour congestion in the city centre.

Linked to the Preston Western Distributor will be two new roads connecting to new and

existing housing areas in north west Preston and Cottam Hall. These roads, the East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road, will provide convenient access for local and through traffic to the Preston Western Distributor, avoiding already congested local routes.

**We'd like to hear your views on our proposals for these routes. If there's anything that you think might present a constraint or an opportunity to these proposals please let us know.**



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## WHY ARE WE BUILDING NEW ROADS?

**The transport network serving Preston and the wider area is becoming increasingly congested, despite the introduction of a range of improvements and sustainable travel measures.**

With more development planned to meet the area's housing and employment needs and to build on its strong economic performance, we cannot simply rely on making improvements to the existing network. Even with a much greater investment in public transport, cycling and walking, our current roads will not be able to cope.

The Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan, published in March 2013, explores the options available to us. By building new road capacity, including a new western distributor for Preston, we can support planned new development, deliver meaningful improvements along our existing public transport corridors and in our local centres, and realise economic opportunities across the wider area.

The Masterplan shows a search corridor linking the A583 Blackpool Road and M55 in which the Preston Western Distributor will be situated. It also indicates a line through planned housing for an East-West Link Road. Based on these, we have developed proposals for these roads and for the Cottam Link Road.

## WHAT IS THE CITY DEAL?

**The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal is an ambitious programme of work that builds on the strong economic performance of the area over the last ten years and will help ensure the area continues to grow by addressing major transport challenges to deliver new jobs and housing. Over a ten-year period the deal will generate more than 20,000 new jobs and over 17,000 new homes.**

With the funding certainty it brings, the deal will allow us to deliver these transport improvements sooner than we would otherwise be able to. This means new homes and jobs can come sooner, and we reduce as much as we can the impacts on the existing transport network and on local communities and road users.

## WHAT ARE THE PREFERRED ROUTES?

### Preston Western Distributor

- 2.5 mile long dual carriageway, national speed limit (70mph) with an off highway shared cycleway and footway
- new junction at A583/A5085 Blackpool Road/Riversway (which would allow for a future road link across the River Ribble)
- moving north, it follows the narrow corridor between Ashton and Lea Golf Club and Lea Town avoiding electricity pylons
- bridges the Lancaster Canal and Preston-Blackpool rail line in one go
- a new roundabout junction to link to Cottam Way and a new Cottam Parkway rail station
- further northwards, a second new roundabout serving the North West Preston development area and the junction of Lea Lane and Sidgreaves Lane
- bridged by Bartle Lane and connects to the motorway network with a new Junction 2 on the M55 with minimal disturbance to the Bartle Wetland Biological Heritage Site.

### East-West Link Road

- 2 mile long single carriageway, varying speed limit between 20-40mph with a shared use cycleway and footway
- new traffic signal controlled junction on Lightfoot Lane approximately 400 metres west of the Wychnor junction
- passes through existing agricultural land allocated for new housing and associated development
- forms a junction with Tabley Lane which avoids all residential properties
- replaces Maxy Lane and creates a new junction on Sandy Lane which it crosses
- aligns as best as possible with field boundaries to maximise developable land and minimise environmental loss
- joins the new roundabout on Preston Western Distributor at the junction of Lea Lane and Sidgreaves Lane.

### Cottam Link Road

- forms a short section, 0.4 mile long single carriageway linking Preston Western Distributor and Cottam Way
- provides access to the possible location for a new Cottam Parkway rail station
- avoids the loss of existing properties and removes passing traffic from the junction, and immediate vicinity, of Sidgreaves Lane and Lea Lane at Lea Endowed CE Primary School.

# KEY

- ① New M55 Junction
- ② Preston Western Distributor
- ③ East West Link Road
- ④ Cottam Link Road
- ⑤ A583 Junction
- A North West Preston Housing Area
- B Cottam Hall Housing Area



# ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...

**Q. Will this be my only chance to comment on and influence these road schemes?**

No, this consultation is just concerned with deciding the routes these road schemes will take. We can then carry out more investigations and design work to support planning applications which we will submit starting in Autumn 2015. This will be a further opportunity to comment and share any concerns you have.

**Q. Once these routes are decided, can they be changed?**

As we carry out more investigations and draw up detailed designs, there is the possibility that the routes may alter.

**Q. Will these roads bring more development to the area?**

The road schemes are to support planned

development already identified in Preston's Local Plan and the newly published North West Preston Masterplan.

**Q. When will these roads be open?**

Before we can begin building these roads, we will need to get planning permission and buy the land. Doing this as quickly as we can will see all the roads open by the end of 2019.

**Q. What happens next?**

Once the consultation has finished, we will consider your comments and any constraints or opportunities that may affect our proposals. We can then adopt and safeguard routes this Autumn which should protect them from the prospect of other development. If you own land needed for these road schemes, we will contact you directly at that time.

LET US  
KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU  
THINK

The consultation  
will run until  
Sunday 13 July 2014

It's important to us that we get your views on the routes we've presented in this consultation. If you know of anything that might present a constraint or an opportunity to our proposals please let us know by:

- **completing a questionnaire and posting it to us using this freepost address: Freepost SEE-SUCS-XATC, Preston Western Distributor Consultation, FREEPOST PR89, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD**
- **visiting our website for further information and completing the online questionnaire [www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay) and then select 'Preston Western Distributor and East-West/Cottam Link Roads consultation'.**

During this time we will also be holding a series of public exhibition events in the area. Come along to find out more, share your views and speak to an officer involved in delivering these road schemes:

**Monday 2 June 10am to 8pm**

**Exhibition Bus**

Smiths Arms car park, Lea Lane, Lea Town PR4 0RP

**Wednesday 11 June 10am to 8pm**

**Preston Grasshoppers**

Lightfoot Green Lane, Preston PR4 0AP

**Thursday 12 June 10am to 8pm**

**Ashton and Lea Golf Club**

Tudor Avenue, Lea, Preston PR4 0XA